



HIGH-LEVEL OPENING OF GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION

The High-Level Champions, Ms. Hakima El Haite and Mr. Inia Seruiratu welcome all for the opening of the high-level event on climate action.

KEY INFORMATION

About: The opening of the high-level event on *Global Climate Action (GCA)* at COP 23 will introduce the high-level segment and topics (of the following two days), and also summarize the vast action from the three preceding, thematic days. Through concrete examples from representatives of business, finance, civil society, and cities and regions, the event will demonstrate the enhancement of pre-2020 ambition contributing towards the urgently implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Date & Timing: 10:00am-11:15am, Monday 13 November

Location: Room 8, Bonn Zone

Opening Speakers:

- **Jerry Brown**, Governor of California, USA
- **Bertrand Picard**, Founder, Solar Impulse

Panel Speakers:

- Business: **Feike Sijbesma**, CEO, Royal DSM
- Civil Society: **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Indigenous Leader and member of the Founders Group of the GCA Leadership Network
- Minister: **Gale Rigobert**, Minister of Environment, Saint Lucia
- Finance: **Karien van Gennip**, CEO, ING France
- City: **Park Won-soon**, Mayor of Seoul

Moderation to be provided by Bertrand Picard

Closing Speakers:

- **Inia Seruiratu**, Climate Champion & Fijian Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management
- **Salaheddine Mezouar**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco and President of COP 22.

CONTEXTUALIZATION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION AT COP 23

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.
