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**UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE
ON CLIMATE CHANGE**
EDUCATION, TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

UN Alliance Side Event on Non-Formal Education and Innovative Approaches for Climate Change Learning

**“One generation left to build a low emission and climate resilient society:
A call for action to support today’s young generation in developing their
knowledge and skills”**

A major shift in societies across the globe is required to make the transition to low emission, climate resilient development, and time is short. Much will depend, in fact, on what is done in the next 15 to 35 years. Therefore, the generation born this century will play a crucial role.

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This young generation needs to make the transition to a low carbon, climate resilient (“green”) lifestyle a reality. They need all the support possible to develop the necessary skills and tools to become the agents of change, and to be part of, as well as to lead, the solutions. Significant scaling up of investments in awareness-raising, training and education on climate change is thus essential. Innovative and large-scale actions and commitments from policy makers, businesses and the public are required.

Education is crucial as it promotes the changes in lifestyles, attitudes and behaviour needed to foster sustainable development and to address climate change. In this context, the side event will showcase the key role of non-formal education and highlight alternative approaches for climate change learning such as music, video games and social media. Non-formal climate change education holds great potential for reaching out to different communities, enhancing climate action and raising awareness. The [United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness](#) aims to promote meaningful, result-oriented and effective international cooperation in support of the action on climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation and access to information.

Objectives

- ✓ Call for action to support today’s young generation in developing their knowledge and skills;
- ✓ Motivate an exchange of experiences and innovative approaches on non-formal climate change education among Parties, IGOs, civil society, academia and youth;
- ✓ Highlight opportunities for scaling up education on climate change.

Participation

The UN Alliance side event is open to Parties, representatives of relevant bodies established under the Convention, experts, practitioners, other stakeholders as well as the private sector and the media.

Methodology

The event is structured to be dynamic and interactive, with interviews, activities with audience participation, videos and a performance.

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ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS
Video Message Three-minute video message on climate change and skills development for youth	Mr. Pharrell Williams
Welcome	Mr. Nick Nuttall, UNFCCC Spokesperson
Introduction Moderator speaks with UNICEF DED on behalf of the UN Alliance	Mr. Martin Frick, Director of Climate, Energy and Tenure Division, FAO, Moderator Ms. Yoka Brandt, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director
Opening remarks Moderator asks «What is the role of education for a transition to low emission, climate resilient development?»	Mr. Paul Watkinson, COP 21/CMP 11 Presidency Mr. Francesco La Camera, Italian Ministry for the Environment
Climate change psychology and the potential of non-formal climate change education	Mr. George Marshall, Climate Outreach Information Network
Innovative approaches to climate change learning: Moderator speaks with experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Angry Birds Video Game ✓ Connect4Climate ✓ Global Youth Music Contest ✓ French Red Cross 	Ms. Kathleen Rogers Mr. Max Thabiso Edkins Mr. Jean Paul Brice Affana Mr. Antoine Peigney
The role of youth in scaling up non-formal climate change education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Youth Climate Dialogue ✓ Climate change through the eyes of children from 11 countries around the world ✓ Youth Leader from WAGGGS ✓ Youth Leader from 3BL Associates 	Mr. Nikhil Seth, Executive Director, UNITAR Ms. Tatiana Kondo Ms. Alejandra Salas Mr. Tariq Al-Olaimy
Questions and Answers Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Interaction with the audience ✓ Closing remarks 	Mr. Martin Frick, Director of Climate, Energy and Tenure Division, FAO, Moderator