

## **UN Climate Change meeting commences in Poland**

Over 10,000 delegates representing government, industry and international organisations are currently participating in the UN Climate Change conference in Poznan. The outcome of the meeting is expected to help build momentum and chart the way towards the Copenhagen climate talks in December 2009, when governments will attempt to reach an ambitious and effective international climate deal for the period after 2012. In Poznan, governments will move from discussion to negotiation and agree on a plan of action for the final year of negotiations. They are expected to make progress on key issues including capacity-building for developing countries, reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation, and technology transfer and adaptation. UN Climate Change Secretariat Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer says the meeting will test governments' willingness to work on climate change amid a global economic slowdown. "I think it is really important, especially in the context of the financial crisis, to see how we can craft a Copenhagen agreement that makes it clear how financial resources will be generated," says de Boer.

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