

HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT SUMMIT

Monday 2nd of December 2019

The President of the Government of Spain has convened a Head of State and Governments Summit on December, 2nd. This Summit will be structured in two sessions.

Session 1: Roundtable of Heads of State and Government (11:30-14:00)

In the morning, Heads of State and Government will have the opportunity to participate in a roundtable, chaired by the President of the Government of Spain and by COP 25 President, to make a public commitment to address the climate emergency with clear plans to increase ambition and accelerate action by 2020.

Objective:

The objective of the Roundtable of Heads of State and Government will be to provide space for a face-to-face conversation in which leaders are expected to make interventions of 3 minutes making a public commitment to increase ambition and accelerate action by 2020.

Such interventions will be focused around two key themes:

- Governments commitment to increase ambition by 2020
- Concrete plans and initiatives to increase ambition and accelerate action with the view of achieving a higher level of collective ambition by COP 26 in Glasgow

Participation:

Heads of State and Government will be kindly asked to limit their interventions to 3 minutes to convey their plans around increasing ambition. The President of Spain will summarize the outcome of the discussion at the end.

Interpretation to the official languages of the UN will be provided.

The office of the President of the Government of Spain will publish a list of speakers based on the confirmed participation of Heads of State and Government as of Thursday 28th of November.

Session 2: Enhancing Action together

Three panels with two Heads of State and Government will feature a moderated conversation with non-Party stakeholders around three key topics:

I. Decarbonizing the economy: a joint venture (16:00-16:35)

Science, the IPCC Special Report on the Impacts of Global Warming of 1.5°C, is clear: to keep the global increase of temperature within 1.5 degrees Celsius by



the end of the century, we need to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and decarbonize the economy.

This panel will allow representatives of countries that have committed to net zero by 2050 to discuss with representatives of the private sector, subnational authorities, the scientific world and the civil society feasible options to achieve this commitment. Specifically, they will discuss how further cooperation with non-state actors can enhance the national ambition. A youth representative will also be invited to kick off the conversation by demonstrating the action that is already being achieved by the youth.

Questions for discussion will include:

- What are the key immediate actions you are undertaking to decarbonize your economy?
- How, if at all, can this be reflected in an enhanced NDCs and net zero strategies to be submitted next year?

II. Building a safer world (16:35-17:05)

The IPCC Special Report on the Impacts of Global Warming of 1.5°C states that both urgent and transformational adaptation action is needed to reduce climate-related risks. Yet adaptation action is not keeping pace with the scale of impacts, which are expected to be such that business as usual is no longer a sustainable option for any country, community, business or financial institution.

This panel will aim at highlight the key actions that companies, investors, subnational authorities and civil society are undertaking to increase adaptation capabilities and the options existing, including those identified in the Climate Action Summit, to accelerate their actions.

Questions for discussion will include:

- What actions are you taking to adapt to the immediate impacts of climate change?
- What are you doing to help the transition to a climate resilient economy?
- What are the main challenges you face and how could these be overcome?

III. People centred climate action (17:05-17:45)

For the transition towards a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions economy to succeed it needs to be fair and socially beneficial for all. Climate action needs to put people at the centre and ensure that nobody is left behind. In this context, people focused policies that address issues such as health, gender and a just transition, are key political drivers for increased climate ambition.

This panel will allow hearing the voices from representatives from the civil society, academia, trade unions and the private sector on how to address these drivers.

Questions for discussion will include:

- How can addressing the human dimension of climate action help advance and gain support for urgent action? Who are the key actors that need to be involved?
- Which successful examples of women leadership in climate action can evidence the need for more support to women-led climate action?



- How to ensure that this transition has the biggest possible gains in social and employment terms without leaving anybody behind?

Access of COP participants to the Heads of State and Government Summit.

The sessions will be open to COP participants.

However, due to space and safety limitations, a limited number of tickets will be provided to access the rooms. The UNFCCC secretariat will inform to participants on how to retrieve these access tickets.

The session will be broadcasted and for those COP participants that cannot access the rooms, overflow rooms will be provided to follow the sessions.