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

Fourth Session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

Poznan, Poland, 1-12 December 2008

Media Arrangements for High-level Segment

Summary of photo opportunities

Thursday, 11 December 2008:

- 09:30 Assemble for opening of High Level Segment: Plenary The Stork (Hall 7A).
Arrangements as advised below
- 16:00 Opening of round-table on "Shared Vision", Plenary Alpine Accentor (Hall 8).
Arrangements as advised below.
- 17:30 Press conference by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (Hall 8A, 1st floor)
- 18:00 Side event on "Acting on Climate Change: The UN delivering as one" (to be addressed by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and attended by Heads of UN agencies and programmes)
Raven Room (Hall 15).

Please note: Camera crews and photographers CANNOT cover both: the press conference of the Secretary-General AND the side event in room Raven. These events follow each other and all crews are required to be in position 15 minutes BEFORE the arrival of the Secretary-General.

The host broadcaster will film the side event for replay through the pool feed in the IBC (and on CCTV) at a time to be advised soon after the end of the side event meeting

Friday, 12 December 2008

- 13:15 Presentation by Mr. Al Gore, Plenary Alpine Accentor (Hall 8)

Please note: TV crews and still photographers who need to cover the event must assemble in the designated photo pool area by 13.00 hrs. Space is very restricted.



Opening Ceremony of High-level Segment

The high-level segment of COP14/CMP4 will be attended by more than 100 Ministers and other 50 Heads of delegation. It will take place on 11 and 12 December.

The opening meeting on Thursday, 11 December, at 10.00 a.m. in Plenary The Stork (Hall 7A) will start with a welcoming statement by the COP14/CMP4 President Maciej Nowicki. The Conference will then be addressed by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon; the Prime Minister of Sweden, Fredrik Reinfeldt; the Prime Minister of Tuvalu, Apisai Ielemia; the President of Guyana, Bharrat Jagdeo; and the President of the Republic of Poland, Lech Kaczynski.

The Conference will also hear statements from UNFCCC Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer, the Chair of the Ad hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), Harald Dovland and the Chair of the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado.

Please note that the order of speakers can still change.

Photo opportunity: Prior to the opening, television crews and still photographers will have an opportunity for establishing shots in Plenary The Stork (9.30 - 10.00 a.m.). At 10.00 a.m. they are requested to assemble in a designated area on the left-hand side of the podium. Before the session is called to order, television crews and still photographers will be brought up in front of the podium for a two minute photo opportunity.

Once the High-level Segment of the Conference is declared open, television crews will be required to leave the Plenary Hall. Still photographers may continue, on a one-by-one basis, under the guidance of UNFCCC Media Officers.

Television crews and still photographers are advised that the platform in the rear corner of the Plenary Hall is a restricted area for the exclusive use by the Host Broadcaster for stand-up positions. Access for still photographers and other film crews is not permitted.

Television and radio broadcasters can receive live pool feeds in their work cubicles in the International Broadcasting Centre (Hall 8A). For those TV and radio broadcasters who do not have a work cubicle, an open lounge behind the print press area provides 2x15 drops (access to splitters) with live video and audio feeds from Plenary The Stork (Hall 7A), Plenary Alpine Accentor (Hall 8) and the press conference room (Hall 8A, 1st floor) which can be used on a first-come-first served basis.

For radio broadcasters, audio feeds in English and in the original/floor language are available from XLR distribution units located in the print press area and in the rear of the Plenaries.

A limited number of seats are available in Plenary The Stork for print media and news agencies. Access for media representatives will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Correspondents who cannot be accommodated in the Plenary will be able to follow the proceedings on CCTV monitors.

Continuation of high-level segment

Following a brief recess after the opening ceremony, Ministers and other Heads of delegation will make statements. The list of speakers will be published in the *Daily Programme* and will be available at the Media Information Counter located at the entrance to the Media Centre (Hall 8A). Texts of speeches delivered during the high-level segment will be distributed at the Media Information Counter as they become available.

Round table

On Thursday, 11 December, an informal Ministerial Roundtable on a "Shared Vision for Long-term Cooperative Action", convened by COP14/CMP4 President Maciej Nowicki, will take place in Plenary Alpine Accentor (Hall 8), from 4.00 - 7.00 p.m.



The round table will enable Ministers and Heads of delegation to exchange views on how they intend to work in a collaborative manner to combat climate change. It will focus on three key topics: (1) Long-term cooperative action on climate change, towards achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention; (2) Preparing ourselves for unavoidable climate change, building resilience and implementing adaptation plans; and (3) The architecture that will deliver on finance, technology and capacity building and on the reporting of actions and support for actions.

Please note: Only still photographers will be allowed into this meeting under the guidance of the UNFCCC Media Officers. For TV networks, the host broadcaster's signal will be available in the IBC cubicles and open lounge area.

Side event on "Acting on climate change"

On Thursday, 11 December, there will be a side event on "Acting on climate change: The UN delivering as one" from 6.00 - 7.30 p.m. in room Raven (Hall 15). It will focus on a presentation of the United Nations system's coordinated work on climate change. The side event will be addressed by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and UNFCCC Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer. Heads of United Nations agencies and programmes will also speak.

International Broadcasting Centre

In the Media Centre (Hall 8A), an International Broadcasting Centre (IBC) is established to serve television and radio broadcasters. The facility is being operated by the host broadcaster Telewizja Polska (TVP), who provides, in cooperation with Eurovision Special Events, live video and audio pool feeds and has production and transmission facilities (stand-up positions for live programme inserts, tape play-out, connectivity to the Eurovision Global Network, editing with editor, access to pool signal on tapes on request and dubbing). TVP also operates a modest radio studio. For television and radio services, please contact Ms. Grazyna Baczynska, mobile +48 601 600 286; email: Grazyna.Baczynska@tvp.pl.

Television and Photo Coverage

Live pool coverage of the proceedings in the two Plenaries and the press conference room is being provided by the host broadcaster, TVP, in the IBC. This coverage is available for local and overseas television and radio broadcasters free of charge (copy-right free). There will be a charge for the dubbing of tapes.

Due to practical considerations, it is generally not possible for individual television crews to record proceedings in the two Plenaries. There are, however, limited possibilities throughout the high-level segment, for individual television crews to record plenary statements by the representative of their home country.

Please note: Prior arrangements for unilateral coverage should be made with the UNFCCC TV/Radio Coordination Officer (Mr. Tim Davis, mobile: +48 723 979 491).

Television crews are invited to record their own coverage of press conferences in the press conference room (Hall 8A, 1st floor). An audio feed will be available from XLR distribution units to television and radio journalists on a first-come-first-served basis.

For international and national broadcasters, live stand-up positions are provided on a platform at the rear of Plenary The Stork. Other live stand-up positions are provided on a platform outside Hall 8A. These positions can be booked through the host broadcaster TVP in cooperation with Eurovision Special Events. Please contact Ms. Grazyna Baczynska, mobile +48 601 600 286; phone: +48 61 668 8389; email: Grazyna.Baczynska@tvp.pl.

For Television crews wishing to do independent recorded interviews, there is an interview corner with the Conference backdrop established at the rear of the Media Centre, past and to the left of the print press area. Lighting will be permanently available. The interview corner is free for use by all television crews. To avoid congestion, please contact Mr. Tim Davis, UNFCCC Television/Radio Coordination Officer (International Broadcasting Centre, Hall 8A, mobile: +48 723 979 491) who will control bookings.



Radio Coverage

Audio feeds in English and in the original/floor language are available from XLR distribution units in Plenary The Stork, in the print press area and in the press conference room. For other radio services including the use of the radio studio, please contact TVP (Ms. Grazyna Baczynska, mobile +48 601 600 286; email: Grazyna.Baczynska@waw.tvp.pl).

Photo Coverage

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. (Please contact the UNFCCC TV/Radio Coordination Officer, Mr. Tim Davis, mobile: +48 723 979 491).

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. The UNFCCC will give daily press briefings summing up the progress made at the Conference, at 1.15 – 1.45 p.m. and/or on some days at 6.00 p.m. Press briefings will be announced in the Daily Programme, the press section of the unfccc.int website, and on CCTV monitors in the Media Centre.

Please check the monitors for updates and changes.

Interviews

The office of the Conference Spokesperson will assist journalists, upon request, in contacting delegates for arranging interviews. Requests for interviews with the UNFCCC Executive Secretary should be addressed to UNFCCC Media Assistant Ms. Carrie Assheuer, mobile: +48 723 979 703, email: cassheuer@unfccc.int. Interview requests to the COP President should be addressed to Ms. Magda Sikorska, Host Country Media Liaison Officer, mobile: +48 695 100 978, email: magda.sikorska@cop14.gov.pl.

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