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# *Earth Negotiations Bulletin:* Request for Funding
## January – December 2017

*Our mission is to increase transparency and accountability of intergovernmental sustainable development decision making.*

**For more than two decades, IISD Reporting Services has provided transparency and accountability to international policy-making at the United Nations. Via our flagship publication – the Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB) – our team of experts has provided real-time information to decision-makers in a publicly accessible format using the latest in information technologies, thus promoting transparency in multilateral policy-making.**

***The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) is the only group or organization that has kept as meticulous a record of the world's negotiations about issues critical to our survival, and has made it all available to the public.*** For over 20 years, since the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, IISD has been tracking and reporting the story of sustainable development, as it has been happening, while the world has been negotiating.

***IISD's Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB),* a one-page, double-sided publication that is distributed each day to participants at selected UN environment and development negotiations*, provides neutral, balanced reporting of the negotiations in a timely manner, enabling government delegations and other stakeholders to engage more fully in the decision-making process*.** Many UN delegates, NGOs and UN staff who track environment and sustainable development policy consider the ENB to be essential reading.

***In particular, the ENB benefits developing countries, some of whom face severe financial constraints in sending delegates to meetings, by providing a neutral and trusted source of information and analysis so that they are able to engage and participate effectively in the decision-making process.*** Thus, developing countries that may not be able to attend regional and international meetings can keep up with international processes and provide inputs into the process. Many small delegations from developing countries that may not be able to participate in all negotiating sub-groups also benefit. The ENB provides civil society with information for effective lobbying.

***Since 1992, the number of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) has increased significantly, along with the number of related negotiating sessions.*** Today the information available to policy makers, non-governmental organizations, practitioners, and the environment and sustainable development community has expanded far beyond their ability to receive and absorb it all, and their needs have changed as a result. IISD continues to address these stakeholders' needs.

***The goal of the ENB is to enhance participants' capacity to engage in effective negotiations and raise awareness about government positions in international environmental policy meetings.***

***Production of the ENB is supported by contributions from governments, international organizations, and United Nations agencies and foundations.*** This funding enables IISD to send teams to key UN negotiations and provide a credible and easily accessible resource of information about the issues under discussion at these meetings, as well as knowledge regarding the processes and context in which decisions are made. Transparency in the process builds in accountability and better implementation, leading to better outcomes.

***In 2017, IISD seeks approximately US$ 1.9 million to publish the Earth Negotiations Bulletin from key multilateral negotiations.***


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# *ENB* Project Proposal: January -December 2017

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## About the International Institute for Sustainable Development

The International Institute for Sustainable Development's mission is to promote human development and environmental sustainability through innovative research, communication and partnerships. Established in 1990, IISD is an independent, non-profit organization that provides practical solutions to the challenge of integrating environmental and social priorities with economic development. IISD reports on international negotiations, conducts rigorous research, and engages citizens, businesses and policy-makers on the shared goal of developing sustainably. The institute has offices in Canada, Switzerland and the United States, and operates in over 70 countries around the world. As a registered charitable organization in Canada, IISD has 501 (c) (3) status in the U.S. For more information on IISD, visit www.iisd.org.


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## About IISD Reporting Services

For decades, IISD Reporting Services (RS) is the division of IISD that has been inside the global environment and sustainable development negotiations, armed with laptops, tracking, filtering and reporting on key meetings. IISD RS provides clarity when the volume of information can be overwhelming and bridges the information deficit of developing countries, thereby contributing to environmental justice.

**Who is IISD RS:** IISD RS is based in New York City, USA near the United Nations. Our staff and consultants are a group of professionals with experience in international environment and sustainable development negotiations, the majority of whom are either Ph.D. candidates, lawyers or Ph.Ds. To learn more about IISD RS and our team, visit: www.iisd.ca and www.iisd.ca/about/team/ .

**IISD RS ENB Archives, (1994-present):** IISD RS' *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* (ENB) is a balanced, timely, and independent report and record of negotiations across a full range of environmental and sustainable development issues. Visit the ENB Archives at www.iisd.ca/enb/ for a complete list of all bulletins.

In addition to the production of the ENB, IISD Reporting Services also provides:

***ENB+:*** Our "for hire" conference and meeting reporting service available to clients who wish to hire IISD RS to provide customized reporting from their event.

***Community Mailing Lists:*** Moderated community announcement emails for policy-makers and practitioners involved with environment and sustainable development issues.

***Side Events Coverage (ENBOTS):*** ENB on the Side, our companion product to the ENB, communicates the key messages from side events held at large meetings, such as COPs.

***Video Services:*** A companion product to the ENB and ENBOTS that provides video summaries and daily wrap videos from meetings and events.

***Knowledge Management of the SDGs:*** Freely searchable databases that track and report on important meetings and publications emerging between the key negotiations of intergovernmental agreements.

# IISD Reporting Services in 2017:

## *Continuing to publish the Earth Negotiations Bulletin*

## *and providing balanced, timely, objective and informative conference reporting.*

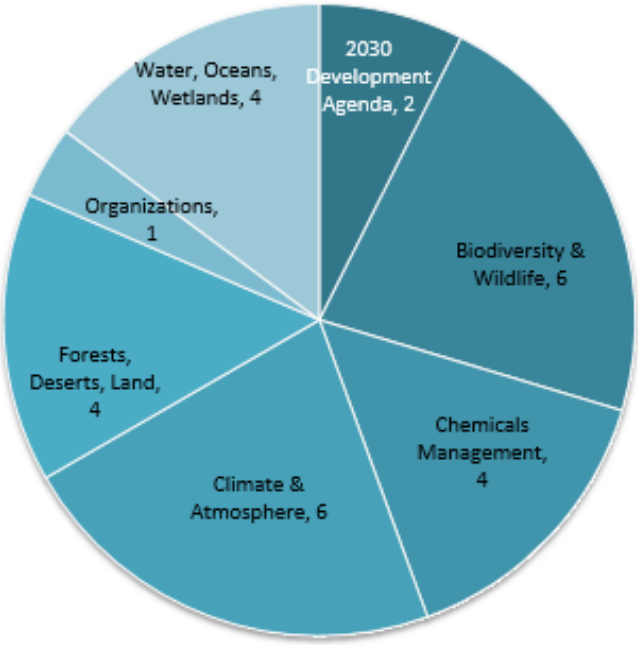
### From January to December 2017 *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* will continue to:

- ✓ create a **level information playing-field** at meetings
- ✓ contribute to **transparency** in international negotiations
- ✓ provide **useful information to policy-makers** and those interested in contributing to the policy development process
- ✓ **disseminate information** on the activities of governments, NGOs and the United Nations at international meetings
- ✓ provide **real-time information to environment and development decision makers** using new and emerging information technologies
- ✓ contribute to the **academic body of knowledge** about these meetings
- ✓ maintain a **trusted information flow to policy-makers** on the activities of related negotiating processes

### In 2017, IISD will bring coverage of the:

- ➢ the fifth meeting of the **High Level Political Forum**
- ➢ the **23rd session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC**
- ➢ the **29th meeting of the CITES Animals and Plants Committees**
- ➢ the **12th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species**
- ➢ the **13th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification**
- ➢ meetings of the **United Nations Forum on Forests**
- ➢ meetings of the **Montreal Protocol**
- ➢ meetings of the working group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of **marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction**
- ➢ the **Third Meeting of the OECPR and Third Universal Session of the UN Environment Assembly of UNEP**

In 2017, IISD RS will continue to provide a stream of reports and will publish the ENB from MEA negotiations on sustainable development and environment. A detailed list of meetings is on page 11.




| Earth Negotiations Bulletin Program Expenses, 2017 | |
|---|---|
| Specific Meeting Costs | 1,466,820 |
| Staff Salaries and Direct Operating Costs | 448,286 |
| **TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED** | **USD 1,915,106** |

**-Additional budgetary information can be found on page 10-**

# IISD Coverage of MEA Negotiations in 2016:

- Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Preparatory Meetings and 2nd Open-ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) to the UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 16th Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum (GMGSF) and 2nd Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) of UNEP
- 7th session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Mercury (INC 7)
- 4th meeting of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
- Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS)
- Meetings of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF) Ad Hoc Expert Group
- 43rd and 44th sessions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- 1st and 2nd Session of the Preparatory Committee Established by the UN General Assembly Resolution 69/292 "Development of an International Legally Binding Instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
- 17th meeting of the UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (ICP-17)
- 15th Session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 15) of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- 66th Meeting of the Standing Committee and the 17th Session of the Conference of the Parties to Convention on Migratory Species
- High Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
- 36th and 37th meetings of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG 36 and OEWG 37) and the 28th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

**For a list of previously covered meetings by the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* go to:**
http://www.iisd.ca/meetings/2016/

2nd Open-ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR) to the UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

Bonn Climate Change Conference - May 2016

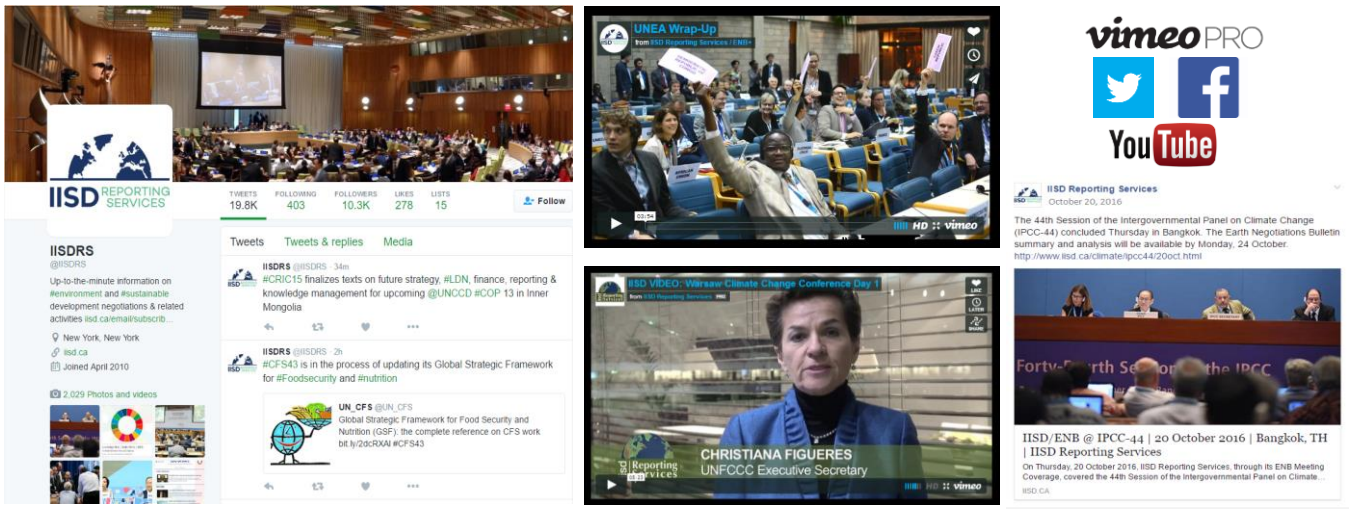
2nd Session of the Preparatory Committee Established by the UN General Assembly Resolution 69/292 "Development of an International Legally Binding Instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction"

38th Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

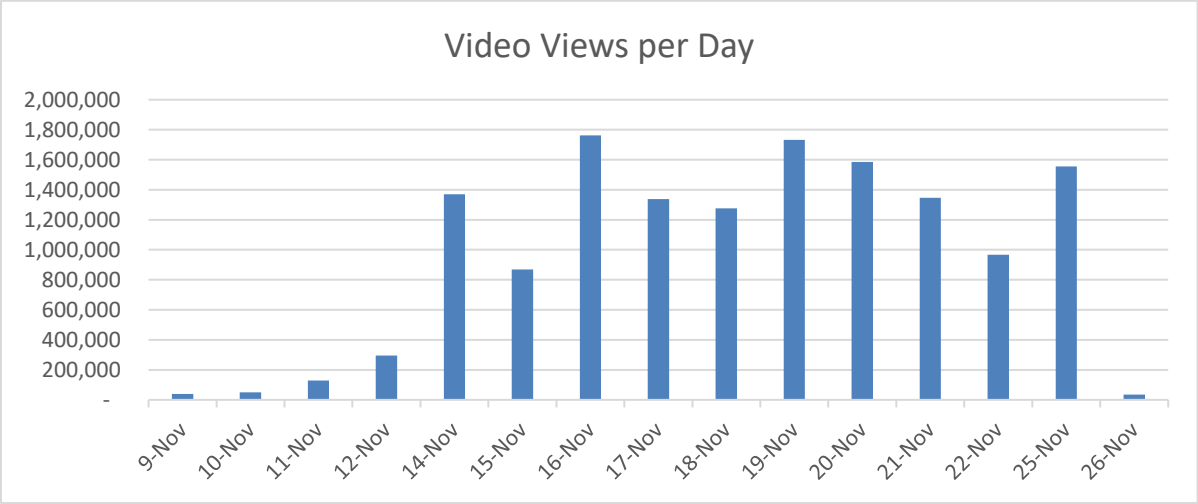
# IISD in Video and Social Media

In May 2013, IISD RS introduced video coverage at the Seventh meeting of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) Pilot Countries and produced a total of 45 videos during the year, including from the Bonn Climate Change Conference, the Final Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development, and main and side events at the UNFCCC COP 19. The demand for IISD video coverage has since grown, and IISD produced over 40 videos from main, side and special events at UNFCCC COP 22.

IISD maintains two Twitter accounts and one Facebook page, which are used to expand our audience and demographics of our readers.




During UNFCCC COP22, **IISD RS' videos reached readers from over 100 countries** and was **viewed over 3.8 million times** on Facebook. The below figure shows the reach and views of videos from the COP that were posted to Facebook. Video views have increased since IISD first produced videos at COP19 in Warsaw, indicating the value and interest in the information provided via video.




Please note that the number of views were dependent upon when a video was released and promotional activities.

# IISD Reporting Services and the ENB

## *The issue and its importance*

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**SUMMARY OF THE 44TH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE: 17-21 OCTOBER 2016**

The 44th session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC-44) convened from 17-21 October 2016, in

The IPCC has three Working Groups (WGs): Working Group I (WGI) addresses the physical science basis of climate change; Working Group II (WGII) addresses climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability; and Working Group III (WGIII) addresses options for limiting GHG emissions and mitigating climate change. Each WG has two Co-Chairs and six Vice-Chairs, except for the fifth assessment cycle when WGIII had

Representation and participation in international decision-making requires access to information about the issues under discussion, as well as knowledge about the process and context in which decisions are made. Informed decision-making contributes to greater transparency and accountability, which leads to better implementation and outcomes. Those involved in multilateral negotiations on environment and sustainable development issues need to access and analyze the information required to inform and influence decision-making processes. This is particularly challenging for both developed and developing countries in the rapidly evolving and expanding number of activities related to such negotiations. Trusted curators of knowledge are therefore increasingly important.

Since the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, IISD RS's Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB) has filled this critical need by increasing transparency and providing objective and comprehensive reporting on multilateral negotiations on environment and sustainable development issues, thus enabling government delegations and other stakeholders to engage more fully in the decision-making process. In particular, the ENB benefits developing countries, some of whom face severe financial constraints in sending delegates to meetings, by providing a neutral and trusted source of information and analysis so that they are able to engage and participate effectively in the decision-making process.

We distribute our daily reports in hard copy at meeting venues, on our website, by email, on Facebook and via Twitter (@IISDRS). At the conclusion of each meeting, ENB publishes a 10,000–30,000-word summary and analysis of the meeting.

Many UN delegates, ministers and other governmental officials, non-governmental organizations, business and academic communities, media reporters, and UN staff members who track environment and sustainable development negotiations consider the ENB to be essential reading. The ENB has received high praise for its objective and comprehensive presentation of the facts.

"I would like to express my deep gratitude to the entire IISD team involved in bringing about this unprecedented quality coverage of the official Swiss COP side event. The innovative and wide ranging reporting products you offer have become integral parts of this and other highly complex UN processes and related meetings. Without them we would not know how to effectively navigate through a COP."

*-Head, Swiss Programme on Climate Change*

"The ENB may be useful for developed country delegations at the negotiations but it is an invaluable record and resource for developing nation delegations. The ENB has served as a much needed development tool over the past twenty years without which the playing field would not be leveled."

*-Professor Calestous Juma*

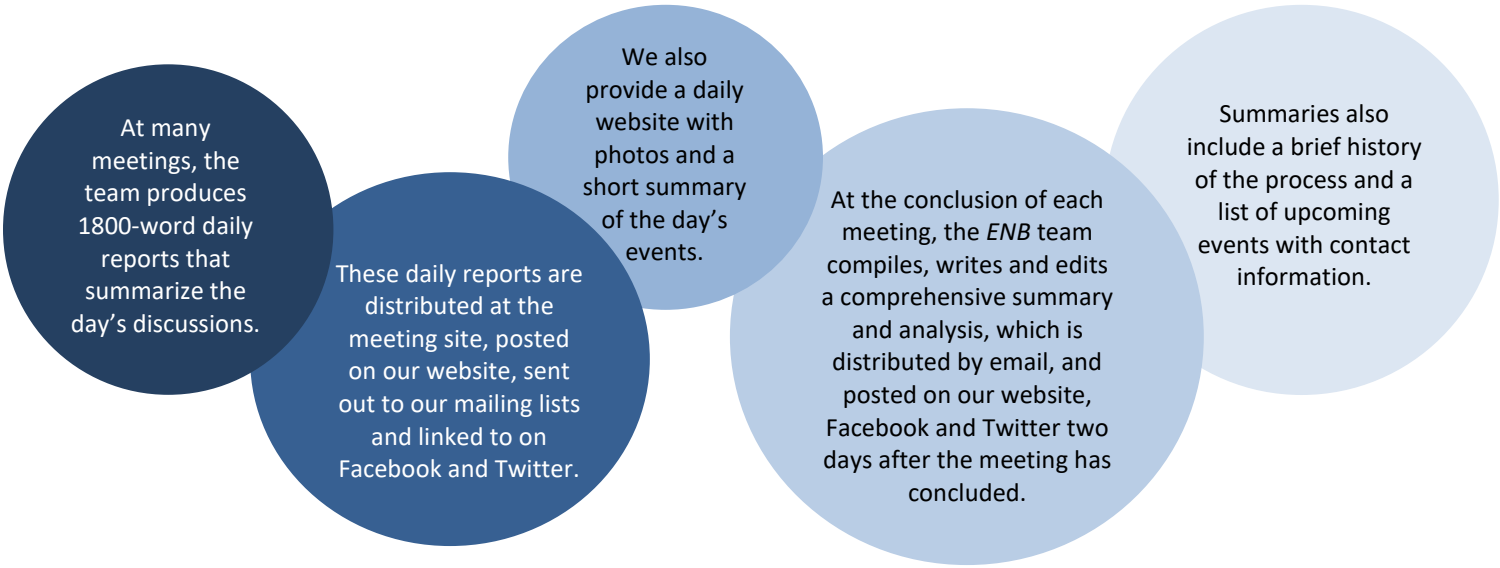
"The ENB plays a decisive role in the negotiations. It provides governments with daily snapshots of complex negotiation processes, and therefore often helps delegations define and refine positions. It provides stakeholders with an understanding of these processes, enhancing accountability and contributing to driving ambition. ENB is the spotlight and the tool that translates decision-making processes that define the future of our societies and economies, of our planet for the world at large. Without ENB we would all lose out."

*-Paula Caballero,*
*Global Practice Director for Environment and Natural Resources, World Bank Group*

## *Production of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin*

Depending on the meeting and level of funding, IISD publishes daily and/or summary reports from MEA negotiations. Daily issues are a one-page, double-sided publication that is distributed each day to participants. Summary issues are published within 48 hours of the conclusion of each meeting, synthesizing the outcomes of the meeting.

Daily and summary reports are posted and archived on our website and delivered through our email lists, Facebook and Twitter. Our lists reach over 100,000 sustainable development professionals, from policy makers to stakeholders.




At major meetings, such as Conferences of the Parties, a separate publication, ENB on the Side (ENBOTS), reports on side events during the meeting. ENBOTS complements the ENB reports from the main negotiations, as these side events have increasingly become more and more important "incubators" of ideas that are incorporated into the official negotiations. In addition, many of the side events provide information about the activities of specialized agencies, governments and non-governmental organizations involved in new research and implementation.

Depending on funding, translations of the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* into French, Spanish, Arabic and Japanese are also provided

This reporting also feeds into IISD Reporting Services' (IISD RS) Sustainable Development Knowledge Hub (http://sdg.iisd.org/). These knowledge resource is enhanced through our community email lists (listservs), through which we have built communities of practice on topics such as climate change, biodiversity, oceans and the post-2015 development agenda. For an overview of IISD RS' activities, please see page 3.

## *Key relationships with other institutions and agencies*

IISD RS maintains excellent relationships with the various Secretariats and United Nations agencies responsible for the organization and planning of the events to be covered.

IISD RS does not participate in meetings as an NGO or as media, but as Staff or Affiliates of the Secretariat, which ensures unrestricted access to meetings and delegates. This is essential to ensure that the information we provide is "first hand" and unbiased by hearsay. This status is a precondition for the participation of IISD RS at any negotiation.

# 2017 BUDGET & OUTPUTS

The overall budget for the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* in the 2017 is estimated at a total of US$ 1.9 million

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An explanation of expenditures can be found in the Appendix on page 10.

IISD plans to publish the Earth Negotiations Bulletin and provide daily web coverage from a minimum of twenty-five meetings during 2016 in the areas of climate change (UNFCCC, IPCC), biodiversity (CBD, Ramsar, CITES, CMS, ITPGR, CGIAR), chemical management (Stockholm, Rotterdam, Montreal Protocol), forests (UNFF, COFO, ITTC), and meetings of the UN Environment Assembly and High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

In the event that additional environment and development meetings and/or conferences are added to or shifted on the UN calendar, the plan of activities for the Earth Negotiations Bulletin during the period covered by this proposal may be altered to reflect such additions and/or changes in the UN calendar.

***A full list of meetings can be found in the Appendix on page 11.***

# Support the Earth Negotiations Bulletin

The Earth Negotiations Bulletin has successfully raised funds for the past 24 years from more than forty donors. Initial funding in 1992 came from the Ford Foundation, Compton Foundation and W. Alton Jones Foundation, the Mott Foundation, the Swedish Ministry of the Environment, the Norwegian Ministry of the Environment, the World Bank, GREENWIRE, the Jenifer Altman Foundation, the Canadian Purple Martin Fund and WWF. Since 1994, the Earth Negotiations Bulletin has been funded by government ministries, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and private organizations.

IISD has established three donor categories:

**SUSTAINING DONOR (US$150,000 or more per year in a continuing relationship):** The minimum donor level to be listed as a Sustaining Donor in the ENB masthead of each daily and summary issue is US$150,000 per year with a commitment to sustain that level. Sustaining Donors allow us to undertake long-term planning for the future of this publication.

**GENERAL SUPPORTER (more than US$50,000 per year):** The minimum donor level for General Supporter is US$50,000. General Supporters are listed in the masthead of each daily and summary issue.

**SPECIFIC SUPPORTER (more than US$10,000 per meeting):** This level includes smaller contributions to support coverage of individual meetings and travel and per diem contributions from convention secretariats. Specific supporters are listed in the masthead of each daily and summary issue from that meeting.

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# APPENDIX

## Program Expenses:

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| ***Details of Above Expenses*** | |
|---|---|
| *Consultants: Writers, Digital Editors, Editors* | *575,304* |
| *Travel to/from & Accommodations at Meetings* | *681,883* |
| *Web Communications, Outreach* | *39,026* |
| *Office Rent and Supplies* | *114,948* |
| *Staff* | *503,945* |
| ***TOTAL AMOUNT*** | ***USD 1,915,106*** |

### ENB Staff Salaries and General Operating Costs

**Consultants:** Part-time consultants include those who are placed on teams sent to meetings, including writers, editors, digital editors, and logistics coordinators. Part-time consultants also assist with website and database design, formatting and electronic publishing work and managing of electronic mail lists.

**Travel:** Travel includes flights to and from and accommodations at meetings for all team members, in addition to some funds used towards fundraising for the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* in 2016 and internal meetings.

**Web Communications, Outreach:** IISD RS's primary distribution platform is the website and community listservs, which require continued maintenance, in addition to posting links to recently published Bulletins via Facebook and Twitter.

**Office Rent and Supplies:** IISD's New York office is located six blocks from the United Nations. Supplies include office consumables (toner, paper, etc.), upgrades to existing software, computer and digital imaging and recording equipment.

**Staff:** Members of the IISD Reporting Services staff who are full or part-time staff.

## *List of Specific Meeting Coverage in 2017*

IISD plans to publish the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* from the below tentative list of meetings during 2016. In the event that additional environment and development meetings and/or conferences are added to or shifted on the UN calendar, the plan of activities for the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* during the period covered by this proposal may be altered to reflect such additions and/or changes in the UN calendar. Coverage of some meetings may be cut if sufficient funding is not available.

Budgets for individual meetings can be provided upon request.

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|---|---|
| UNFF Working Group and Special Session | 16-20 January 2017, New York, NY |
| CGRFA and Special Event | 28, 30 January - 3 February 2017, Rome, Italy |
| 1st Meeting of the Intersessional process for considering SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 | 7-9 February 2017, Brasilia, Brazil |
| IPBES 5, Stakeholder Meeting | 6-10 March 2017, Bonn, Germany |
| Preparatory Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument on Marine Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) | 27 March - 7 April 2017, New York, NY |
| IPCC 45 | 3-9 April 2017, TBC |
| Back to back Rotterdam, Stockholm, Basel COPs | 24 April-5 May 2017, Geneva, Switzerland |
| UNFF 12 | 1-5 May 2017, New York, NY |
| United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea - 18th meeting | 15-19 May 2017, possibly New York, NY |
| UNFCCC SBs | 8-18 May 2017, Bonn, Germany |
| UNFCCC SBS: ENBOTS | 8-18 May 2017, Bonn Germany |
| Second Annual Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development follow up ( FfD Forum) | 22-25 May 2017, New York, NY |
| High-Level UN Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14 | 5-9 June 2017, New York, NY |
| Montreal Protocol OEWG 39 | 11-14 July 2017, Bangkok, Thailand |
| High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF 5) | 10-19 July 2017, New York, NY |
| Preparatory Committee for an international legally binding instrument on marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) | 10-21 July 2017, New York, NY |
| CITES Animals Committee 29, Join Session, Plants Committee | 18-21, 22, 24-27 July 2017, location TBD |
| Mercury COP 1 | 25-29 September 2017, Geneva, Switzerland |
| IPCC 46 | 4-10 September 2017, location TBC |
| UNCCD COP 13 | 4-15 September 2017, Ordus, Inner Mongolia, China |
| ITPGR GB 7 | Second half of 2017, location TBA |
| POP RC 13, CRC 13 | 17-21 October, 23-27 October 2017, Rome, Italy |
| CMS COP 12, High Level Segment | 22, 23-28 October 2017, Manila Philippines |
| CMS COP 12, ENBOTS | 22, 23-28 October 2017, Manila Philippines |
| CBD Article 8j, SBSTTA 21 | Second half of 2017, location TBA |
| Montreal Protocol MOP 29 | November 2017, Montreal, Canada TBC |
| UNFCCC COP 23 | 6-17 November 2017, location TBA |
| UNFCCC COP 23: ENBOTS | 6-17 November 2017, location TBA |
| UNFCCC COP 23: Video | 6-17 November 2017, location TBA |
| ITTC 53 | 27 November - 2 December 2017, Lima Peru |
| OECPR 3 and UNEA -3 | 29 November - 1 December, 4-6 December 2017, Nairobi, Kenya |

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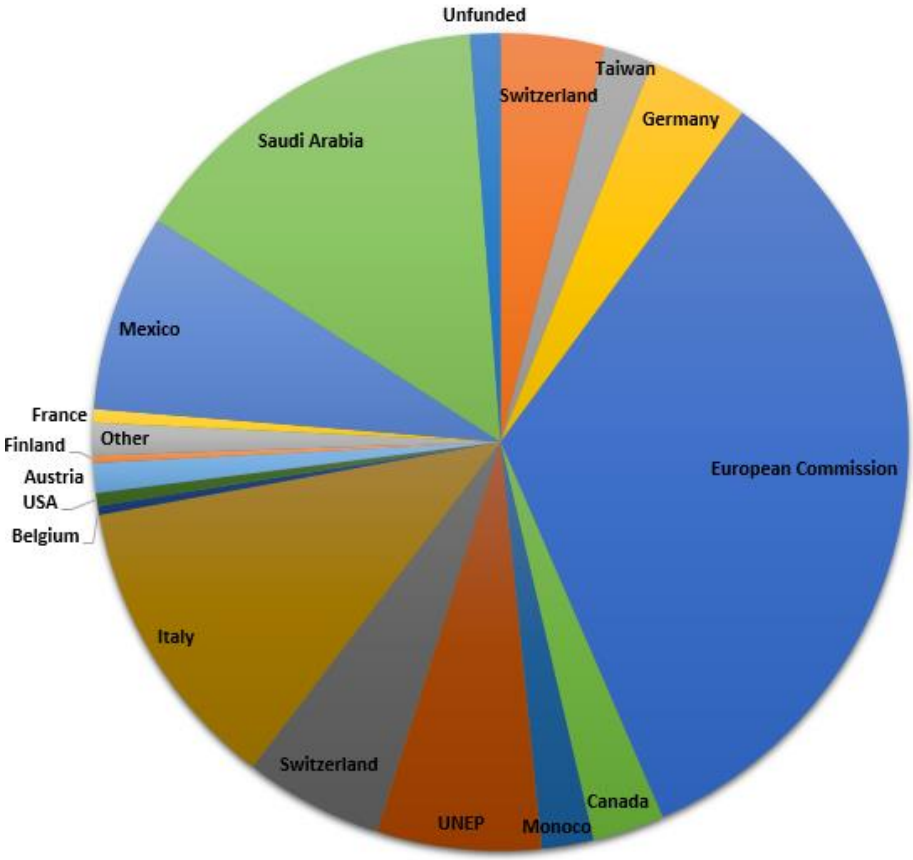


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