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Summit Kickoff:

Over 4,400 participants, from 172 governments, as well as representatives from intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and media outlets were in attendance. The meeting sought to finalize agreement on the operational details for commitments on reducing emissions of greenhouse gases under the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. It also sought agreement on actions to strengthen implementation of the UNFCCC. This is an attempt to achieve these goals, which were set out in the 1998 Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA).

Several speakers, including the G-77/China, EU, and the Central Group 11 (CG-11, a group of 11 central and eastern European countries), supported entry into force of the Protocol in time for the WSSD.



Summit Conclusions and Recommendations:

- The GEF should provide financial resources to developing country Parties, in particular to the LDCs and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), for implementing Stage II adaptation activities and establishing pilot or demonstration projects to show how adaptation planning and assessment can be translated into projects.
- The special climate change fund, and/or the adaptation fund and other bilateral and multilateral sources should fund activities on adaptation, improving and monitoring of diseases and vectors, and capacity building.
- Establish a work programme on LDCs to strengthen existing and establish national climate change secretariats; provide training in negotiating skills and language; and support the preparation of National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) were recommended.
- Establishment of an LDC fund decides that GEF, the special climate change fund and other bilateral and multilateral sources, should fund activities to assist LDCs.

