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COP 25 HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON 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”

Concept note

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 COP26 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.

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER
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Torres del Paine – Hall 4

13:00 – 15:00
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Preliminary agenda

12:58 – 13:00	Video Climate Action / Connect4Climate
13:00 – 13:03	Moderator Mr. Niclas Svenningsen, Manager Global Climate Action, UN Climate Change
13:03 - 13:23	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “From Paris to Glasgow: Priorities for accelerating implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment”, Mr. Martin Frick, Senior Director for Policy and Programme Coordination, UN Climate Change • “Mobilizing climate action through Education for Sustainable Development”, Mr. Miguel Clüsener-Godt, Director of the Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO • “COP26 incoming presidency”, Mr. Archie Young, Head of delegation, United Kingdom
Youth call for climate action	
13:23 - 13:33	Inspiring remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Licypriya Kangujam, India • Mr. Nkosilathi Nyathi, Zimbabwe • Ms. Brianna Fruean, Samoa • Ms. Julieta Martinez, Chile
Raising Ambition through Action for Climate Empowerment	
Announcement of ACE commitments	
13:33 - 14:05	Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Andreas Pinkwart, Minister of Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digitalization and Energy of the State of North Rhine–Westphalia, Germany • Mr. Lorenzo Fioramonti, Minister of Education, University and Research, Italy • Ms. Mary Goretti Kitutu, Minister of Water and Environment, Uganda



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maria Patek, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria Ms. María Isabel Celaá Diéguez, Minister of Education and Vocational Training, Spain
14:04 - 14:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Photo
Key Note speaker “Accelerating climate action”	
14:05 – 14:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. John Kerry, Former Secretary of State, United States of America
Mobilizing support and non-Party stakeholder engagement for Action for Climate Empowerment Announcement of ACE commitments	
14:15 - 14:45	<p>Moderator: Mr. Alexander Leicht, Chief Education for Sustainable Development UNESCO</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burgenland Declaration on Action for Climate Empowerment, Ms. Talieh Wögerbauer, Action for Climate Empowerment Ambassador Cities mobilizing climate action for climate empowerment, Mr. Ashok Sridharan, President of ICLEI Teachers empowering for climate action, Ms. Manuela Mendonça, Executive Board Member, Education International, World Teacher Union, Portugal Ms. Zheng Shuang, Youth Voices for Climate Actions and Youth4Climate Advocate, China
14:45 – 14:55	Questions and Answers
14:55 – 15:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-COP in Italy – Mr. Sergio Costa, Ministry for Environment Land and Sea Protection, Italy