



## **SPORTS FOR CLIMATE ACTION – ON THE RACE TO NET-ZERO**

### **COP 26 Event**

*Concept Note*

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#### **KEY INFORMATION**

**Date:** Wednesday, 03 November 2021

**Time:** 15:00-16:30 GMT

**Place:** Glasgow, Blue Zone

Action Room 1, Hydro Building

**Background:** The UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action brings together committed sports organizations to put sports on trajectory to achieving net zero emissions before 2050 and to use their unifying power to mobilize fans, athletes and citizens at large in climate action.

Sport fundamentally relies on the natural world in order to exist, with direct reliance on conditions caused by climate. Whether via the use of snow and ice for winter sports, water for aquatics, surfing or sailing, or grass pitches for football, cricket or many others, the impact of climate on sport is undeniable. Likewise, sport influences climate change mostly due to the scale of its popularity. The good news is that sport is committed to climate action! More than 280 sports organizations ranging from International Olympic Committee, FIFA, to Liverpool Football Club, Formula one, Athletics Kenya, NY Yankees, Team Mailizia and many others have committed to the overarching objectives of aligning sport with the goals of Paris Agreement and using sport's power to influence society at large.

The event will be kicked off by a keynote from UNFCCC Executive Secretary who will unveil and launch the net-zero targets put forward in the UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action, followed by the high-level climate champion who will welcome Sports for Climate Action in the Race to Zero and make a call on all sports to join the Race.

For many governing bodies, safeguarding the future of sport they govern is a key objective which can be achieved by encouraging and supporting positive action by sports stakeholders. The event will feature also Sports for Climate Action teams, world champions and sports media to discuss the role they are playing in the journey towards a safer and healthier future. A Youth4Climate representative will present outcomes of Youth4Climate discussions during Pre-COP in Milan, on the role of sports in support of a safer, healthier and a sustainable world.

#### *Additional remarks*

The event will be broadcast live and will be available on demand via UNFCCC channels. A video and photos of the event will be made available to all participants afterwards.



## Event agenda

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	<b>Opening</b> Moderator: Solitaire Townsend, Co-Founder of Futerra
<b>5 mins</b>	<b>Keynote: Sports setting the pace for climate action</b> <b>Ms. Patricia Espinosa</b> , Executive Secretary UNFCCC
<b>5 mins</b>	<b>Keynote: Sports for Climate Action on the Race to Zero</b> <b>Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz</b> , COP26 Climate Champion
<b>15 mins</b>	<b>Keynote: Safeguarding the future of sport: The role of governing bodies.</b>  <b>Keynote by H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco</b> Chair of Sustainability and Legacy Commission International Olympic Committee
<b>5 mins</b>	<b>Video message from Gianni Infantino, FIFA President</b>
<b>10 min</b>	<b>Keynote: Ms. Isha Johansen</b> FIFA Council Member
<b>20 mins</b>	<b>Panel 1. Sports on Net-Zero Track: Ambition, investments, innovation and collaboration</b> Mr. <b>Sylvain Filippi</b> , Team Principal Envision Virgin Racing Mr. <b>Dale Vince</b> , Forest Green Rovers, Club Owner Mr. <b>Nico Rosberg</b> , Rosberg Racing, World Racing Champion Ms. <b>Katerina Nash</b> , Vice President, UCI ( <b>remote</b> )
<b>25 mins</b>	<b>Panel 2. Using sport to inspire meaningful change</b> Ms. <b>Hannah Mills</b> , Double Olympic Sailing Champion Ms. <b>Barbara Slater</b> , BBC Sports Director Mr. <b>Ledley King</b> , Ambassador, Tottenham Hotspur Ms. <b>Inga Ruehl</b> , Executive Director, Production Services and Operations, Sky Ms. <b>Kami Krista</b> , Youth4Climate Representative
<b>5 min</b>	<i>Closing: Athletes of the World Call to Action</i>

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