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## UNDP Engagement and Events at COP22 in Marrakech

Marrakech, Morocco, 7-18 November

UPDATED for 15 November High-Level Events

*Below please find details on UNDP's delegation for interviews, followed by a list of high-level events on Tuesday 15 November. Media are invited to the events, though please contact [carl.mercer@undp.org](mailto:carl.mercer@undp.org) to secure reserved seating.*

### UNDP at COP22

UNDP's delegation to COP22 will be headed by **Helen Clark, Administrator of UNDP** and former Prime Minister of New Zealand. Ms. Clark will be joined by **Magdy Martinez-Soliman**, Assistant Secretary General and Assistant Administrator, and **Philippe Poinot**, UN Resident Coordinator to Morocco.

UN climate change experts will be available to speak on all relevant issues, including adaptation, mitigation, renewable energies, the Paris Agreement, climate targets (NDCs), deforestation/forest protection, women's empowerment, sustainable development, governance, climate finance, the Montreal Protocol/Kigali Amendment, and climate change negotiations.

Members of UNDP's delegation include spokespersons fluent in Arabic, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. Representatives will be available from all regions, with climate specialists on hand from Africa, the Arab States, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and Central Asia, Asia and the Pacific Islands. Moroccan climate experts will be particularly represented.

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## UNDP Events at COP22 – Tuesday 15, November

### **9:00-10:30, Dialogue with Civil Society on Local Climate Action in Africa**

(UNDP Administrator Helen Clark speaking)

**UNDP Space, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone**

An informal dialogue with the representatives of civil society organizations from Cameroon, Chad, Guinea, Madagascar, Senegal and Togo. Organized by UNDP, Swiss Cooperation, the European Union, UN Women, Le Francophonie, UNDP Morocco, and the Small Grants Programme. CSO representatives will share their experiences that led to successful community initiatives addressing climate change.

### **11:00-12:00, UNDP Iran Event on Sandstorms.**

(UNDP Administrator Helen Clark is speaking, along with senior representatives from the Government of Iran and UNEP)

**UNDP Space, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone**

This side event will be an opportunity to engage participants during the 22nd Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) on the issue of Sand and Dust Storms (SDS). While noting that the issue of SDS is global in nature, particular attention will be paid to the impact it is having on the Middle East in general and Iran in particular.

### **13:00-14:30, Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) Lunch Event**

(Assistant Sec. General Magdy Martinez-Soliman speaking)

**UNDP Space, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone**

This event will present the areas of the DRC REDD+ investment plan where implementation has begun, and how this aligns with existing initiatives in the country; showcase how cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder coordination for REDD+ works in practice in DRC through the National REDD+ Fund; and discuss how the momentum created by signing of the DRC- CAFI Letter of Intent can be leveraged to scale up funding for the DRC National Fund for REDD+, from further investments to results-based payments. High-level speakers from Norway, DRC and the Green Climate Fund.

### **15:30-17:00, Global Pact Network in Morocco**

(UNDP Administrator Helen Clark speaking)

**UNDP Space, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone**

The purpose of this event is to launch a tripartite partnership between the CGEM, seven lead enterprises and UNDP Rabat to establish a local chapter of the Global Compact Network in Morocco. In the margin of the event, a project document/MOU will be signed between UNDP Morocco and the CGEM. The project aims to position Moroccan companies in international and regional networks of the Global Compact, to raise awareness and knowledge of expertise and best practices in activities related to the Global Compact, and reinforce capacities. The partnership will support Morocco's private sector alignment with the 10 Global Compact Principles and will engage the private sector companies' to contribute to achieve the SDGs. The event targets leaders from different private sectors in Morocco active in Finance, food industry, mining, telecommunications and transport sectors.

### **17:30-19:30, Ministerial Event on Advancing Global Forest and Climate Goals (reception to follow)**

(UNDP Administrator Helen Clark speaking)

**Meeting Room 24, Blue Zone**

This event aims to build awareness of how vital forests are to the success of the Paris Agreement. The event will bring together ministers from forest and donor nations to highlight examples of recent action and successes in addressing deforestation and forest degradation since COP21. The event will also highlight progress towards the achievement of the goals of the New York Declaration on Forests, with a particular focus on the private sector goal of implementing zero deforestation commodity supply chain commitments by 2020.