PRESS INVITATION

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Children to present climate efforts and hopes to UNFCCC Head Espinosa

Ceremony on 16 November commemorates 15 years of Climate Alliance's "Green Footprints" campaign

Bonn, 15 November 2017. This Thursday, a kindergarten class from the city of Bonn will show decision makers at COP23 how they are helping fight climate change. They represent over 200,000 children across Europe who have earned green footprints throughout 2017 by participating in a campaign promoting sustainable lifestyles and mobility. Members of the press are cordially invited to this year's green footprint handover to UNFCCC Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa:

Date, time: 16 November, 10:30 – 11:00

Location: World Conference Center Bonn, Bula Zone 1

Main Building, Foyer Entrance level (next to meeting room Wien)

In attendance: Children of the Mach Mit school (4 to 6yrs old); Patricia Espinosa,

UNFCCC Executive Secretary; Thomas Brose, Climate Alliance Executive Director; Carole Dieschbourg, Minister of the Environment, Luxembourg; Helmut Hojesky, Austrian Ministry of Environment; Nicole Funk, Climate Protection Unit, City of Bonn

We would be happy to help coordinate interviews with any of the children, their teachers, Climate Alliance staff or municipal representatives in attendance.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Campaign info sheet (pdf)

Campaign website: zoom-kidsforclimate.eu

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THE GREEN FOOTPRINTS CAMPAIGN

Since 2002, Climate Alliance's Green Footprints campaign has been helping children across Europe learn about the influences of their daily actions on the climate and encouraging them to become role models for both their parents and climate politicians. During at least a one week period, children in participating classes collect so-called 'green footprints' for every sustainable trip completed via public transport, bike or foot as well as for other environmentally-friendly habits such as sustainable nutrition. These footprints are presented to the participants and politicians at the UNFCCC's annual Climate Conferences.

THE CLIMATE ALLIANCE

For more than 25 years, Climate Alliance member municipalities have been acting in partnership with indigenous rainforest peoples for the benefit of the global climate. With some 1,700 members spread across 27 European countries, Climate Alliance is the world's largest city network dedicated to climate action and the only one to set tangible targets: each member city, town and district has committed itself to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 10 percent every 5 years. Recognising the impact our lifestyles can have on the world's most vulnerable people and places, Climate Alliance pairs local action with global responsibility. climatealliance.org