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Latest round of UN talks on future climate action set to begin in Bonn

(Bonn, 30 April 2007) – Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol are set to meet for two weeks of negotiations and talks in Bonn, Germany (7–18 May).

The conference – the latest round of talks on future action under the UN-sponsored climate change process – will be attended by around 2,000 participants, including government representatives and delegates from observer States, along with participants from business and industry, environmental organizations and research institutions.

The twenty-sixth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will be held throughout the two weeks of the conference.

In the second week of the meeting, representatives will take part in the third session of the "Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol" (AWG) from 14 to 15 May.

The AWG, which comprises all 172 Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, is the body responsible for negotiating industrialized country emission reduction targets for the next commitment period of the UN treaty. At the May meetings, it will focus on the analysis of mitigation potentials of policies and technologies, including its costs and benefits.

Also in the second week, the "Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention" will hold its third workshop (6-17 May), with a focus on two key topics: realizing the full potential of technology and addressing action on adaptation.

This forum involves all 190 Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and is the latest in a four-part exchange of views, information and ideas on strategic approaches to climate change and development. After its fourth and final workshop, the facilitators of the Dialogue will report back to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali in December this year.



In addition to the official meetings, presentations by governments, intergovernmental and UN organizations will provide valuable information on issues such as the role of technology for climate change mitigation.

Three in-session workshops will serve to highlight measures that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions:

- Urban planning and development, including transportation (Friday, 11 May)
- Energy efficiency, including industry, and residential and commercial end-use (Tuesday, 15 May)
- Power generation, including clean fossil fuels and renewable energy (Tuesday, 15 May)

Another highlight will be the presentation of the results of the three working groups of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Fourth Assessment Report on Saturday, 12 May. These will be reports on:

- The Physical Science Basis of Climate Change
- Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability
- Mitigation of Climate Change

Most of the meetings will be held at Hotel Maritim, Godesberger Allee, 53175 Bonn, Germany. A number of side events on issues such as the future climate regime, emissions trading, technology and adaptation will be held at the conference venue and at facilities close to the Maritim hotel throughout the two weeks of the conference.

The majority of the meetings and side events are open to the media. UNFCCC press briefings on the central issues covered in the sessions are scheduled for 7 (opening press conference) and 18 May (closing press conference).

A detailed overview of the conference can be found in the press section of <unccc.int> at <<http://unfccc.int/press/items/2794.php>>.

A media centre with workstations, plug and play facilities and audio feeds will be available for the press at the Hotel Maritim for the duration of the sessions.

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