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## **UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres at Harvard University**

UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres, the UN's top climate change official, will be at Harvard University on Friday, 27 September at 13:00 EDT.

Ms. Figueres will interact with students and faculty of the Kennedy School, where she has been invited to deliver an open address to the Harvard community titled "The good news on climate change." This event is co-hosted by Harvard Project on Climate Agreements and Harvard University Center for the Environment.

Ms. Figueres is the principal voice on the international climate change negotiations and is leading the preparations for the next round of talks to take place at the UN climate change conference (COP 19) this year in Warsaw (11 - 22 November). A central focus of the talks will be negotiations to build the 2015 global climate agreement and to drive greater immediate climate action.

Interested press should RSVP for the event to: Bryan\_Galcik@hks.harvard.edu and Jason\_chapman@harvard.edu, indicating that they are journalists.

More information about the event: <u>http://www.hks.harvard.edu/news-events/events-</u> calendar/the-good-news-on-climate-change/(date)/1379908800

## About the UNFCCC

With 195 Parties, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has near universal membership and is the parent treaty of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. The Kyoto Protocol has been ratified by 192 of the UNFCCC Parties. For the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, 37 States, consisting of highly industrialized countries and countries undergoing the process of transition to a market economy, have legally binding emission limitation and reduction commitments. The ultimate objective of both treaties is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system.

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