



United Nations Climate Change Conference Panama 2011

The third part of the sixteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP 16) and the third part of the fourteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA 14)

Panama-City, 1 - 7 October 2011

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 space. For access by visual media, please see below and contact Mr. Alexander Saier, Media Coordination.

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

On Saturday, 1 October 2011, at 10:00 a.m., the meeting will be formally opened in the Plenary (San Blas). The Conference will hear statements from H.E. Roberto C. Henriquez, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama and Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Photo opportunity: Prior to the opening of the meeting, television crews and still photographers will have an opportunity for establishing shots in the Plenary (9.30 –10.00 a.m.)

Once the conference is declared open, television crews will be required to leave the plenary hall. In case, Television broadcasters wish to record the proceedings in the plenary limited arrangements can be provided. Please contact Mr. Alexander Saier, Media Coordination, to discuss arrangements in advance. Still photographers may continue, on a one-by-one basis, under the guidance of the Media Coordinator.

Some seats are available on the gallery of the Plenary for print media and news agencies. They can be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. We regret that, due to the extremely limited space, media representatives will have no access to the floor in the Plenary (San Blas). Correspondents who cannot be



accommodated in the gallery will be able to follow the proceedings on closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitors throughout the Conference site and in the press centre.

Media Information

UNFCCC media offices are located next to the press conference room (San Lorenzo) on the first floor (Planta Alta).

A Media Information Desk will offer a selection of conference documents as well as the Daily Programme, UNFCCC press releases and publications, 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.

Correspondents may follow proceedings of the meeting from the conference website: <unfccc.int> using the computers in the Participants Centre on the ground floor (Planta Baja)

Television Coverage

There are limited possibilities throughout the Talks for television crews to record plenary sessions and statements by the representative of their home country. The Plenary offers limited stand-up positions at the back of the room with XLR distribution units on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please note: Prior arrangements for TV recordings and unilateral coverage should be made with the Mr. Alexander Saier, Media Coordination.

Television crews are invited to record their own coverage of press conferences in the press conference room (San Lorenzo). The audio feed will be available from XLR distribution units 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 XLR distribution units in the plenary and in the press conference room.

Online Coverage

The secretariat is offering a special online reporting service to the media. Online videos will be made available on the website <unfccc.int> summarizing the secretariat's press briefings. This video can be viewed and downloaded for Podcast or editing purposes. Videos can also be downloaded from the secretariat's YouTube channel: <youtube.com/climateconference> and iTunes.

Community tools, such as Facebook, Twitter and Flickr will allow to participate and to respond to the conference in Panama. Links can be found on <unfccc.int>.

The secretariat is encouraging online media to link to the online video on <unfccc.int>.

Please note: The video footage can be downloaded and broadcasted free of charge. For further questions please contact Mr. Alexander Saier, Media Coordination.

Live and On-Demand Streaming on Internet

Plenary meetings and press conferences can be followed live and on-demand through the conference network. Official meetings and press conferences will as well be available on demand from the public website: <unfccc.int>.

A comprehensive web index provides ready access to information on recorded events. 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 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.

Photo Coverage

Photo opportunities will be provided for still photographers and television on the floor of the Plenary (San Blas) at the opening on 1 October 2011 as well as prior to other meetings.

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 the Media Coordination.

Press Conferences/Briefings

Regular press briefings by the United Nations, by national delegations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations representing environmental and business interest groups will be held at the press conference room (San Lorenzo), located on the first floor of Convention Centre ATLAPA.

A press conference by Ms. Christiana Figueres, UNFCCC Executive Secretary, is scheduled for Sunday, 2 October, at 1:00 p.m.

All briefings will normally be limited to 30 minutes. The [press conference schedule](#) for the Panama conference is subject to change and is available on <unfccc.int>

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

Interviews

The Press Office 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 Media Assistant, Ms. Maria Garcia.

Media Coordination

The Media Coordination offices can be found next to the press conference room (San Lorenzo):

- Mr. Eric Hall, Spokesperson
- Mr. Alexander Saier, Media Coordination (TV, Radio and Online Services),
- Ms. Maria Garcia, Interview requests
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