



United Nations Climate Change Conference - Nairobi, 2006

Twelfth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - Second Session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP12/MOP2)

Nairobi, Kenya, 6 – 17 November 2006

Media Arrangements for High-level Segment

Opening Ceremony of High-level Segment

The high-level segment of COP12/COP/MOP 10 will take place from 15-16 November 2006. It is expected to be attended by some 100 Ministers and other heads of delegation.

The high-level segment will be opened on Wednesday, 15 November, at 10.00 a.m. in Plenary 1 by COP12/MOP2 President Kivutha Kibwana. The meeting will then be addressed by Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic Kenya; Moritz Leuenberger, President of the Swiss Confederation and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. (For possible changes see: Daily Programme.)

Photo opportunity I (Main Entrance): Television crews and still photographers will have a photo opportunity in a designated area outside the main entrance to cover the arrival of VIPs.

Photo opportunity II (Plenary 1): Television crews and still photographers will also have a photo opportunity in Plenary 1, (from 9:30 to 10.00 a.m.) until the meeting is declared open. Television crews will then be required to leave Plenary 1 and take their positions in the Press Gallery. Still photographers may remain in Plenary 1 in a designated area to cover the opening meeting under the guidance of the UNFCCC TV/Radio Coordination Officer.

Television and radio broadcasters can receive live pool feeds from the opening ceremony, provided by the host broadcaster, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), in their work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre (Media Tent). Audio feeds will be available from XLR distribution units in English and in the original/floor language in the Press Gallery in Plenary 1.



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

Correspondents who cannot be accommodated in Plenary 1 can follow the opening ceremony on CCTV monitors in the press area (Media Tent) or on designated monitors throughout the Conference site.

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Following a brief recess after the opening ceremony, the high-level segment of the Conference will continue with statements from UNFCCC Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer and Heads of United Nations specialized agencies and programmes as well as other inter-governmental organizations. Later, it will hear statements on behalf of negotiating groups and by Ministers and other heads of delegation. (For details, see: Daily Programme)

Press Conference by United Nations Secretary-General

Following the opening ceremony, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan is expected to give a press conference in the press conference room, located in the Media Tent (room Nyati), at 11.00 a.m. All media representatives interested in participating should be in the press conference room by 10.55 a.m. Others can follow the media event on CCTV monitors in the Media Tent and on designated monitors throughout the Conference site.

Other 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 press area (Media Tent). 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.

Dialogue

Last year's United Nations Climate Change Conference in Montreal launched two important new tracks of talks on the future of the climate change process. One track was opened for negotiations of new commitments for industrialized countries under the Kyoto Protocol for the period after 2012. Another track concerns a global dialogue on long-term cooperation to enhance implementation of the Climate Change Convention, in which all 189 countries which signed up to the UNFCCC are participating.

The Dialogue will hold its second workshop from 15 to 16 November, focusing on how to advance development goals in a sustainable way and how to realize the full potential of market-based opportunities. The first session will start on Wednesday, 15 November, at 11.00 a.m. in Plenary 2.



Live Pool Feeds

Television and radio broadcasters can receive live pool feeds from Plenaries 1 and 2 and from the press conference room, provided by KBC, in their work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre (Media Tent)..(Please contact Mr. George Kanyi, KBC, mobile: 0722 634 146.)

Television and Photo Coverage

Photo opportunities for television crews and photographers will be provided, beginning 20 minutes before the start of each meeting in Plenary 1. After the meetings are called to order, they will be requested to leave the hall. Photographers and television crews wishing to use these photo opportunities are requested to meet with the UNFCCC Television/Radio Coordination Officer and/or his assistants at the entrance to Plenary 1.

Unilaterals for TV and photographers: Due to practical considerations, it is generally not possible for television crews to record proceedings in Plenaries 1 and 2 during the high-level segment. However, there will be limited possibilities for individual television crews to film selected speakers in Plenary 1 and for still photographers to take pictures during the high-level segment. Prior arrangements must be made with the UNFCCC TV/Radio Coordination Officer, Mr. Tim Davis (mobile: 0722 824 563).

Radio Coverage

Radio reporters are advised to obtain audio coverage (original/floor and English) from their work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre (Media Tent) or from XLR distribution units in the Press Gallery in Plenary 1.

International Broadcast Centre

In the Media Tent, an International Broadcast Centre is established to serve television and radio broadcasters. The facility will be operated by KBC, who will provide live video and audio pool feeds and editing facilities. KBC will also operate a modest radio studio facility. For television and radio services, please contact Mr. George Kanyi, KBC, mobile: 0722 634 146.

Satellite uplinks will be provided by Globecast Africa. For uplink services please contact Mr. Jean Paul Flory, mobile: 0722 442 907/0733 509 999. Bookings: Globecast South Africa: +27 11 482 2790; Engineer: Joseph Nguni: 0721 480 134.

Media Coordination

The Media Coordination offices as well as the offices of the host Government Media Liaison Officer can be found adjacent to the press area: in the Media Tent

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- Mr. John Hay, Conference Spokesperson, mobile: 0727 534 419
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- Mr. Tim Davis, Television/Radio Coordinator, mobile: 0722 824 563
- Ms. Lucy Waruingi, Media Information Desk, mobile: 0727 534 422
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