



25 years of the UNFCCC

Conference room 11

21 September 2019, 14:00 to 15:30

BACKGROUND

This event will focus on the 25 years of work of the UNFCCC since its entry into force.

The UNSG convened the Summit with the aim of boosting ambition and accelerating actions to implement the Paris Agreement. He has called on all leaders to come to the Summit with concrete and realistic plans to enhance their nationally determined contributions by 2020, in line with reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45 per cent over the next decade, and to net zero emissions by 2050.

Objective of the event:

The side event will focus on the 25 years of work of the UNFCCC and the way forward, noting that the efforts made by Parties and other stakeholders have established a solid foundation to address climate change.

Participants:

The event will be open to all accredited participants including:

- Members of the COP 24 Bureau of the UNFCCC
- Former COP Presidents
- Representatives from Member States
- Representatives from the UN system
- Observers and other stakeholders, including youth, indigenous people and the private sector
- Media

Agenda

14:00-14:20 Opening:

- Key note address by H.E. Michał Kurtyka, COP24 President
- Remarks by the Ms. Patricia Espinosa, UNFCCC Executive Secretary
- Remarks by the representative of the UNSG

14:20-15:20 Interactive moderated discussion

Moderator introduces the discussion and uses the following guiding questions to stimulate the discussion:

- Over the past 25 years, the UNFCCC process has been the impetus for global collective action. How can the UNFCCC further stimulate greater ambition of climate action and support and inspire Governments and other stakeholders in shaping their vision for a climate resilient and emissions neutral future?



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- How can the UNFCCC further support strong implementation at the national, regional and international levels?

High-level leading interventions:

1. H.E. Laurent Fabius – President of COP21
2. Mr. Emmanuel Dlamini – Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation
3. Mr. Paul Watkinson – Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
(2-3 comments from the floor)
4. H.E. Manuel Pulgar Vidal – President of COP20
(2-3 comments from the floor)
5. H.E. Salaheddine Mezouar – President of COP 22
(2-3 comments from the floor)
6. H.E. Frank Bainimarama – President of COP 23 (TBC)
(2-3 comments from the floor)

Moderator wraps up the discussion

15:20-15:30 Closing:

- Remarks by H.E. Carolina Schmidt, Incoming President of COP 25
- Remarks by H.E. Michał Kurtyka, COP 24 President