

## **Opening Ceremony of the High-Level Segment** **Advisory note**

This advisory note provides an overview of the basics for protocol and security matters of the Opening Ceremony of the High-Level Segment

**Date : 9 September**

**Time : 10:30am to 11:30am**

**Venue : Plenary Hall , India Expo Center and Mart, New Delhi, India**

The Opening Ceremony of the High-Level Segment to be attended by His Excellency Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, Republic of India, His Excellency Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, His Excellency Mr. Prakash Javedkar, President of COP 14 and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Republic of India, Her Excellency Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and other dignitaries will take place from 10:30am to 11:30am on 9 September in the Plenary Hall.

### **Opening of COP14 venue**

- COP14 venue, India Expo Mart Ltd., Greater Noida, will be opened as per regular working hours.
- The venue of the Opening Ceremony of the High-Level Segment, COP14 Plenary Venue will be closed from 10:00am to 11:30am. Participants are asked to take their seats by 09.45am in Plenary to ensure that the sessions can open promptly at 10.30. Plenary Hall doors will be closed at 10:00am

### **Registration procedures**

- Registration on-site will be open on Saturday, 7 September from 12:00 pm to 8:00pm
- Registration will be closed from 8:00pm on Saturday, 7 September to 12:00pm on Monday, 9 September. No badges will be issued.
- Participants are required to collect their badges at the Conference Centre at the registration desk prior to 8:00pm on Saturday, 7 September.
- Participants are urged to register their Head of Delegation, Ministers and any other accompanying officials and collect their badges during opening hours of registration desk.

### **Arrival of participants**

- Official shuttles for participants will have direct access to the COP14 venue via gate 1.
- Vehicles transporting Heads of Delegations and Ministers, with VIP stickers, will have direct access to the COP14 venue via gate 1.
- All other vehicles will not be allowed in the COP14 premises and participants will be required to walk to gate 1.

- Participants are requested to wear their issued identity badges at all times in order to gain access to COP14 venue.

### **Security procedure at gate 1 (screening tent)**

- It is important that everyone is security screened before entering the COP14 venue. Security screening will take more time.
- Participants are requested to wear their issued identity badges at all times in order to gain access to the Plenary Hall. No additional photo ID will be required.
- Additional screening procedures will be in place to access COP14 venue:
  - o Bags will be searched
  - o Participants will be required to remove laptops before passing through security, and in some cases, asked to remove all electronics to be scanned individually.
  - o If a frisk search is required, you will be asked to consent to this process.

### **Security procedure inside premises**

- All entrances/exits will be manned in addition to security at the podium.
- No bags and other items, including laptops and all electronics, will be allowed in the Plenary Hall, except for mobile phones.
- Participants are required to put mobile phones on silence mode and photos will not be allowed to avoid interruption.
- Participants have the right to refuse any screening process. However, if participants refuse, they will not be permitted to go through the security screening point.

### **Seating arrangement**

- Parties are guaranteed four reserved seats per delegation.
- IGOs, Special and UN Agencies and CSOs are guaranteed one reserved seat per delegation.
- A limited number of overflow seats are available on a first come, first served basis at the back of the Plenary Hall.
- Security and fire regulations do not permit participants to stand. Please note that security will enforce this requirement.
- Participants are asked to take their seats by 09:45am in Plenary to ensure that the sessions can open promptly at 10.00am.
- Plenary Hall doors will be closed from 10:00am to 11:30am.
- No movements inside the Plenary Hall will be allowed from 10:00am to 11:30am.

### **Cloakroom**

- Participants will be asked to store their bags and other items at the dedicated cloak room facility under the surveillance of UNDSS.
- The cloak room facility will be placed in the immediate vicinity of the Plenary Hall.
- No bags and other items will be allowed in the Plenary Hall, except for mobile phones.