

UN System Side Events: COP16

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As a unique international mechanism with universal membership that combines convening power, normative work, standard-setting policy development and operational activities, the United Nations system in its entirety has embarked on an action-oriented and coordinated effort to support the international community in addressing the challenge of climate change.

United Nations system organizations have cooperated closely to establish a clear framework for action with targeted priority areas to achieve results on climate change action. Each agency contributes to this joint effort on the basis of its respective area of expertise, intergovernmental mandate and available resources. The overall objective is to maximize existing synergies, eliminate duplication and overlap, and optimize the impact of the collective efforts of the United Nations system in supporting countries implementing action to address climate change.

This breadth and unity of United Nations system activities was reflected in 19 side events at COP 16/CMP 6. The side events brought together a number of agencies under thematic focus areas, all demonstrating how the United Nations system stands ready to support implementation action at global, regional, national and local levels, given the urgent need to accelerate action on adaptation and mitigation, including through technology transfer, finance and capacity-building.

Scheduled	Time/room	Organizer	Title / theme
Monday, 29 Nov 2010	13:20— 14:40 Room 3	Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Ms. Jaime Webbe jaime.webbe@cbd.int +1 514 2878718	Launch of the Rio Conventions' ecosystems and climate change pavilion: enhancing synergies. The side event will launch the Rio Conventions' ecosystems and climate change pavilion at the COP in order to enhance awareness raising and information sharing about the latest science and practice on the linkages between biodiversity, climate change and combating desertification/land degradation.
Tuesday, 30 Nov 2010	13:20— 14:40 Room 6	World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Ms. Carolin Richter crichter@wmo.int +41 79 7208092	Systematic climate observations for the UNFCCC. Climate observations underpin virtually all of the work of the UNFCCC. This side event highlights progress in improving systematic observation and underscores the deficiencies that remain, as identified by the principal organizations responsible for facilitating improvements.
Tuesday, 30 Nov 2010	18:30— 20:00 Room 2	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Ms. Jane Hupe jhupe@icao.int +1 514 9546363	Side event on emissions from international transport – global solutions for global industries. First part of this side event will focus on the achievements of ICAO's 37th assembly and its recently adopted policy on aviation and climate change. The second part on IMO's extensive work on development of technical, operational and market-based reduction measures for international shipping.
Tuesday, 30 Nov 2010	18:30— 20:00 Room 4	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Mr. Daniel Schensul schensul@unfpa.org +1 212 2975236	Displacement and migration: Examples of initiatives and activities to support resilience and adaptation. This event will focus on national and sub-national level policy and programme implementation, including assistance in the development of policies on displacement and climate change; advocacy on displacement; and dissemination of tools that specifically target vulnerable communities such as refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants.
Wednesday, 01 Dec 2010	13:20— 14:40 Room 4	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Ms. Seraphine Haeussling seraphine.haeussling@unep.org +33 1 44377615	Capacity development as a driver of low-emission, climate-resilient development. The side event will present the UN's approach, experience and readiness to support capacity development to address climate change. Speakers will share practical examples and lessons learnt from areas such as adaptation, mitigation, REDD and finance, and discuss the one UN experience of capacity support.
Wednesday, 01 Dec 2010	18:30-20:00 Jaguar	World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Mr. Avinash Tyagi atyagi@wmo.int +41 79 54207	Climate service for all. Organized jointly by WMO, UNESCO and other UN partner agencies, the event showcases the progress in the development of the "Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)" which guides the development of climate services for all to adapt and mitigate climate change and for climate-risk management.

Thursday, 02 Dec 2010	13:20— 14:40 Room 3	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Ms. Reem Ismail reem.ismail@un-redd.org +41 79 8439614	Delivering as One: Achievements and lessons learned from REDD+ readiness activities. As countries' REDD+ readiness activities advance, it is vital to assess achievements and lessons learnt for future progress. FAO, UNDP and UNEP will convene with stakeholders to reflect on what the UN-REDD Programme's work has achieved to date and explore ways to build on this momentum.
Friday, 03 Dec 2010	13:20— 14:40 Águila	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Mr. Reuben Sessa reuben.sessa@fao.org +39 340 8583070	Is climate-smart agriculture possible? Presentations by countries will showcase approaches to climate-smart agriculture – agriculture that sustainably increases productivity, resilience (adaptation), reduces/removes GHGs (mitigation), and enhances achievement of national food security and development goals.
Friday, 03 Dec 2010	18:30— 20:00 Águila	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Ms. Julia Heiss j.heiss@unesco.org +33 1 45681036	Understanding climate change: Success stories in raising climate awareness and education. A showcase of inspiring case studies and success stories to demonstrate how awareness raising and education play an important role in mobilizing climate action and stimulate a discussion on how public awareness raising and education on climate can become even more effective.
Monday, 06 Dec 2010	13:20— 14:40 Room 5	World Health Organization (WHO) / World Food Programme (WFP) Ms. Marina Maiero maierom@who.int +41 76 2350115	Improving resilience to protect human health and welfare from the adverse affects of climate change. To highlight the public health and nutrition consequences of climate change and the role of social protection in adaptation and mitigation efforts. Recommendations on how the UN system could support the resilience processes of the most vulnerable population groups will be provided.
Monday, 06 Dec 2010	18:30— 20:00 Pitaya	World Food Programme (WFP) Ms. Elena Villalobos villalobose@who.int +41 78 9279183	Inclusion of social dimensions in the development of climate change policies and programmes. Recommendations on how the UN system can more effectively support member states to ensure that climate-related policies simultaneously provide better living conditions for society while contributing to poverty reduction and sustainable development, ensuring equitable low carbon development processes. Organized in collaboration with ILO, OHCHR, UNAIDS.
Tuesday, 07 Dec 2010	13:20— 14:40 Room 3	United Nations system Chief Executives Board (CEB) Ms. Katja Gregers Brock gregersbrock@un.org +1 646 207 9046	The United Nations system delivering as one on implementation to address climate change. Overview of the United Nations system capacities and commitment at the highest level to assist Parties to the UNFCCC in implementing measures to address climate change particularly in developing countries.
Tuesday, 07 Dec 2010	18:30— 20:00 Mamey	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Mr. Joe Bradley joe.bradley@wipo.int +41 79 2480133	Supporting Successful Partnering in Technology Transfer. This side event will explore experiences from developing countries in efforts under-taken by the UN system and industry to support developing countries in the transfer and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies and lessons learnt to support the development and work of the CTC and Network
Tuesday, 07 Dec 2010	18:30— 20:00 Room 4	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Mr. James Tee james.tee@undp.org +1 212 9065945	Supporting global, regional and national actions towards addressing climate change. This event will present actions at the global, regional and national levels to address climate change, focusing on energy issues (access, security, efficiency). It will show linkages at various levels, including a recent global initiative to achieve universal access to modern energy by 2030.
Wednesday, 08 Dec 2010	13:20— 14:40 Room 6	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Mr. Lucas Assuncao lucas.assuncao@unctad.org +41 79 3758855	Rio+20: The transition to a green economy - implications for poverty alleviation and sustainable development. This high level event will focus on enabling policy instruments in the transition to a green economy in the context of poverty alleviation and sustainable development. Relevant analytical work carried out during the UNCSD preparatory process and results of expert meetings on the green economy will be presented.
Wednesday, 08 Dec 2010	13:20— 14:40	Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate	UN-System Side Event on Adaptation. This is one of a dozen or so thematic events under the UN-System. This event on adaptation will

	Room 3	Change (UNFCCC) Ms. Xianfu Lu xlu@unfccc.int +49 228 8151392	showcase a broad range of initiatives being carried out by UN agencies, who will share their experiences of implementing actions at different levels, in different sectors and with different stakeholders.
Wednesday, 08 Dec 2010	18:30— 20:00 Room 3	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Ms. Marina Ploutakhina m.ploutakhina@unido.org +43 664 3529742	Briefing by the UN Secretary-General's advisory group on energy and climate change (AGECC). The side event will provide a briefing on the AGECC report Energy for a Sustainable Future that sets out for the first time two ambitious, but achievable, global energy goals on energy access and energy efficiency.
Thursday, 09 Dec 2010	13:20— 14:40 Room 4	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Ms. Itzá Castañeda itza.castaneda@undp.org.mx +521 55 16942931	Gender and climate change finance: Empowering women to lead in the new green economy. This event will showcase gains in women's empowerment in climate change finance and the green economy, including new entrepreneurial ventures and advocacy strides in climate finance architecture, going beyond why it's important to empower women to a discussion of how it is being done.