

## **PRESS INVITATION**

# **HEALTH ACTIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

## **WHO launch of special initiative on health and climate change in small island developing states**

Sunday 12 November, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, WHO Director-General and UNFCCC Executive Secretary will announce a new initiative to protect the health of some of the world's most vulnerable people from the impacts of climate change. The keynote address will be given by Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The initiative aims to boost political, scientific and financial support for addressing the effects of climate change on health in small island developing states.

Small Island Developing States are in the front line, encompassing the range of acute and long-term risks, from more extreme floods and storms to increased risks of water-borne and food-borne disease, to sea level rise threatening healthcare facilities situated in coastal areas.

### **Opening Remarks**

HE Frank Bainimarama, COP 23 President and Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji

## **Launch of the Small Island Developing States Initiative**

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General  
Patricia Espinosa, UNFCCC Executive Secretary

### **Keynote address**

**Hon. Arnold Schwarzenegger**  
**R20 Founding Chair and Former Governor of California**

#### ***High level dialogue: Role of public health community:***

- Hon. John Boyce, Minister of Health, Barbados
- Hon. Nandi Glassie, Minister for Health, Justice & Parliamentary Services, Cook Islands
- Hon. Vidar Helgesen, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway
- H.R.H Princess Sarah Zeid of Jordan, Global maternal and newborn health advocate
- Ms Rachel Kyte, CEO of Sustainable Energy for All, and Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General for Sustainable Energy for All
- Solly Tshepiso Msimanga, Executive Mayor of Tshwane, South Africa
- Hon. Rosy Sofia Akbar, Minister for Health and Medical Services, closing remarks

**The launch will take place :**

Sunday 12 November 2017

13:15 - 14:45

Bonn Zone, Room 2

[Click here for the full programme of the high level Presidency event](#)

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