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United Nations Climate Change Conference

Durban, South Africa
28 November - 9 December 2011

**Seventeenth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
Seventh Session of the Conference of the Parties serving
as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

Media Access to Opening of Conference

In view of the high number of participants, access to the opening of COP17/CMP7 in Plenary BAOBAB on Monday, 28 November, at 10:00 a.m. will be restricted for all participants by means of **pool tickets**.

TV Cameras and Press Photographers

A restricted pool of 20 TV cameras and 10 press photographers will have access to the plenary. Pool cards will be distributed by the Media Coordination Team at the IBC Manager Office. The selection will be based on a fair distribution among TV organizations and press photographers from all parts of the world and from the host country South Africa. It is made on the understanding that the coverage obtained be shared with other broadcasters as requested and appropriate.

Members of the pool will be asked to assemble not later than 9:30 a.m. at a location to be specified. They will have the possibility for taking establishing shots of the plenary prior to the opening of the conference, as well as a 2-minute close-up photo opportunity of the podium. Afterwards, TV crews will be asked to leave the room, while press photographers may remain for taking pictures of the speakers under the guidance of an UNFCCC Information Officer.

TV organizations without pool tickets can receive full live coverage of the opening session of

COP17/CMP7 from the host broadcaster in their respective work spaces in the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC). Recorded coverage can be obtained from the host broadcaster on a commercial basis from the SABC Booking Office.

Print Media

There will be 20 reserved seats on the upper balcony of BAOBAB for print press media who want to follow the opening in the plenary hall. The seats in the Media Suits can be accessed on the upper level and are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Representatives of the print press media, radio broadcasters and news agencies can follow the opening on CCTV monitors in the Media Centre or in their respective work space in the IBC.

Media Coordination and Support

The UNFCCC Media Team offices as well as the offices of the Host Country Media Team can be found on the lower floor in the ICC.

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