



UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Montreal, Canada, 28 November - 9 December 2005

Media Arrangements for High-level Segment

Opening Ceremony of High-level Segment

The high-level segment of COP11 and COP/MOP 10 will take place from 7 through 9 December. It is expected to be attended by more than 90 Ministers, 20 Deputy Ministers and State Secretaries and by other heads of delegation.

The high-level segment will be opened on Wednesday, 7 December, at 10.00 a.m. in Plenary I by COP 11 and COP/MOP President Stephane Dion. His welcoming statement will be followed by a brief multimedia show (9 minutes). The opening meeting will then hear statements by United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, Louise Frechette, and Richard Kinley, Acting Head, UNFCCC, before the meeting will be addressed by Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada. (For possible changes: please see the Daily Programme.)

Photo opportunity: A pool of television crews and still photographers will have a photo opportunity in Plenary I, prior to the opening of the meeting. Pool cards will be distributed by the office of the Media Coordinator, Media Centre (level 2) as of Tuesday, 6 December, 5:00 p.m. Pool card holders are requested to assemble at the stage entrance to Plenary 1 at 9:45 a.m. at the latest.

After the photo opportunity, all television crews will be asked to leave the hall. Pool photographers may remain in Plenary 1 for the coverage of the opening meeting of the high-level segment.

Television and radio broadcasters can receive live pool feeds from the opening ceremony in their work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre, located on level 2 of the Palais des Congres. In addition, there will be audio mult-boxes in the Media Centre (level 2) for use by radio broadcasters.



Press seats in the Plenary: A limited number of seats are available in Plenary 1 for print media on a first-come-first-served basis.

Journalists who cannot be accommodated in Plenary I can follow the proceedings on CCTV monitors in the Media Centre.

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. It will also hear statements on behalf of negotiating groups and see a recorded video message from President Jacques Chirac of France, before Ministers and other heads of delegation will take the floor.

Media Availability by Prime Minister of Canada

Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada will be available to the media, after the opening ceremony of the high-level segment, in the Press Conference Room (room 516c), level 5. All media representatives interested in participating should be in the Press Conference Room by 10:45 a.m. Others can follow the media event on the CCTV monitors in the Media Centre.

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, on the programme monitors and in the Media Centre.

Please check the monitors for updates and changes.

Statements by Ministers

The order of statements to be made by Ministers and other heads of delegation during the high level segment is posted in the Media Centre and published in the Daily Programme.

The texts of speeches delivered will be distributed at the Media Information Desk in the Media Centre as they become available.

International Broadcast Centre

An International Broadcast Centre is established on level 2 to serve television and radio broadcasters. The facility will be operated by Dome Productions, the host broadcaster of the Conference, who will provide live video and audio pool feeds, editing and play-out facilities. Television and radio services can be booked at the Booking Office, tel. (514) 787 6150; cell: 514 603 0328.

For satellite uplinks contact: Ms. Cathy Forrest, tel. (613) 747 5979; cell. 613 323 2204.



Television and Photo Coverage

Photo opportunities for television crews and photographers will be provided, beginning 20 minutes before the scheduled start of each following meeting in Plenary 1. 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 opposite the entrance to Plenary 1 to be escorted into the hall by the UNFCCC Television/Radio Liaison officer and her assistants.

Pool coverage: Due to practical considerations, it is generally not possible for television crews to record individual speakers during the high-level segment. Television broadcasters are referred to the pool coverage provided by the host broadcaster. Arrangements for obtaining this coverage in the International Broadcast Centre should be made at the Booking Office of the host broadcaster (tel: (514) 787 6150; cell: 514 603 0328).

Unilaterals for TV: There will be limited possibilities for individual television crews to film selected speakers in Plenary 1 during the high-level segment. Prior arrangements must be made with Ms. Joyce Hannah, Television/Radio Liaison Officer (cell: 514 209 9672, Media Coordination offices in the Media Centre).

Unilaterals for photographers: Under similar arrangements, individual press photographers will be given opportunities to take photographs of Ministers or other heads of delegation (contact: Ms. Joyce Hannah, Television/Radio Liaison Officer, cell: 514 209 9672, Media Coordination offices in the Media Centre).

Radio Coverage

Radio reporters are advised to obtain audio coverage (original, English and French) from their work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre, located on level 2, or from audio multi-boxes in the Media Centre.

Media Coordination Offices

The offices of the Media Coordinator as well as the offices of the host Government Media Liaison Officer, offering assistance and support to accredited media representatives, can be found at the rear of the Media Centre:

- Mr. Axel Wuestenhagen, Media Coordinator, cell. 514 238 0360
- Mr. John Hay, Conference Spokesman, cell. 514 209 9045
- Ms. Joyce Hannah, Television/Radio Liaison, cell. 514 209 9672
- Mr. Alexander Saier, interview requests, cell: 514 209 9291
- Ms. Catherina Denoo, Media Information Desk, cell. 514 209 9563

- Mr. Phil Kinsman , Host Country Media Liaison Officer, tel. (514) 787 6024
- Ms. Jocelyne Limoges, Host Country Chief Coordinator, Media Relations, tel. (514) 787 6025