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ICT is latest initiative to be recognised by UNFCCC

Warsaw, Poland (PANA) - Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has become the latest initiative to be included under the Momentum for Change Lighthouse Activities by the Bonn-based UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat, which recognises and honours remarkable projects around the globe tackling climate change.

The UNFCCC secretariat and the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) on Thursday evening entered into a partnership with the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI), at a special event held on the margins of the UN Climate Change Conference taking place in Warsaw, Poland, to underline the critical role ICT plays to find solutions to the effects of climate change.

UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres, who noted the critical role ICT plays in putting the world on a low-carbon path, challenged the gathering to explore how the ICT sector can help respond to adaptation and mitigation challenges, key issues at UN negotiations.

"I would want you to begin to talk about adaptation which every day becomes more and more urgent and more and more important. How can we move the ICT sector to help respond to adaptation and mitigation," Figueres told an audience that included government officials and influential corporate leaders from ICT sector.

"I am excited to see what is going to come from the call that we will make next year and I am very excited to see what projects will be chosen to be celebrated next year in Lima, Peru," she said.

Beginning next year, people, institutions and companies can submit projects of how ICT addresses climate change and builds resilience.

The most innovative projects will be selected as Momentum for Change Lighthouse Activities, which will be recognised and celebrated at the next UN Climate Change negotiations to be held in December 2014 in Peru.

The new partnership between GeSI and the UN Climate Change secretariat is part of a larger initiative that showcases successful climate action around the world.

Momentum for Change focuses on women's leadership, urban poverty, innovative finance and, now, ICT solutions.

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