

EDUCATION DAY

HIGH LEVEL EVENT: STEPPING UP CLIMATE EDUCATION “Accelerating the Implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals” Concept note

The critical role of education in the global climate change response was recognized in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in Article 12 of the Paris Climate Change Agreement, which states that “Parties shall cooperate in taking measures to enhance climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information”.

THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2018
13:00 – 14:30
AREA A
CLIMATE ACTION ROOM 3, LUBELSKIE
KATOWICE, POLAND

At COP 24 in Katowice, Parties are expected to adopt an Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) decision, which will be a part of the work programme of the Paris Agreement. The draft decision recognizes the key role that ACE plays in promoting changes in lifestyles, attitudes and behaviours needed to foster low-emission, climate-resilient sustainable development. In addition, the decision encourages the integration of gender-sensitive and participatory education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and regional and international cooperation into all mitigation and adaptation activities implemented under the Climate Change Convention and Paris Agreement, including climate policies.

This high-level event during Education Day at COP 24 will bring together ministers of education and environment, international organizations to discuss how education can accelerate the implementation of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Objectives

- ✓ Promote the role of education as a key driver in moving forward the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- ✓ Discuss innovative approaches to foster the integration of education into climate policies and vice versa.
- ✓ Showcase good practices on climate education worldwide.

Participation

The High-level event is open to Parties, experts, practitioners, other stakeholders, teachers, youth organizations, and media.

About Action for Climate Empowerment

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) - is the focus of Article 6 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement related to – education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and international cooperation.

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Agenda

13:00 - 13:03	<p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Peter Dogse, Co-Chair, Executive Secretariat, Task Team on Climate Change, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization (UNESCO)
13:03 - 13:08	<p>Call to action from young generations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children’s University Foundation, Poland
13:08 - 13:18	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sławomir Mazurek, Deputy Ministry of Environment, COP 24 Presidency, Poland Mr. Emmanuel Dlamini, Chair, Subsidiary Body for Implementation Mr. Martin Frick, Senior Director for Policy and Programme Coordination, United Nations Climate Change (UNFCCC)
13:18 - 13:28	<p>Key note speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Ambassador of Burkina Faso for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Special Envoy of the President of Burkina Faso for Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Change
13:28-13:33	<p>Videos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change Education Regional Workshop for ACE Focal Points
13:33 – 14:10	<p>Panel: Education as a key driver for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Development Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sergio Costa, Minister, Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea Protection, Italy Ms. Christine Kisamba Mugerwa, Makerere University, School of Social Sciences, Department of Sociology, Uganda Ms. Fairda Malem, Department of Environmental Quality Promotion, ACE Focal Point, Thailand Mr. Fekadu Beyene, Commissioner for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission, Republic of Ethiopia
14: 10 – 14:20	<p>Questions and Answers</p>
14:20 – 14:30	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Zitouni Ould-Dada, Deputy Director of the Climate and Environment Division of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)