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***Adapting to a changing climate: it's time to talk technology!
CIDSE and Caritas Internationalis at the UN climate talks in Bonn
1-12 June 2009***

When: From 1-12 June 2009 the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) gathers in Bonn for a key intersessional meeting in the run-up to the Copenhagen climate talks in December this year.

Who: CIDSE and Caritas Internationalis run a joint Climate Justice campaign urging decision-makers to reach an ambitious and socially just post-Kyoto protocol which takes the needs of developing countries into consideration.

What: CIDSE and Caritas Internationalis will present the findings of their new joint report on the importance of adaptation technologies for the post-2012 climate agreement on Tuesday 2 June. Adaptation technologies are key for poor communities in the South to deal with the impacts of climate change. On Tuesday 9 June, CIDSE and CI will connect over 60 Southern partners in Malawi with journalists and delegates in Bonn via video link. Southern partners will present their recommendations for climate justice to the UNFCCC. The session will represent a unique opportunity to ask adaptation experts in the South about their struggle against the devastating impacts of climate change.

Where: The UNFCCC intersessional meeting takes place in the Maritim Hotel, Godesberger Allee 53175 Bonn, Germany. CIDSE's side-events will take place in the premises of the Germany Ministries of Environment and Transport next to the Maritim Hotel. Please see event invitations for further details.

Why: Despite the importance of technology for the process of adaptation to climate change, the UNFCCC has failed thus far to properly address the issue of adaptation technologies, key for poor communities in the South in their battle against the impacts of climate change. CIDSE and Caritas Internationalis, drawing on the experiences of their partners in developing countries, make recommendations for effective support to adaptation technologies under the post-2012 climate change agreement.

Spokespersons available for interviews:

The following CIDSE staff will be present in Bonn and available for interviews.

- Bernd Nilles (English, German), CIDSE Secretary General (2 and 9 June)
- Cliona Sharkey (English, French), CIDSE Climate Change expert (1-3 and 7-10 June), +32 (0)4 87 65 77 14

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- Climate change experts of CIDSE Member Organisations from the UK, the United States, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Ireland and Austria

CIDSE and Caritas Internationalis Southern partners from Asia, Africa and Latin America are available for interviews between 8 and 12 June.

Contact:

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