



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

Buenos Aires, 6-17 December 2004

Media Arrangements for High-level Segment

Opening Ceremony of High-level Segment

The high-level segment of COP10 will take place from 15 through 17 December. It is expected to be attended by one Vice President, 68 Ministers, 31 Deputy Ministers and State Secretaries and 80 other heads of delegation.

The opening meeting on Wednesday, 15 December, at 10.00 a.m. in Plenary I will be addressed by H.E. Nestor Kirchner, President of the Republic of Argentina. It will also hear a message from United Nations Secretary-General Kofi A. Annan, delivered by Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and a statement by UNFCCC Executive Secretary Joke Waller Hunter.

Photo opportunity: Television crews and still photographers will have a photo opportunity in Plenary I, prior to the opening of the meeting. They are requested to assemble at the left-hand side of the podium at 9:45 a.m. at the latest. After the photo opportunity all television crews and photographers, except for the photographers of the President and of the secretariat, will be asked to leave the hall.

Television and radio broadcasters can receive live pool feeds from the opening ceremony in their work cubicles as well as in the Common Editing Suite in the International Broadcast Centre, located in the lower ground floor (level -1). In addition, there will be audio mult-boxes in the press area for use by radio broadcasters.

Press seats in the Plenary: In view of the very limited number of seats available in Plenary I for print media, a total of 25 pool badges will be distributed.

Journalists who cannot be accommodated in Plenary I can follow the proceedings on CCTV monitors in the press area or on large screens in Plenary II.



Continuation of high-level segment

Following a brief recess after the opening ceremony, the high-level segment of the Conference will continue with statements from Heads of United Nations specialized agencies and programmes as well as other intergovernmental organizations.

Texts of speeches delivered during the high-level segment of the Conference will be distributed at the Media Information Counter in the press area as they become available.

Panel discussions

Panel discussions will be the mode for exchanges among Ministers and other Heads of delegation during the high-level segment of COP10. They will focus on the following four topics :

Panel discussion 1 : The Convention after 10 years : Accomplishments and future challenges, moderated by H.E. Ms. Sonia Tschorne Berestesky (Chile), on Wednesday, 15 December 2004, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in *Plenary I* ;

Panel discussion 2 : Impacts of climate change, adaptation, measures and sustainable development, moderated by H.E. Mr. Enele Sopoaga (Tuvalu), on Thursday, 16 December 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Plenary I* ;

Panel discussion 3 : Technology and climate change, moderated by H.E. Eduardo Campos (Brazil), on Thursday, 16 December 2004, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in *Plenary I* ; and

Panel discussion 4 : Mitigation of climate change : Policies and their impacts, moderated by H.E. Ms. Cristina Narbona (Spain), on Thursday, 16 December 2004, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in *Plenary II*.

Each panel will comprise a representative group of 6-7 panelists. (For names of panelists see Daily Programme). Following opening statements by the panelists, the floor will be open for comments by Ministers and other Heads of delegation. The panel discussion will be broadcast on all CCTV monitors.

(a) Television and Photo Coverage

Photo opportunities for television crews and photographers will be provided beginning 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the panel discussions in Plenaries I and II until the meetings begin. After the meetings are called to order, television crews and photographers will be requested to leave the hall. Photographers and television crews wishing to use these photo opportunities are requested to assemble at the TV interview corner in the yellow pavilion outside Plenary I.

Due to practical considerations, it is generally not possible for television crews to record individual speakers during the panel discussions. Television broadcasters are referred to the pool coverage provided by the host broadcaster Canal 7. Arrangements for obtaining this coverage in the International Broadcast Centre should be made at the Canal 7 booking office (contact: Mr. Carlo Clavel, Mr. Alejandro la Torre, tel.4777-5660, lower ground floor, level -1).

However, there will be limited possibilities for individual television crews to film selected speakers in Plenaries I and II during the panel discussions. Prior arrangements must be made with Mr. Alexander Saier, Audio/Visual Liaison Officer, tel.: 4777-5649, mobil : 15 5773-7693, Media Coordination offices.



Under similar arrangements, individual press photographers will be given opportunities to take photographs of Ministers or other heads of delegation (contact: Mr. Alexander Saier, Audio/Visual Liaison Officer, tel.: tel.: 4777-5649, mobil : 15 5773-7693, Media Coordination offices).

(b) Radio Coverage

Radio reporters are advised to obtain audio coverage (original, English and Spanish) from their work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre, located in the lower ground floor (level -1) or from audio mult-boxes in the press area.

Press Briefings

It is expected that several Ministers and other heads of delegation may wish to give a press briefing during the high-level segment of the Conference. Press briefings will be announced in the Daily Programme.

Please check the monitors for updates and changes.

Media Coordination Offices

The Media Coordination offices as well as the offices of the host Government Media Liaison Officer, offering assistance and support to accredited media representatives, can be found in the green pavilion, next to the press area.

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