



# High-level session on raising ambition for climate action-The importance of capacity-building



Tuesday, December 10



9:00-10:00



Capacity-building Hub, Hall 4, IFEMA - Feria de Madrid

## Background

2020 marks a historical milestone for the implementation of climate pledges under the Paris Agreement, as well as actions aimed at achieving sustainable development goals, set by Agenda 2030. In the decade ahead of us, business as usual is not an option.

In light of IPCC report on climate scenarios, UN Climate Change has made it clear that the 1.5 degree scenario cannot be achieved without 'raising ambition' at different levels of development.

## Objective

Raising ambition is about joining forces and building consensus at strategic and operational levels, from international to local communities. The Raising Ambition Day will foster dialogues on enhancing inclusiveness and mainstreaming interdisciplinary approaches in climate actions.

'The high-level session on raising ambition for climate action' explores the importance of capacity-building in raising climate ambitions. Distinguished panelists from Global Center on Adaptation, The Carbon Institute, UNESCO, Lavazza, and UNFCCC will discuss their perspectives and action through the lenses of adaptation, mitigation, education, private sector, and transdisciplinary approaches.

As a high-level opening for the Raising Ambition Day, this panel emphasizes the significance of collective action for effective change, portrays pathways foreseen for higher ambitions, and provides some food for thought on how to proceed towards 2020 and beyond.

## Organization of the session

Scheduled for **9:00-10:00**, the session will be organized in Davos Style, with a 8-10 minute introduction by each panelist followed by a moderated discussion in the panel, and with the audience.

## Speakers



**Patrick V. Verkooijen**

Chief Executive Officer,  
Global Center on  
Adaptation



**Nur Masripatin**

Carbon Institute  
Council  
Chairwoman



**Alexander Leicht**

Chief of the Section of  
Education for  
Sustainable  
Development, UNESCO



**Mario Cerutti**

Chief Institutional  
Relations and  
Sustainability  
Officer, Lavazza



**Ovais Sarmad**

Deputy  
Executive  
Secretary of the  
UNFCCC