

## FACTBOX-Climate talks in 2010 on road to Mexico

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Feb 11 (Reuters) - The U.N. Climate Change Secretariat has asked countries for views by Feb. 16 about how many U.N. meetings should be held in 2010 to work on a deal to fight global warming after the low-ambition Copenhagen Accord. [ID:nLDE61A1ME]

Following are planned meetings in 2010

### UNITED NATIONS

The 194-nation U.N. climate change convention will host a meeting of senior officials in Bonn, Germany, from May 31-June 11 to prepare for a main annual meeting from Nov. 29-Dec. 10, in Cancun, Mexico. The Cancun talks are likely to group environment ministers, a downgrade from world leaders at the Copenhagen summit in December 2009. Last year there were five preparatory sessions of officials before Copenhagen and the United Nations also staged a climate summit in New York on Sept. 22.

### CHINA, INDIA, SOUTH AFRICA, BRAZIL (the BASIC group)

Environment ministers from the four countries met in New Delhi on Jan. 24 and agreed to meet quarterly, with the next meeting in South Africa in April. They called for five U.N. sessions before Mexico, with the first in March.

### MAJOR ECONOMIES FORUM (MEF)

A U.S.-led group of 17 major economies, accounting for about 80 percent of world greenhouse gas emissions. It met six times in 2009, including at a Group of Eight summit in Italy. The MEF calendar for 2009 is so far blank.

### GROUP OF 20

Same members as the MEF -- but adds Argentina, Saudi Arabia and Turkey. The G20 has focused most on reviving the economy, including promoting green growth. A G20 summit will be held in Canada alongside a G8 summit from June 25-27. South Korea will also host a G20 summit in November.

### GROUP OF EIGHT

The G8 meets in Canada on June 25-27. Last year it agreed to set a goal of limiting global warming to 2 degrees Celsius (3.6F) above pre-industrial times -- a goal adopted by many nations in the Copenhagen Accord.

### GREENLAND DIALOGUE

A Danish-led set of informal talks, between up to about 40 environment ministers from around the world, that started in 2005 and had a last session in Barcelona in November 2009. Related talks have been dubbed the "Southern Lights dialogue" in Argentina or the "Midnight Sun Dialogue" in Sweden.

### FORESTS

France plans a meeting on March 11 to discuss projects to slow deforestation; Norway will host a follow-up in May. Trees soak up greenhouse gases as they grow. Australia, Britain, France, Japan, Norway and the United States agreed to a \$3.5 billion plan in Copenhagen to slow deforestation.

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