

Ambition, support and delivery, now and in the future

Informal Ministerial Round Table

5 December 2012

Overview

The COP 18/CMP 8 President, H.E. Mr. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, has extended an invitation to all Ministers and other Heads of Delegation to participate in an informal ministerial round table.

The President is taking this initiative to stimulate an inclusive and transparent exchange of views among Ministers and other Heads of Delegation and looks forward to a positive and constructive discussion providing critical political direction to future developments.

The event will be open to all Parties. No formal conclusions or summary document will be produced.

The round table will take place on Wednesday 5th December 2012 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, and will resume from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, in the Qatar National Conference Centre. The event will be a ministerial event. The room for the round table will be announced via the Daily Programme and CCTV early in the second week of the sessions.

Topics of the round table and format of discussions

This Presidential initiative, responds to requests from Parties, and offers the opportunity for Ministers and other Heads of Delegation to address the question: “**How can Mitigation, Adaptation and Means of Implementation be strengthened now and in the future?**”

The event will be convened by the President. He will invite two Ministers, one from a developed country Party and one from a developing country Party, to facilitate the discussions on the topic of enhanced implementation of national mitigation and adaptation actions. In the afternoon the President will also invite two other similar Ministers to facilitate the continued discussions.

The Ministers will facilitate discussions among Ministers and Heads of Delegation requesting to make an intervention and will moderate the interactions in a manner to ensure a free exchange of views. Parties are not requested to indicate their intention to make interventions prior to the round table.

Further information:

Delegations wishing to seek further information regarding this event are encouraged to contact Mr. Kareem Abouelsoud or Mrs. Sarah Al-Dorani from the presidency (ministerial@unfccc.int) .

Additional details on the organization of the round table may be addressed to the UNFCCC secretariat via Mr. Daniele Violetti (ministerial@unfccc.int).

AGENDA

11.00	<p>Welcome and introduction by the President: <i>H.E. Mr. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah</i></p> <p>Keynote address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations: <i>H.E. Mr. BAN Ki-moon</i></p>
11.20	<p><i>Enhanced implementation of mitigation and adaptation actions:</i></p> <p>Significant progress has been made at the past two sessions of the COP regarding the collective understanding of action and the challenges faced by Parties in mitigation and adaptation. The round table will provide an opportunity for Ministers to further elaborate on challenges and successes in the implementation of associated pledges, actions and plans and will inform Parties of the possibilities and potential for further enhancement of actions.</p> <p>While action happens at the national level, it is acknowledged that the enabling environment created through enhanced cooperative action, inspired by and consistent with the objective and principles of the Convention, forms the most solid foundation for releasing the full potential of such actions.</p> <p>Ministers will be invited to discuss the following two questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How are mitigation and adaptation actions being implemented and how can these be enhanced now and in the future including by and beyond 2015? ➤ What forms of cooperation would enable and stimulate low-emission and climate resilience in a manner which enables continuous progress towards sustainable economic and social development ?
13:00	Lunch Break
15.00	Afternoon Session (Continued Discussion)
17.45	Closing remarks by the President, H.E. Mr. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah
