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When: December 8, 2010 13.20 to 14.40

Where: Mamey Room, Cancun Messe

Title: UN-System Side Event on Adaptation

Overview:

Continuing the procedure from COP14/CMP4 and COP15/CMP5 by focusing entirely on joint side events that involve multiple UN System organizations, adaptation, along with other 17 other themes, has been identified by the HLCP Working Group on Climate Change as a focus topic for a UN system side event at COP16. The side event will use the UN system's ability on implementation as the entry point for the joint messages.

The UNFCCC secretariat has offered and been accepted by the Group to convene the side event on adaptation. To ensure a broad coverage of relevant work at the Event, agencies were invited to provide inputs and submit proposals. To date, inputs were received from the following agencies:

1. IFAD (WFP) Weather Risk Management Facility
2. UNDP - UNDP supports developing countries to strengthen capacities of regional, national, sub-national and local systems to manage anticipated and uncertain climate change risks to accelerate human development including the MDGs
3. UN-HABITAT Cities and Climate Change Initiatives (CCCI)
4. UN/ISDR Disaster Reduction UN system working with partners to build resilience
5. UNU research to improve understanding on DRR
6. WFP (with 9 other agencies in UGANDA)- Joint programme on climate change in UGANDA
7. WMO Climate services for adaptation

Event Outline:

13:20 Welcome and introduction

13:25 Adaptation under the UNFCCC

1. Update on negotiations and adaptation programmes under the FCCC process
2. Needs for support to enhance implementation and potential contributions from UN system

13:35 **Science for adaptation:** supporting policy relevant climate research and information services (WMO and UNEP)

13:45 **Human Settlement:** Cities and climate change (UN-Habitat)

13:55 **Disaster Risk reduction:** managing and reducing disaster risks (ISDR, with inputs from IFAD and UNU)

14:05 **National Level action:** UN delivering as one (WFP)

14:05 **Adaptation and development:** securing and sustaining development goals under a changing climate (UNDP)

14:25 General Discussion

14:35 Summary and closing

Resources:

Fact Sheet: UN System Supporting Adaptation in an Enhanced Adaptation Regime (PDF)