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Delegation of 11 U.S. States and Four Governors Arrives in Bonn for COP23 Climate Conference

BONN - COP23 is expected to be historic, in part because of the unprecedented presence and impact anticipated from U.S. states. The Climate Registry (TCR), Climate Action Reserve and Georgetown Climate Center are hosting a COP23 delegation of 11 U.S. states, including four governors: Governor Jerry Brown (California), Governor Kate Brown (Oregon), Governor Jay Inslee (Washington) and Governor Terry McAuliffe (Virginia).

Please join us in Bonn for events that showcase state climate action and impact, including:

Monday, November 13th

Sub-National Action

Opening remarks by Governor Kate Brown, Oregon.

Speakers include:

- Matt Rodriguez, Secretary for Environmental Protection, California Environmental Protection Agency
- Chris Davis, Senior Advisor, Energy and Carbon Markets, Office of Governor Jay Inslee, Washington
- Dr. Rodolfo Lacy, Undersecretary of Planning and Environmental Policy, SEMARNAT
- Hon. Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Ontario

When: Monday, November 13, 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.

Where: IETA Pavilion

Sub-National Strategies in North America for Meeting Paris Commitments

As laboratories for innovation, sub-national leaders have been implementing a wide variety of approaches to reduce emissions. This session will bring together several leading players to discuss various policy approaches, including the role of market-based mechanisms, and the extent to which policies can and should be harmonized with other jurisdictions. Speakers include:

- Governor Jerry Brown, California
- Governor Kate Brown, Oregon
- Governor Jay Inslee, Washington
- Hon. Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Ontario
- Hon. George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, British Columbia
- Dr. Rodolfo Lacy, Undersecretary of Planning and Environmental Policy, SEMARNAT

When: Monday, November 13, 3 – 4:30 pm

Where: Room 12, Bonn Zone

Press Conference: North American Sub-National Climate Collaboration and Progress

A press conference featuring U.S. Governors affirming state commitments to combating climate change. Speakers include Oregon Governor Kate Brown and government representatives from California, Colorado, Hawaii, Minnesota, Maryland and Vermont.

When: Monday, November 13, 5 – 5:30 pm

Where: Room 2, Bula Zone

Tuesday, November 14th

The U.S. Governors' Panel: State Actions, Goals and Collaborations

Governors from the Pacific Northwest will discuss state climate action, including the Pacific Coast Collaborative. Speakers include:

- Governor Kate Brown, Oregon
- Governor Jay Inslee, Washington (invited)
- Hon. George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, British Columbia
- Sam Lemmo, Administrator, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, Hawaii
- Matt Rodriguez, California Secretary for Environmental Protection
- Stephanie Zawistowski, Senior Policy Advisor; Office of Governor Mark Dayton

When: Tuesday, November 14, 2:30 – 4 pm

Where: US Climate Action Center, Paris Room

Climate and Clean Energy Policy in the U.S.: State Leaders Speak Out

Governors and other subnational leaders who will share their efforts to curb emissions, prepare for climate impacts, and work together in new alliances across states, sectors and regions.

Opening remarks by Governor Kate Brown, Oregon, and Governor Jay Inslee, Washington.

Panelists include:

- Jared Snyder, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Air Resources, Climate Change and Energy, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Katie Theoharides, Assistant Secretary of Climate Change, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
- Ben Grumbles, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment
- Taryn Finnessey, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

When: Tuesday, November 14, 4:45 – 6:15 pm

Where: Room 2, Bonn Zone

Thursday, November 16th

Subnational Action on Climate Change with International Partners: Public/Private Collaboration

Sub-national leaders will discuss a wide variety of policy approaches, including how to harmonize policies with other jurisdictions. This panel will focus on how states and the private sector work together to reduce GHG emissions, promote energy efficiency, demand response, storage and/or renewables, and more. Speakers include:

- Ken Alex, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jerry Brown and the Director of the Office of Planning and Research, California
- Glenn Scott, Director, Office of Environmental Quality, Hawaii
- Jared Snyder, Deputy Commissioner, Air Resources, Climate Change and Energy, New York Department of Environmental Conservation
- Katie Sullivan, Managing Director, IETA
- Stephanie Zawistowski, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Mark Dayton and Lt. Governor Tina Smith, Minnesota

When: Thursday, November 16, 1 – 2:15 pm

Where: US Climate Action Center, Fiji Room

Subnational Action: Regional and Cross-border Collaboration

This panel of U.S. state, Canadian provincial and other delegates will focus on regional and cross-border collaboration (such as RGGI, the Western Climate Initiative, and the Pacific Coast Collaborative) and provide an update on current efforts. Speakers include:

- Hon. Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Ontario
- Sarah Hofmann, Commissioner, Vermont Public Utility Commission

- Jared Snyder, Deputy Commissioner, Air Resources, Climate Change and Energy, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Kathleen Theoharides, Assistant Secretary of Climate Change, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts

When: Thursday, November 16, 2:45 – 4 pm

Where: US Climate Action Center, Fiji Room

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