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Proposal for coverage of the:
Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action

Our mission is to:

*increase transparency and accountability of intergovernmental sustainable development decision making.*

The International Institute for Sustainable Development Reporting Services’ (IISD RS) flagship publication – the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* (ENB) – fills a critical need to increase transparency and accountability in multilateral environmental treaty negotiations by bringing real-time information to decision makers in a publicly accessible format.

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) is seeking specific additional funding to support the writing and publishing of the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB)*, a reporting service for multilateral negotiations, at the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) to be held from 10-14 March 2014 in Bonn, Germany. The *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* provides real-time information to decision makers and promotes transparency in multilateral policymaking, using the latest in information technologies.

The total estimated budget for coverage of the ADP will be US$39,046.
In 2014 IISD RS will continue to:

**publish the Earth Negotiations Bulletin**

& provide balanced, timely, objective and informative conference reporting.

The Earth Negotiations Bulletin will: 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 • and maintain a trusted information flow to policy-makers on the activities of related negotiating processes.

The budget for the production of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin at the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action to be held from 10-14 March 2014 in Bonn, Germany will be USD 39,046.

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The mission of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), a charitable, non-profit organization based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is to promote sustainable development in decision-making at the international and national levels. We contribute new knowledge and concepts, analyze policies, identify and disseminate information about best practices, demonstrate how to measure progress, and build partnerships to amplify these messages.

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The issue and its importance

Representation and participation in 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 better outcomes, and transparency builds accountability and better implementation. Those involved in multilateral negotiations on environment and 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 multilateral negotiations on environment and sustainable development. Trusted curators of knowledge are therefore increasingly important.

Since the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, IISD’s Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB) has filled a critical need by increasing transparency and providing objective and comprehensive reporting on multilateral negotiations on environment and sustainable development issues, which enables 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.

Over 125,000 policy makers and stakeholders consider the Earth Negotiations Bulletin to be essential reading. The ENB has received high praise from diplomats, UN staff, government officials, NGOs, the business community, media and the academic community:

In addition to the Earth Negotiations Bulletin, IISD’s Conference Reporting activities include:

| “For Hire” Conference Reporting Services: our “for-hire” conference and meeting reporting service available to clients who wish to hire IISD Reporting Services to provide reporting from their event. | Community Listservs: Moderated community announcement listserv for policy makers and practitioners involved with environment and sustainable development issues. | ENB On the Side: A companion product to the Earth Negotiations Bulletin that reports on side events held at large MEA events, such as conferences of the parties to MEA agreements. | Video reporting: the newest member of our suite of activities, we provide video summaries and daily wrap-up video reports from MEA and other meetings and events. | Linkages Update: a fortnightly publication with news on changes to our web site. |
OVERVIEW OF PROJECT

History of IISD Reporting Services Coverage of the ADP

The International Institute for Sustainable Development’s Division for Reporting Services (IISD RS) has a long history of providing timely, authoritative information on the activities of the UN related to climate change. IISD RS has covered negotiations under the UNFCCC since COP 1 in 1995, including the long-term climate negotiations since they were launched at the UN Climate Change Conference in Montreal in December 2005 and provided detailed reports and analysis of all the negotiating sessions.

The fourth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) will convene from 10-14 March 2014 in Bonn, Germany, where the Parties will continue discussing agenda items as set at the first meeting of the second session of the ADP in April 2013. Negotiators will consider elements for a draft negotiating text for a 2015 agreement and have been asked by the Co-Chairs to accelerate progress in increasing pre-2020 ambition, including through further activities under the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition. Additionally, the Warsaw decision has requested the ADP identify information that Parties will provide when putting forward contributions to enable the adoption of a meaningful agreement in 2015.

IISD Reporting Services has enhanced transparency of the UNFCCC process through neutral and accurate information on a technically complex and politically highly sensitive topic. ENB coverage is critically important for small delegations and also greatly benefits NGOs and academics following the negotiating process. IISD RS would wish to continue covering the negotiations at the meeting of the ADP 2-4.

The purpose of this project proposal

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) proposes to provide a balanced, timely and objective information service at the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action to be held from 10-14 March 2014 in Bonn, Germany.

This service will:

- raise awareness within the international policy community and media of the outcomes from this meeting;
- create a level information playing-field at the meeting;
- 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 this international meeting;
- provide real-time information to environment and development decision makers using the new and emerging information technologies;
- contribute to the academic body of knowledge about this meeting;
- and maintain a trusted information flow to policy makers on the activities of other related negotiating processes.

Proposed Outputs

THE EARTH NEGOTIATIONS BULLETIN: The Earth Negotiations Bulletin is a one-page, double-sided publication that is distributed each day to participants at selected UN environment and development negotiations and disseminated via email, our website (www.iisd.ca), Facebook and Twitter.

IISD will publish one summary issue of the ENB from the the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action to be held from 10-14 March 2014 in Bonn, Germany. The summary issue will be published within 48 hours of the conclusion of each meeting, synthesizing the outcomes of the meeting. The summary report will be posted and archived on our website and delivered through our email lists, Facebook and Twitter. The readership of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin is estimated at 125,000 people worldwide.
DIGITAL COVERAGE: If IISD RS receives support for a digital editor, the Earth Negotiations Bulletin team will provide digital coverage on our website (http://www.iisd.ca/), including digital photos and links to official documents and other related websites.

PROJECT BUDGET AND FUNDING

Meeting of the ADP

The budget for the production of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin at the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action to be held from 10-14 March 2014 in Bonn, Germany is presented in the below table. These figures include allocated costs.

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Support the Earth Negotiations Bulletin Coverage of ADP

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) is seeking funding from one or several sources.

The Earth Negotiations Bulletin has successfully raised funds over the last twenty 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.

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- Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN

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Volume 6: International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)
Volume 7: UN Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks
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