



COP 25

HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

ACTION FOR CLIMATE EMPOWERMENT

“Raising ambition and fostering implementation of the Paris Agreement through education, training, public awareness, public access to information, public participation and international cooperation”

10 DECEMBER 2019 | 13:00 - 15:00
MADRID | SPAIN

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.

At COP 24 in Katowice, Parties adopted a decision on ACE, part of the work programme of the Paris Agreement. The 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 calls on Parties to appoint ACE national focal points, develop ACE national strategies and integrate ACE into all mitigation and adaptation activities and climate policies, including Nationally Determined Contributions.

The Doha Work Programme on ACE will be reviewed in 2020, and the post-2020 ACE agenda is expected to be adopted at COP 26 in Glasgow. As such, the ACE High-level Event at COP 25 will call for commitments to raise ambition and mobilize support to the implementation of the ACE agenda.

Objectives

- Promote the role of Action for Climate Empowerment as a key driver in the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- Mobilize support and non-Party stakeholder engagement for Action for Climate Empowerment.
- Announce commitments by national governments and non-Party stakeholders.

Description

This high-level event at COP 25 will bring together ministers of environment and education as well as non-Party stakeholders to discuss how to raise ambition and foster implementation of the Paris Agreement through Action for Climate Empowerment.

Participation

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



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

12:58 – 13:00 Video Climate Action

13:00 – 13:03

Moderator

Mr. Martin Frick, Senior Director for Policy and Programme Coordination, UN Climate Change

13:03 - 13:23

Welcoming remarks

- “From Paris to Glasgow: Priorities for accelerating implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment”, Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UN Climate Change (tbc)
- “Mobilizing climate action through Education for Sustainable Development”, Ms. Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO (tbc)

Youth call for climate action

13:23 - 13:38

Inspiring remarks

- Greta Thunberg, Sweden (tbc)
- Young leader from Latin America (tbc)
- Young leader from Africa (tbc)
- Young leader from Asia (tbc)

Raising Ambition through Action for Climate Empowerment Announcement of ACE commitments

13:38 - 14:05

Speakers

- Ms. Carolina Schmidt, COP 25 President, Minister of Environment, Chile (tbc)
- Mr. Andreas Pinkwart, Minister of Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digitalization and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany (tbc)
- Ms. Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Minister for the Ecological Transition, Spain (tbc)
- Mr. Lorenzo Fioramonti, Minister of Education, University and Research, Italy (tbc)
- Ms. Mary Goretti Kitutu, Minister of Water and Environment, Uganda (tbc)

14:05 – 14:07

Video: Empowering for climate action

Mobilizing support and non-Party stakeholder engagement for Action for Climate Empowerment Announcement of ACE commitments

14:07 - 14:35

Moderator:

Mr. Alexander Leicht, Chief Education for Sustainable Development UNESCO

Speakers:

- Burgenland Declaration on Action for Climate Empowerment, Ms. Talieh Wögerbauer, Action for Climate Empowerment Ambassador (tbc)
- Cities mobilizing climate action for climate empowerment, Mr. Ashok Sridharan, President of ICLEI (tbc)
- Driving change through empowerment and public engagement, Mr. Paul Polman, Co-Founder of Imagine (tbc)
- Private sector leading climate solutions, Mr. Jesper Brodin, CEO IKEA (tbc)
- Teachers empowering for climate action, Ms. Susan Hopgood, President, Education International, World Teacher Union

14:35 – 14:45

Questions and Answers

14:45 – 15:00

Closing remarks

- Pre-COP in Italy – Mr. Sergio Costa, Ministry for Environment Land and Sea Protection, Italy (tbc)
- From Madrid to Glasgow – Ms. Claire Perry, COP 26 President Nominee, United Kingdom (tbc)