

Minister Hood Attends Climate Change Meeting in Tokyo

TOKYO, Japan, March 3, 2011 - Environment Minister Karl Hood is attending the 9th Informal Meeting on Further Actions against Climate Change which opened on Thursday in Japan.

Mr. Hood, who also holds ministerial responsibilities for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Export Development, will be making a presentation on Adaptation and leading the discussion on further actions to be taken following the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Cancun, Mexico last December.



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The two-day meeting, jointly organised by the governments of Japan and Brazil, is being attended by officials from around the world.

Speaking ahead of the meeting, the UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres called on governments to quickly transform the Cancun Agreements, agreed at the UN Climate Change Conference in Mexico, into tangible action on the ground, and provide clarity on the future of the Kyoto Protocol.

“Governments must now implement quickly what they agreed in Cancun and take the next big climate step this year in Durban,” she said.

Ms. Figueres described the outcome of the UN Climate Change Conference in Mexico as a solid step forward for strengthened global climate action, encompassing the basis for the largest collective effort the world has ever seen to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Minister Hood returns to Grenada on Sunday.