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CLOSING OF GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION, BONN ZONE

KEY INFORMATION

About: The closing of the Global Climate Action activities at COP 23 is the moment of celebration to mark the end of the series of thematic and high-level engagement activities in the Bonn Zone. Ultimately, the event is a chance to recognise the vast numbers of governments, cities, regions, business, civil society and multilateral organizations coming collaboratively on-board to take pre-2020 climate action.

Date & Timing: 16:45pm-18:15pm, Tuesday 14 November

Location: Room 8, Bonn Zone

Opening Remarks:

- Martin Frick, Senior Director UNFCCC
- Salaheddine Mezouar, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco and President of COP 22

Key note:

 Paul Polman, CEO, Unilever and member of the Climate Action Leadership Network

Panel Speakers:

Moderator(s): Sarah Kelly and Phil Gayle, News Anchors, Deutsche Welle

- Anote Tong, Former President of Kiribati and member of the Climate Action Leadership Network
- Jacqueline Novogratz, CEO, Acumen
- **Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudii**, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, UAE and member of the Climate Action Leadership Network
- Paul Polman, CEO, Unilever and member of the Climate Action Leadership Network
- Mary Robinson, President Mary Robinson Foundation -Climate Justice
- Agnes Leina, Executive Director, Illaramatak Community Concerns

Closing Speakers:

 Inia Seruiratu, Climate Champion and Fijian Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management

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CONTEXTUALIZATION OF GLOCAL CLIMATE ACTION AT COP23

In the heart of the Bonn Zone at the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP23 in Bonn, Germany, the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action is hosting a five-day program of events, which will demonstrate how cities, regions, businesses and investors are working – in harmony with governments – to implement the Paris Agreement. In total, there will be well over 100 events, incorporating a range of formats, such as plenary events, roundtable discussions, press conferences, and digital dialogues for broadcast on Facebook Live.

The first three GCA days (10-12 November) will showcase action in 7 core thematic areas; namely Energy, Water, Land Use (Agriculture and Forests), Oceans & Coastal Zones, Human Settlements, Transport and Industry. The final two days (13-14 November) will pivot into the high-level segment, featuring the most prominent speakers who can spotlight the crosscutting themes of finance, innovation, resilience, Sustainable Development Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities & Communities) and Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger).

On the evening of 15 November, the high-level event will be brought to a close with highlights of the Global Climate Action programme relayed to assembled delegates, Ministers and Heads of State at one event within the main plenary room of the negotiations. This event provides the platform where non-Party stakeholders can land the critical message of the need for accelerated climate action and act as the critical bridge between non-Party actions and the negotiations. At this session the Yearbook of Global Climate Action 2017, which shows how non-Party actions can accelerate global momentum towards our common challenge, will be presented to Parties by the High-Level Champions. It will be attended by the United Nations Secretary General, António Guterres (who will offer remarks), as well as the COP President, Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama, and the Executive Secretary of UN Climate Change, Patricia Espinosa.