

**Seminar to address the adverse impacts of Climate Change on the Full  
Enjoyment of Human Rights  
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*Statement read by the Secretariat on behalf of the UNFCCC*

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The UNFCCC is grateful to be at this meeting as an observer, in view of a more active participation at the next meeting. We congratulate and thank the organizers for taking the initiative to hold this seminar. We hope that it is a productive seminar and we look forward to the Summary Report that will be sent to the next UN Climate Change Conference (COP18).

The UNFCCC regrets that Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres was unable to attend. She would like to reassure you of the appreciation of your work and commit to being further engaged in the future.