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### **UN Climate Change Secretariat Announces New Panel Members Tasked to Select Outstanding Examples of Action on Climate Change**

(Bonn, Germany, 26 June 2014) – Twelve high-profile leaders in the fields of information and communication technology, sustainable energy, international diplomacy and non-profit advocacy have joined the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat's [Momentum for Change Advisory Panel](#).

The now 25-member international panel is responsible for selecting the 2014 [Lighthouse Activities](#) – game-changing examples of action on climate change recognized by the United Nations each year. The panel also provides strategic guidance in expanding and strengthening Momentum for Change and supports the secretariat in marketing the initiative.

“I am pleased to welcome the 12 new members of the Advisory Panel,” said UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres. “With their help, we will be able to shine a light on initiatives that are moving communities, cities, businesses, governments and institutions toward a low-carbon, high-resilient future.”

Selected activities will be announced in November 2014 and celebrated during a series of special events in December at the UN Climate Change Conference in Lima, Peru. This provides a positive context for international climate negotiations, showing that action on climate change is not only possible but that it is already happening – in the hopes of inspiring others to do the same.

“We count on a new focus area in 2013 – [ICT Solutions](#) – and some great additional panellists on board that will join us in this year’s selection process. This is a critical year,” said Teresa Ribera Rodriguez, Chair of the Advisory Panel. “I look forward to working with the full panel over the coming months to select initiatives that demonstrate the great impact that positive action can have on the climate. I hope that by showcasing them, we can help mobilize action and ambition everywhere as national governments work toward a new, universal climate agreement in 2015.”

Momentum for Change is pleased to welcome the following 12 new members to its 2014 Advisory Panel:

- Chinmaya Acharya, Chief of Programs, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation
- Ignacio Campino, Board Member, Desertec Foundation
- Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Ambassador, Embassy of Mexico to the Federal Republic of Germany
- Ramiro Fernandez, Director, AVINA Foundation
- Matilda Gennvi Gustafsson, Sustainability Director, Ericsson Group



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- Antonio Hill, Executive Director, Global Call for Climate Action
- Ian Inaba, Executive Director, Citizen Engagement Lab
- Malcolm Johnson, Director of Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, International Telecommunication Union
- Thierry Klein, Head of Green Research, Bell Labs, Alcatel-Lucent
- Heather McGeory, Director of Partnerships, Purpose
- Luis Neves, Group Climate Change and Sustainability Officer, Deutsche Telekom
- Angelica Valeria Ospina, Research Fellow, Climate Change, Innovation and ICTs, the University of Manchester

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UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres on Twitter: @CFigueres

**Digital assets:**

Momentum for Change 2013 Annual Report:

<http://unfccc.int/mfc2013/>

Momentum for Change Podcast:

[http://unfccc.int/secretariat/momentum\\_for\\_change/items/8401.php](http://unfccc.int/secretariat/momentum_for_change/items/8401.php)

High-resolution images of the 2013 Lighthouse Activities are available at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/md77sbijzm5f3jz/metZ3E8kvO>

Short videos of the Lighthouse Activities are available at: <https://vimeo.com/user14800810>