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UN System Side Event: Joining forces to achieve SDG15 - Delivering on the Global Agenda for Forests, Climate and Development

November 12, 2016 – Forests and other land use-sectors are central to addressing climate change, as highlighted by the inclusion of REDD+ in the Paris Agreement. They are also vital to achieving the inextricably linked Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG15, Life on Land.

This high-level side event will explore how, in the ‘era of implementation’, initiatives and partnerships in land-use sectors can be catalysts for delivering on the 2030 Agenda and achieving countries’ Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). It will highlight concrete stories of successes and challenges in reducing deforestation and forest degradation, show how efforts can be strengthened on the ground, and discuss opportunities for countries to access new sources of climate financing.

Moderated by Channel 4 television news presenter Matt Frei, the event will feature a high-level panel of experts from countries, civil society and the UN-REDD agencies FAO, UNDP and UN Environment, as well as the World Bank.

WHEN: November 16; 18:30 – 20:00

WHERE: Arabian Room, Blue Zone

SPEAKERS:

- **H.E. Edgar Gutiérrez Espeleta**, Minister for Environment and Energy, Costa Rica
- **H.E. Osea Naiqamu**, Minister for Forests, Fiji
- **H.E. Mahama Ayariga**, Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ghana



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- **H.E. Siti Nurbaya Bakar**, Minister for Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
- **H.E. Vidar Helgesen**, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway
- **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Coordinator, Indigenous Women and Peoples Association of Chad; Executive Committee, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee
- **José Graziano da Silva**, Director-General, FAO
- **Magdy Martínez-Solimán**, Assistant Administrator and Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP
- **Ibrahim Thiaw**, Deputy Executive Director, UN Environment
- **John Roome**, Senior Director, Climate Change, World Bank Group

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