



Ninth Session of Conference of Parties to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Milan, Italy, 1 – 12 December 2003

Media Arrangements

General Rules for Media Coverage

Visual media are permitted to film, record interviews and take photos in all public areas of the conference site unless otherwise restricted for security reasons. Generally, all open meetings of the Conference are accessible to the print media, subject to the availability of sufficient space. For access by visual media, please contact the Television/Radio Liaison Officer (Media Coordination Office, ground floor).

Please note: No access will be granted to any media representatives to closed meetings of the Conference or to office areas.

Opening

On Monday, 1 December, at 10:00 a.m., the Ninth Session of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be formally opened in Plenary 1 by COP8 Vice President Enele Sopoaga (Tuvalu). M. C. Viswanath, Joint Secretary, Environment & Forests, will read a statement from outgoing President, T.R. Baalu, Minister of Environment & Forests of India. Following the election of the President of COP9 and his statement, the Conference will hear statements from Altero Matteoli, Minister for the Environment and Territory of Italy; Roberto Formigoni, President of the Region of Lombardia; Gabriele Albertini, Mayor of the City of Milan; and Ms. Ombretta Colli, President of the Province of Milan. UNFCCC Executive Secretary Joke Waller-Hunter will also speak at the opening session.

Photo opportunity: Prior to the opening, television crews and still photographers will have an opportunity for establishing shots in Plenary 1.

Once the conference is declared open, television crews will be asked to leave the Hall. Television and radio broadcasters will receive live pool feeds from the opening, provided by the host broadcaster RAI, in their respective work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre.

Still photographers may continue, on a one-by-one basis, under the guidance of the UNFCCC TV/Radio Liaison Officer.

A limited number of seats are available in the Plenary Hall for print media and news agencies. They can be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Correspondents who cannot be accommodated in Plenary 1 will be able to follow the proceedings on closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitors throughout the Conference site and in the press area.

Press Area

The press area is located on the ground floor of the conference building and will be available from Sunday, 30 November, 3:00 p.m. until the end of the Conference (12 December). It will be open 24 hours a day, with limited services between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

The press area offers a total of 150 work spaces. All desks have electricity supply. 50 desks have computers providing direct access to the Internet and to printers. Seats at the desks are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

At the entrance to the press area, a Media Information Desk will offer a selection of Conference documents as well as the Daily Programme, UNFCCC press releases, the texts of speeches as provided by delegations, as well as the daily Earth Negotiations Bulletin (which summarizes the daily proceedings). Official documents can also be accessed via the Internet at terminals in the press area.

Printing facilities, as well as card-operated photocopying, telephones, fax machines, plug & play facilities and wireless cards (WI-FI) for mobile computing are available in the press area. Prepaid cards and support services are offered at the Telecom Italia counter, immediately opposite the Media Information Desk.

Proceedings in Plenaries 1 or 2 can be followed on CCTV screens in the press area. One CCTV screen will show the programme of the day and announce press conferences and other events.

Correspondents may also follow proceedings of COP9 from the conference website: unfccc.int/cop9/webcast using the computers in the Press Area. Headphones are available from the Media Information Desk upon request.

The offices of the Media Coordinator (Axel Wuestenhagen, tel. 335 827 2843), the Conference Spokesman (Michael Williams, tel. 335 827 2811), and the Television/Radio Liaison Officer (Alexander Saier, tel. 335 827 3062), as well as the offices of the host Government Media Liaison Officer (Aldo Iacomelli, tel. , Antonella Arduini, tel. 329 3810 305) can be found adjacent to the press area on the ground floor.

International news agencies will also have their work cubicles in that area.

International Broadcast Centre

In the basement, an International Broadcast Centre is established to serve television and radio broadcasters. The facility will be operated by RAI, the host broadcaster of the Conference, who will provide live video and audio pool feeds, editing and play-out facilities. Television services can be booked in office 26 (Ms. Lucia Colafrancesco, tel.: 06 331 77610, and Ms. Elena Strummiello, tel.: 06 331 77612). Radio services can be booked in office 25

A total of 15 work cubicles for TV broadcasters and radio clients are equipped with basic

furniture, a monitor as well as with audio and video feeds from Plenaries 1 or 2 and from the press

conference room. Audio feeds from each venue will be in English and in the original/floor language. Additional equipment, e.g. telephone, ISDN and fax lines can be rented. (Please contact Ms. Sandra Slanzi, tel: +39 335 7893 854, e-mail: alessandra.leoni@fieramilanocongressi.it).

Television Coverage

Pool coverage of the proceedings in Plenaries 1 or 2, as well as from the press conference room is being provided by the host broadcaster RAI. This coverage is available for local as well as overseas television and radio broadcasters free of charge.

Due to practical considerations, it is not possible for individual television crews to record proceedings in Plenaries 1 or 2. There are, however, limited possibilities throughout the Conference and, in particular, during the high-level segment, for individual television crews to record plenary statements by the representative of their home country.

Please note: Prior arrangements for any unilateral coverage should be made with the UNFCCC TV/Radio Liaison Officer (Mr. Alexander Saier, tel.: 335827 3062)

Television crews are invited to record their own coverage of press conferences in the press conference room (Room Bologna) on the 1st floor. Audio in that room must be obtained from mult-boxes which are available to television and radio journalists on a first-come-first-served basis.

Radio Coverage

Audio feeds in English and in the original/floor language are available from mult-boxes in Plenary 1, in the press area and in the press conference room. For other radio services, please contact Ms. Elena Strummiello, tel.: 06 331 77612).in the International Broadcast Centre, office 25

Photo Coverage

Photo opportunities will be provided for the visual media (still photographers and television) on the floor of Plenary 1 prior to the opening of COP9 on 1 December as well as prior to other meetings, in particular, during the high-level segment of the Conference, and at its conclusion.

Requests for non-flash photo access to the floor while the plenary meetings are in session, will be dealt with on an *ad hoc* basis by an on-scene information officer. (Please contact the UNFCCC TV/Radio Liaison Officer, Mr. Alexander Saier, tel. 335 827 3062)

Press Conferences/Briefings

Regular press briefings by the United Nations, by national delegations and intergovernmental organizations will be held at the press conference room, located on the 1st floor (Room Bologna).

The first press conference by the newly elected President of COP 9 and the Executive Secretary of UNFCCC is scheduled for Monday, 1 December, at 1:15 p.m.

A larger number of briefings is expected when Ministers arrive for the high-level segment of the Conference. Briefings will normally be limited to 30 minutes maximum.

Please note: While regular press briefings will be announced in the Daily Journal, many other briefings will be announced on short notice on the programme monitors only.

Non-governmental organizations representing environmental and business interest groups will brief the press in the NGO press room (Room Palermo), also located on the 1st floor.

Interviews

The office of the Conference Spokesman will assist journalists, upon request, in contacting delegates for arranging interviews. Requests for interviews with the UNFCCC Executive Secretary should also be addressed to the Conference Spokesman.

On-Demand Streaming on Internet

Negotiations at this Conference can be followed world-wide through the Internet. All official meetings and other events will be available from the conference website: unfccc.int/cop9/webcast/. Meetings will be recorded, rather than being streamed live. All recordings can be accessed from the on-demand database following the meeting or event. Each recording is classified by date, agenda item and type of meeting. "Video anchors" will allow direct access to discussions of a particular agenda item. Audio/video on-demand archives will be delivered where possible in the original language, in Italian, in French and in English. A timetable, [meetings listing](#), is automatically generated and posted to the website throughout the day to provide information on additions or changes in the programme schedule.

"Inside climate change" – the schedule of side events

There has been an avalanche of interest in COP 9 demonstrated by 120 side events and 60 exhibits which will take place at the Fiera Milano during the two weeks of meetings. A vigorous and varied programme highlighting issues of prime concern to the engaged community, will include developing countries preparations for CDM opportunities; corporate sector activities related to market mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol; vulnerability and adaptation policy issues; post 2012 policy scenarios; science and technology advances; and the role of gender issues in climate change policies.

High-level events include "[CDM: Power for the People](#)", organized by the secretariat and SWBCSD to explore the role of the Clean Development Mechanism in providing clean, affordable power in developing countries; and "[Getting there: Tackling Transport Emissions](#)", a multi-stakeholder event focussed on innovative solutions including state-of-the-art technologies and innovative policy options to curb the growth of emissions related to transport.

Keanu Reeves and Alanis Morissette will add their voices to the climate issue through their narration of a [Canadian documentary](#) "The Great Warming" on the impact of climate change on peoples around the world, which will be shown in the first and second week.

A [fashion show](#) designed around the International Climate Symbol developed by Greenpeace, WWF, UNEP and the Dutch Ministry of Environment will further highlight efforts at making climate change a mainstream issue.

PLEASE NOTE:

Special media arrangements for the high-level segment of the Conference will be announced in a separate Note to Correspondents.