

Newsflash

During the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (SB 12) and the preceding week of informal meetings, including workshops, held in Bonn during 5 - 16 June 2000, only one week of special events were scheduled together with the intervening Saturday. This arrangement was compatible with the format of SB 12 whereby the week preceding the formal week was dedicated to informal meetings including workshops, in order to maximise the time for work on the negotiating issues leading up to COP 6. The feedback received from Parties and observers alike was that this was a success and allowed more real interaction between participants with the absence of competing events and their accompanying activities.

Consequently the same pattern will be followed for the thirteenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies and its preceding week of informal meetings, including workshops. Special events will be scheduled on Saturday 9 September and during the week of formal sessions on 11 -15 September.

This will again create much demand on the available slots. Applicant organisations are consequently encouraged to focus their events on the particular negotiating issues and to collaborate with other organisations **in order to receive a higher priority**. The final schedule will not be produced until after the deadline for applications on 4 August and it may not be possible to accommodate all applications. The secretariat will be grateful for your cooperation in this challenging task and encourages those successful applicants to use the opportunity to create a stimulating event capitalising on the synergies which exist amongst the actors involved in the climate change process.
