



High Level Event on Sustainable Economic Transition and Economic Diversification

15 November 2016, 16.00 – 18.30
Marrakech, Morocco

Objective

This high-level event, which will take place in the first COP after the adoption of the Paris Agreement, is intended to highlight the importance of economic diversification and transformation, and just transition of the workforce in the context of sustainable development.

It is also intended to share experiences and highlight the process of transformation that countries and business have started in order to integrate economic diversification into sustainable development strategies. It is also intended to show the importance of understanding how to make the transition sustainable, which transcends the development status of Parties; it is a potential issue for all Parties, albeit in different ways.

Background

In order to develop in a sustainable way, many countries have engaged in a deep process of transformation. The Paris Agreement has confirmed the need for this process of transformation and emphasized that it needs to take place at an accelerated pace. Many countries have introduced measures, which, while responding to the challenge of climate change, also have unintended impacts.

In this context, some of the key elements of the transformation needed to achieve sustainable development includes economic diversification and the just transition of the work force.

While transitions, and processes of transformation, have taken place in different countries and regions, at different times, given the fundamental nature and global scale of the transformation required now, this process will prove challenging.

While some countries have managed transformations, others are at the beginning of such experiences. Cooperation and learning will prove critical. Understanding the importance of a sustainable transformation, which includes social solidarity as well as stable economy and markets, will be critical.



Agenda

16:00 – 16:20 ***Opening – Chaired by H.E. Mr. Salaheddine Mezouar, President COP 22***

- Welcome and opening remarks, President COP 22 (5 minutes)
- Remarks by Mr. Peter Thomson, President of UN General Assembly (5 minutes)
- Remarks by Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary General (5 minutes)

16:20 – 17:20 ***Interventions – Moderated by Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, SBI chair***

- Presentation of Background Paper by Mr. Andrei Marcu, Advisor to the Presidency (5 minutes)
- Interventions by Parties and international organizations (5 minutes each)
 - H.E. Dr. Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, United Arab Emirates
 - Mr. Miguel Arias Cañete, European Commission
 - Mr. Hafez Ghanen, World Bank Group
 - H.E. Mr. Vidar Helgesen, Norway
 - H.E. Ms. Bomo Edna Molewa, South Africa
 - H.E. Mr. Jan Szyszko, Poland
 - Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim, Maldives
 - H.E. Mr. Masagos Zulkifli Bin Masagos Mohamad, Singapore
 - Mr. Frank Rijsberman, Global Green Growth Institute

17:20 – 17:50 ***Facilitated Roundtable discussion with participants***

17:50 – 18:10 ***Summation***

- H.E Mr. Khalid A. Al-Falih, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (10 minutes)
- Mr. Jonathan Pershing, United States of America (10 minutes)

18:10 – 18:20 ***Closing Remarks by COP 22 President***

Provisional list of participants

H.H. Mr.	Shaikh Abdulla	Bin Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa	Personal Representative of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Environment	Supreme Council for Environment	Bahrain
H.E. Ms.	Catherine	McKenna	Minister	Minister of the Environment and Climate Change	Canada
H.E. Mr.	Pablo	Badenier Martínez	Minister of Environment	Ministry of Environment	Chile
Mr.	Nizar	Baraka	President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council	Head of the Scientific Committee COP22	COP Presidency
H.E. Mr.	Aziz	Mekouar	Ambassador	COP22	COP Presidency
H.E. Mr.	Salaheddine	Mezouar	Minister	COP22 President	COP Presidency
H.E. Mr.	Robert	Bopolo Bogeza	Minister of Environment, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development	Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Mr.	Luis Miguel	Galindo	Chief of the Economics of Climate Change Unit		ECLAC
H.E. Mr.	Walter Francisco	García Cedeño	Minister of Environment	Ministry of Environment	Ecuador
Mr.	Simone	Mori	Head of European Affairs		ENEL Group
H.E. Mr.	Gemado	Dale	Minister of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change	Ethiopia
Mr.	Miguel	Arias Cañete	Commissioner	European Commission	European Union
Mr.	Abdul Latif bin Rashid	Al Zayani	Secretary General		GCC
Mr.	Mahama	Ayariga	Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation	Ministry for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation	Ghana

Mr.	Frank	Rijsberman	Director-General		Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
Mr.	Paul	Simons	Deputy Executive Director		International Energy Agency (IEA)
Ms.	Sharan Leslie	Burrow	General Secretary		International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Mr.	Thoriq	Ibrahim	Minister of Environment and Energy	Ministry of Environment and Energy	Maldives
H.E. Mr.	Rafael	Pacchiano Alamán	Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources	Mexico
H.E. Mr.	Vidar	Helgesen	Minister of Climate and Environment	Ministry of Climate and Environment	Norway
Mr.	Mohammad Sanusi	Barkindo	Secretary General		Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
Mr.	Andrei	Marcu	Advisor to the Presidency		Panama
Mr.	Emilio	Sempris	Vice-Minister of Environment	Ministry of Environment	Panama
H.E. Mr.	Jan	Szyszko	Minister of the Environment	Ministry of the Environment	Poland
H.E. Mr.	Mohammed Abdullah	Al-Rumaihi	Minister of Environment	Ministry of Municipality and Environment	Qatar
H.E. Mr.	Khalid	Al Falih	Minister of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia	Ministry of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabia
Mr.	Tomasz	Chruszczow			SBI Chair
Mr.	Carlos	Fuller			SBSTA Chair
Ms.	Rachel	Kyte	CEO of SforALL and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General		SforALL

H.E. Mr.	Masagos Zulkifli	Bin Masagos Mohamad	Minister for the Environment and Water Resources	Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources	Singapore
H.E. Mr.	László	Sólymos	Minister of Environment of the Slovak Republic	Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic	Slovakia
Mr.	Jean Pierre	Clamadieu	Chairman of the Executive Committee and CEO		Solvay Group
Mr.	Robert	Orr			Special advisor to the UN SG
H.E. Mr.	Surasak	Karnjanarat	Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Thailand
H.E. Mr.	Ostap	Semerak	Minister	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	Ukraine
Mr.	Ibrahim	Thiaw	UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director		UNEP
Ms.	Patricia	Espinoza	Executive Secretary		UNFCCC
H.E. Dr.	Thani Ahmed	Al Zeyoudi	Minister of Climate Change and Environment	Ministry of Climate Change and Environment	United Arab Emirates
Mr.	Ki-moon	Ban	Secretary-General of the United Nations		United Nations
Mr.	Peter	Thomson	President		UN General Assembly
Mr.	Jonathan	Pershing	Department of State	Special Envoy for Climate Change	USA
Mr.	Hafez	Ghanem	President MENA region		World Bank Group
Mr.	Peter	Bakker	Chief Executive Officer		World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)