

Kyoto-Copenhagen symbolic train journey:

The climate experts arrive in Vladivostok to continue their journey along the Trans- Siberian route to Copenhagen

(Paris/Moscow, 20.11.09) Tomorrow, 21 November, the group of international climate experts will arrive in Vladivostok where they to continue their journey on the Trans-Siberian route to Moscow, and will travel from there to Copenhagen, to attend the COP15 United Nations Climate Change Conference.



The 'international environmentalists' journey across Russia's railway is part of the global "Train to Copenhagen" project organized by the International Union of Railways (UIC) and supported by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and their Seal the Deal campaign, as well as by and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

The campaign organized with the aim of marking a transition to a new generation of agreements on future global climate cooperation, began on 5 November in Kyoto (Japan) - the birthplace of the current Climate Change Protocol, with the UIC seminar on the role of rail transport in protecting the planet's climate system. A message for COP 15 participants signed in Kyoto by the rail community is on its way to Copenhagen through a symbolic rail journey.

From 21 November to 1 December, the message will continue its journey along the Trans-Siberian route in a special Russian Railways carriage. As part of the environmentalists' journey across Russia's railway, stops are planned at five large cities – Irkutsk, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg, Nizhny Novgorod, and Moscow.

Each stop will give the travel team the opportunity to meet with representatives of local authorities, representatives of environmental protection organizations, and journalists, and also to see innovative railway technology and personally witness the signs of climate change on Russia's territory.

On 1 December, a greeting ceremony will be held for participants in the environmental journey, on their arrival in Moscow.

From Moscow, the team will travel on to Brussels, where they will join the *Climate Express*, a special train running on 5 December from Brussels to Copenhagen, in order to deliver a climate message drawn up in Kyoto at the UN conference, and to recount the problems caused by climate change.

To learn more about the project please visit www.traintocopenhagen.com

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