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Summit Kickoff:

About 5,151 participants from various countries and governmental and non-governmental organizations attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference in its ninth session. The summit included three important meetings: The first discussed climate change, adaptation, mitigation and sustainable development.

The second discussed technology, including technology use and development and transfer of technologies, while the third dealt with assessment of progress at the national, regional and international levels to fulfill the promise and objective enshrined in the climate change agreements, including the scientific, information, policy and financial aspects.



Summit Conclusions and Recommendations:

- The importance of increasing the capacity of local communities to deal with the adverse effects of climate change was reiterated. It was noted that many developing countries are implementing adaptation and mitigation measures, but that scarcity of resources hampers their capacity to address climate change adequately.
- The need for more funding from developed countries to support initiatives to mitigate and adapt to climate change in developing countries was stressed.
- Many Parties called for the removal of barriers to financial assistance, technology transfer and funding for adaptation activities in developing countries. The need for a prompt operationalization of the Special Climate Change Fund and the next stage of the Least Developed Countries Fund, with priority on adaptation, was frequently mentioned.
- There was an agreement that an appropriate combination of near-term and long-term actions was critical. The use and transfer of existing technology and the promotion of new technologies should go hand-in-hand and are complementary.

