

CONCEPT NOTE

HIGH LEVEL BREAKFAST EVENT THE 2030 AGENDA AND THE PARIS AGREEMENT: HARNESSING SYNERGIES THROUGH COHERENT IMPLEMENTATION Friday, 22 September 2017 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am Delegate Dining Room, West Terrace, UN HQ

Introduction

Climate Change presents the single biggest threat to sustainable development, and its widespread, unprecedented impacts disproportionately burden the poorest and most vulnerable. Urgent action to combat climate change and minimise its disruptions is integral to the successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The global and cross-cutting nature of climate change calls for synergetic and mutually-reinforcing implementation of both the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, as well as broad international cooperation in building resilience and adaptive capacity, developing sustainable low-carbon pathways to the future, and accelerating the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Purpose and Objective

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (**UN DESA**), in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative of Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) (**OHRLLS**) are co-hosting a High-Level Event on the sidelines of the General Debate of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly, focusing on how to harness synergies between the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, with a special emphasis on countries in special situation. The Event aims to provide a platform for an insightful dialogue among world leaders and for mobilizing and further enhancing political will and momentum towards a coherent and coordinated universal implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. The Event also hopes to generate, in line with the spirit of the Paris Agreement, ambitious actions on the ground that will increase resilience, cut greenhouse gas emissions and propel the world towards a cleaner, green economic.

Modality

This is a Breakfast Event, scheduled to be held at the **Delegate Dining Room, West Terrace, UNHQ on Friday, 22 September 2017, from 7:30 am to 9:00am**. The Event will be moderated by the Under Secretary-General of UN-DESA, Mr. Liu Zhenmin, and features an Opening Remark from USG and High Representative of OHRLLS and Closing Remark from the Executive Secretary of UNFCCC. Other speakers will include the President of COP23, the incoming President of COP24, and Chairpersons of the Group of most vulnerable countries including the Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), Least Developed Countries (LDC) and Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC). Invitation will also be extended to the Heads of the Negotiation Groups at the UNFCCC Climate process, the Chairpersons of the Group 77, European Union, the African Group, the Umbrella Group, the Environment Integrity Group, Arab Group, countries from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), a group of countries of Central Asia, Caucasus, Albania and Moldova (CACAM), the Cartagena Dialogue, the Independent Alliance of Latin America and the Caribbean (AILAC), the BASIC Group (Brazil, South Africa, China India), the Like-Minded Group, the Coalition for Rainforest Nations and the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of our America (ALBA in Spanish). To generate momentum on ratcheting up climate financing, invitation will also be extended to selected Heads of International Financial Institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations and relevant private sector representatives.

Expected Outcome

The Event will contribute to ongoing dialogue on synergic and coherent implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement and provide an impetus to multilateral work in promoting and supporting international agreements and cooperation in pursuit of sustainable development for all through addressing cross cutting issues, including climate change, that affect people's lives and livelihoods, especially the most vulnerable. The Event will garner the appropriate political momentum prior and building up to the convening in Bonn, Germany, in November 2017 of the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP23).

Tentative Programme

High Level Breakfast Event
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Time (am)	Agenda
7:15-7:20	Arrival of Participants
7:20 - 7:30	Participants seated & breakfast served
7:30 -7:35	Welcome Remarks by Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
7:35 – 7:40	Opening Remark by Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands Developing States (OHRLLS)
7:40 – 7:45	Prime Minister of Fiji-President of COP23
7:45 – 7:50	Head of Delegation of Poland (invited)
7:50 – 7:55	Chair of AOSIS
7:55 – 8:00	Chair of LDC
8:00 – 8:05	Chair of LLDC
8:05 – 8.55	Moderated Interactive Discussion
8:55 – 9:00	Closing Remarks – Executive Secretary UNFCCC (invited)