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NOTIFICATION

This message is being sent to all intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers by the Conference of the Parties at its previous sessions, in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention.

On behalf of the Executive Secretary, I wish to notify all intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) admitted as observers by the Conference of the Parties at its previous sessions, that the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties, including the seventeenth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), will take place at the Vigyan Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi from Wednesday, 23 October to Friday, 1 November 2002.

The names with the titles, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses of the representatives for the sessions should be communicated to me through the designated contact points for climate change as soon as possible and **not later than Wednesday, 2 October 2002** at the address of the secretariat:

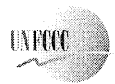
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The provisional agenda of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session, the provisional agendas for the subsidiary bodies of the Convention and a guide containing useful information for participation in the above mentioned sessions are attached.

Yours sincerely

Original Signed
Richard J. Kinley
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Richard Kinley
Secretary
Conference of the Parties

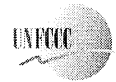


PROVISIONAL AGENDAS

Conference of the Parties at its eighth session

The provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties has been drafted by the Executive Secretary in agreement with the President, in accordance with rule 9 of the draft rules of procedure being applied.

1. Opening of the session:
 - (a) Statement by the President of the Conference at its seventh session;
 - (b) Election of the President of the Conference at its eighth session;
 - (c) Statement by the President;
 - (d) Addresses of welcome;
 - (e) Statement by the Executive Secretary.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Status of ratification of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;
 - (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (d) Election of officers other than the President;
 - (e) Admission of organizations as observers;
 - (f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
 - (g) Date and venue of the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (h) Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies, 2003–2007;
 - (i) Adoption of the report on credentials.
3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies and decisions and conclusions arising therefrom:
 - (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;
 - (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.
4. Review of the implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention:
 - (a) Financial mechanism:
 - (i) Report of the Global Environment Facility;
 - (ii) Funding under the Convention;
 - (iii) Review of the financial mechanism;
 - (iv) Additional guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism.
 - (b) National communications:
 - (i) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (ii) Greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (iii) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
 - (c) Capacity-building;
 - (d) Development and transfer of technologies;
 - (e) Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention;
 - (f) Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase.
5. Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development.



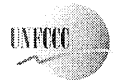
6. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), of the Convention.¹
7. Request from a group of countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus, Albania and the Republic of Moldova regarding their status under the Convention.
8. Preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol:
 - (a) Arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (b) Implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol;²
 - (c) Proposal by Canada for a decision on modalities for the accounting of assigned amounts under Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Kyoto Protocol in relation to cleaner energy exports;³
 - (d) Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies.
9. Report of the executive board of the clean development mechanism.
10. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2000–2001;
 - (b) Income and budget performance in the biennium 2002–2003;
 - (c) Procedure for the appointment of an Executive Secretary.⁴
11. High-level segment attended by ministers and senior officials.
12. Other matters.
13. Conclusion of the session:
 - (a) Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighth session;
 - (b) Closure of the session.

1 Following the inability of the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session to reach any conclusion on this matter (FCCC/CP/1999/6, para. 18), and following rule 10 (c) and rule 16 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, an item entitled “Second review of the adequacy of Article 4.2(a) and (b) of the Convention” was included in the provisional agenda for the Conference of the Parties at its sixth and seventh sessions. Attached to this item was a footnote reflecting a proposal made at the fifth session by the Group of 77 and China to amend this item to read “Review of the adequacy of implementation of Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), of the Convention”. At its seventh session, the Conference of the Parties decided to include this item in the provisional agenda for its eighth session, accompanied by an appropriate explanatory footnote (see FCCC/CP/2001/13, paras. 29–30).

2 Included at the request of Saudi Arabia.

3 Included at the request of Canada.

4 Included at the request of the Bureau.



PROVISIONAL AGENDAS

Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its seventeenth session

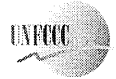
1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of the work of the session;
 - (c) Election of officers other than the Chair.
3. Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
4. Methodological issues:
 - (a) Review of methodological work under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (b) Guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (c) Guidelines on reporting and review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (implementing decisions 3/CP.5 and 6/CP.5);
 - (d) Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase;
 - (e) Land use, land-use change and forestry: definitions and modalities for including afforestation and reforestation activities under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (f) Scientific and methodological assessment of contributions to climate change;
 - (g) Special circumstances of Croatia under Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Convention.
5. Development and transfer of technologies.
6. Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate system: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons.
7. "Good practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.
8. Research and systematic observations.
9. Cooperation with relevant international organizations.
10. Article 6 of the Convention.
11. Other matters:
 - (a) Issues relating to cleaner or less greenhouse gas-emitting energy;
 - (b) Issues relating to the implementation of Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (c) Any other matters.
12. Report on the session.



PROVISIONAL AGENDAS

Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its seventeenth session

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of the work of the session;
 - (c) Election of officers other than the Chair.
3. National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention:
 - (a) Consideration of the reviews of national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (b) Status report on the review of third national communications.
4. National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention:
 - (a) Consideration of the fourth compilation and synthesis of initial national communications;
 - (b) Revision of the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (c) Work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;
 - (d) Provision of financial and technical support.
5. Financial mechanism:
 - (a) Report of the Global Environment Facility;
 - (b) Funding under the Convention;
 - (c) Review of the financial mechanism;
 - (d) Additional guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism.
6. Capacity-building.
7. Implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9, of the Convention:
 - (a) Progress on the implementation of activities under decision 5/CP.7;
 - (b) Matters relating to the least developed countries.
8. Request from a group of countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus, Albania and the Republic of Moldova regarding their status under the Convention.
9. Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings:
 - (a) Arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;
 - (b) Date and venue of the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties;
 - (c) Effective participation in the Convention process.
10. Administrative and financial matters:
 - (a) Audited financial statements for the biennium 2000–2001;
 - (b) Interim financial performance for the biennium 2002–2003;
 - (c) Possible options for responding to late payment of contributions;
 - (d) Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement.
11. Other matters:
 - (a) Proposal by Croatia on land use, land-use change and forestry;
 - (b) Any other matters.
12. Report on the session.



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