**Earth Negotiations Bulletin: Spanish Translations**

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 funding to support the writing and publishing of the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* (ENB), a reporting service for environment and development negotiations, at a minimum of 70 meetings between January 2015 and December 2017. The *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* provides real-time information to decision makers and promotes transparency in multilateral policymaking using the latest information technologies. The production of the ENB is supported by contributions from governments, United Nations agencies and private organizations.

The estimated budget for translation of meetings into Spanish from January 2015- December 2017 will be approximately US$166,600 per year for three years approximately US$499,800 for all three years.
Proposal Overview

The Earth Negotiations Bulletin provides balanced, timely, objective and informative conference reporting from environment and sustainable development negotiations.

The Earth Negotiations Bulletin: creates a level information playing-field at meetings • contributes to transparency in international negotiations • provides useful information to policy-makers and those interested in contributing to the policy development process • disseminates information on the activities of governments, NGOs and the United Nations at international meetings • provides real-time information to environment and development decision makers using new and emerging information technologies • contributes to the academic body of knowledge about these meetings • and maintains a trusted information flow to policy-makers on the activities of related negotiating processes •

As we move forwards, the Earth Negotiations Bulletin would like to provide Spanish translations of the ENB published from negotiating processes within the following areas:

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The estimated budget for the translation of a minimum of 70 of the Earth Negotiations Bulletins will be approximately US$499,755. Each meeting budget includes the following items: Spanish translator consultant costs; digital and distribution costs; and costs for the digital and physical distribution, publication, and promotion of the meetings translated into Spanish including the cost of daily editions and summaries.

| Total Costs for Translation into Spanish | 434,586.60 |
| Professional Fees: Program Management   | 65,188.00  |
| **TOTAL COSTS**                          | **USD 499,775.00** |

If you would like to make a contribution to support the IISD Reporting Services, please contact: kimo@iisd.org or Jennifer@iisd.org

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Translation of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin into Spanish

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publish the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin*

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

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- create a level information playing-field at meetings
- contribute to transparency in international negotiations
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- 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 the latest information technologies
- contribute to the academic body of knowledge about these meetings
- maintain a trusted information flow to policy-makers on the activities of related negotiating processes

In early 2015, IISD will bring coverage of the:

- the meetings of the Post-2015 Development Agenda Negotiations
- the preparatory meetings for and the Conference on Financing for Development
- the Back to back Rotterdam, Basel and Stockholm COPs
- the eleventh meeting of the United Nations Forum on Forests
- the twelfth Meeting of the COP of the Ramsar Convention to Wetlands
- meetings of the working group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction
- meetings of the CRIC and the COP to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification

The *Earth Negotiations Bulletin in Spanish*:

- will benefit the Spanish speaking negotiators and observers, in particular those from developing countries
- will increase the impact of the ENB’s ability to create a level information field and contribute to transparency to international negotiations by being more accessible to a larger demographic
- allows the Spanish speaking community access to information on the activities of governments, NGO’s and the United Nations at international meetings

Translating the ENB into Spanish will increase the reach of the ENB to the Spanish speaking community, which is currently estimated at 16% of IISD’s readership.

A report produced in 2011 by Mexico on the value of the ENB translated into Spanish, drew comments including:

- “In the case of Spanish speaking delegations, which cannot follow all working groups due to insufficient resources, the Bulletin allows them to follow up more subjects than they usually do;”
- “Ministers to lower range officers usually look for the Spanish versions of the IISD;”
- and “Having this material in Spanish allows (us) to follow up the fora it works on, and to better spread (knowledge) about the different subjects it addresses.”
The Earth Negotiations Bulletin

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.

No organization, other than IISD, provides as complete an information service to assist in following and understanding negotiations, policy discussions, workshops, conferences and symposia. IISD Reporting Services (IISD RS), the division within IISD producing the ENB, is well recognized for its expertise in keeping track of the tens of dozens of key international MEAs and regional environmental meetings on issues including climate change, biodiversity, chemical management, desertification, sustainable development and, most recently, the post-2015 development agenda.

Over 158,000 policy makers and stakeholders consider the ENB 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:

“I would like to express my deep gratitude to the entire IISD team involved in bringing about this unprecedented quality coverage of the official Swiss COP side event. The innovative and wide ranging reporting products you offer have become integral parts of this and other highly complex UN processes and related meetings. Without them we would not know how to effectively navigate through a COP.”

-Head, Swiss Programme on Climate Change

“The ENB may be useful for developed country delegations at the negotiations but it is an invaluable record and resource for developing nation delegations. The ENB has served as a much needed development tool over the past twenty years without which the playing field would not be leveled.”

-Professor Calestous Juma

“The ENB plays a decisive role in the negotiations. It provides governments with daily snapshots of complex negotiation processes, and therefore often helps delegations define and refine positions. It provides stakeholders with an understanding of these processes, enhancing accountability and contributing to driving ambition. ENB is the spotlight and the tool that translates decision-making processes that define the future of our societies and economies, of our planet for the world at large. Without ENB we would all lose out.”

-Paula Caballero,
Global Practice Director for Environment and Natural Resources, World Bank Group
Production of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin

Depending on the meeting and level of funding, IISD publishes daily and/or summary reports from MEA negotiations. Daily issues are a one-page, double-sided publication that is distributed each day to participants. Summary issues are published within 48 hours of the conclusion of each meeting, synthesizing the outcomes of the meeting.

Daily and summary reports are posted and archived on our website and delivered through our email lists, Facebook and Twitter. The readership of ENB is estimated at 158,000 people worldwide and spans a number of languages, including English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese, French, German, and Chinese.

At many meetings, such as Conferences of the Parties, a separate publication, ENB on the Side (ENBOTS), reports on side events during the meeting. ENBOTS complements the ENB reports from the main negotiations, as these side events have increasingly become more and more important “incubators” of ideas that are incorporated into the official negotiations. In addition, many of the side events provide information about the activities of specialized agencies, governments and non-governmental organizations involved in new research and implementation.

Dependent upon funding, translations of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin into French, Spanish, Arabic and Japanese are also provided.

Key relationships with other institutions and agencies

IISD RS maintains excellent relationships with the various Secretariats and United Nations agencies responsible for the organization and planning of the events to be covered.

IISD RS does not participate in meetings as an NGO or as media, but as Staff or Affiliates of the Secretariat, which ensures unrestricted access to meetings and delegates. This is essential to ensure that the information we provide is “first hand” and unbiased by hearsay. This status is a precondition for the participation of IISD RS at any negotiation.

2015-2017 BUDGET & OUTPUTS

Between 2015 and 2017, IISD RS hopes to provide the translation of daily and/or summary issues of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin into Spanish from a minimum of 70 international meetings related to environment and sustainable development. The tentative list of meetings from which IISD would translate the ENB into Spanish are listed below, along with their respective estimated budgets. These amounts include allocated costs.
The estimated budget for the translation of the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin* from a minimum of 70 is US$499,755 or approximately 23 meetings per year at US$166,600 per year.

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