

businesses and local governments. Some 40 special events were held in the margins of the meeting and featured such issues as the concerns of the insurance industry about the costs of climate change, the potential health effects of climate change, and the development of new energy technologies.

The next negotiating session will take place in Geneva in December, followed by two or three sessions in Bonn in 1997. The third session of the Conference of the Parties will be hosted by Japan in the ancient city of Kyoto from 1-12 December 1997. This meeting is expected to adopt a protocol or other legal instrument containing stronger commitments by developed countries for the post-2000 period.

The Convention secretariat will now begin moving to its new headquarters in Bonn.

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