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COP14

COP PRESIDENT: MACIEJ NOWICKI,
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Summit Kickoff:

The conference involved a series of events including the Kyoto Protocol. These events drew over 9,250 participants including almost 4,000 government officials, 4500 representatives of UN bodies and agencies, intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations, and more than 800 accredited members of the media.

The parties agreed on principles for financing a fund to help the poorest countries face the effects of climate change. They also agreed on a mechanism to integrate forest protection into the international community's efforts to combat climate change. Negotiations for a new successor to the Kyoto Protocol were the main focus of the conference.



Summit Conclusions and Recommendations:

- COP14 adopted an important decision to support global efforts to improve drought risk mitigation and management and build resilience. The conference met its primary goal of outlining an ambitious meeting scheduled for 2009. COP14 also reached agreement to shift into full negotiating mode.
- The Adaptation Fund was one area where significant progress was made, giving it authority to identify projects and allocate money to them. It was launched under the Kyoto Protocol.
- Parties agreed that the Adaptation Fund Board should have the legal capacity to grant direct access to developing countries.
- The importance of the Article 9 of the Kyoto Protocol review, which states “in light of best available scientific information on climate change and its impacts, as well as technical, social and economic information”, was stressed. Nations called for equal treatment for all developing countries with few Clean Development Mechanism projects. The decision encouraged streamlining the process in countries with less than 10 Clean Development Mechanism projects, especially in LDCs, small island developing states and Africa.
- Governments agree that a first draft of a concrete negotiating text for a global agreement on climate change will be available at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meeting in Bonn in June 2009. Differences of views were identified on key issues related to increasing the level of funding available for adaptation and improvements to the Clean Development Mechanism; this required a solution at the Fifteenth Summit of 2009.

