

*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****
COP23 Global Climate Action Thematic
High-Level Event on Forests
Sunday, 12 November 2017

GCA Media Briefing from 9:00 CEST, MEDIA EVENTS ROOM, Bonn Zone

Schedule of events from 10:00 CEST, ROOM 5, Bonn Zone

Rising to the Challenge: Collaborative Forest Action to Address Climate Change and Promote Sustainable Development

Bonn, Friday, 12 November 2017 – Today, the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action (MPGCA) celebrates Forests Day at COP23 with an array of high level speakers, including **Frank Bainimarama**, Prime Minister of Fiji, **Patricia Espinosa**, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, and **Jerry Brown**, Governor of California. Forests Day highlights the ambitious climate actions already underway in the forest sector and calls for urgent, scaled up forest protection as a major component of the solution to climate change.

Speakers will showcase a new commitment to deforestation free commodities by **Walmart**; the actions **Mars** has taken to implement their existing deforestation free commitment; and the leadership role of other non-state actors like Indigenous Peoples, religious leaders, and subnational governments in reducing emissions from deforestation and pushing towards sustainable development. Lunchtime will also see the launch event of **#RideforClimate**, with Tour de France pro cyclists **Pierre Rolland** and **Sebastian Langeveld** of Cannondale Drapac.

The math shows that **halting climate change is impossible without forests**. Combined with phasing out fossil fuels and a transition to clean energy, reducing emissions from forests is vital. Forests are a critical part of the answer to our climate challenge, both because of the emissions reductions that can be achieved by ending deforestation and the additional carbon that can be sequestered from the atmosphere through improved forest management and reforestation. Both will be vital to prevent global temperature increases of more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

Featured at the events are the following global leaders (in speaking order):

Press Briefing **9:00 CET**:

- **Inger Andersen**, Director General, IUCN
- **Mina Setra**, Deputy Secretary General, AMAN
- **Kevin Rabinovitch**, Global Vice President of Sustainability, Mars Inc.

Opening Remarks **10:00 CET**:

- **Frances Seymour**, Distinguished Fellow, WRI, *Master of Ceremonies*
- **Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum**, Minister for Economy and Climate Change, Fiji

- **Jochen Flasbarth**, Secretary of State, Germany
- **Mina Setra**, Deputy Secretary General, AMAN

Setting the Scene | Paris Agreement: Unlocking the potential of forests to achieve a 1.5 degree and climate resilient world **10:35 CET:**

- **Manuel Pulgar-Vidal**, Global Climate and Energy Lead, WWF
- **Giacomo Grassi**, Scientific Officer, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- **Deborah Lawrence**, Professor of Environmental Sciences, Univ. of Virginia
- **Eva Müller**, Director of Forestry Policy and Resources Division, FAO
- **Bronson Griscom**, Director of Forest Carbon Science, TNC

Panel | Progress on implementation of climate action in forest protection and restoration **11:25 CET:**

- **Inger Andersen**, Director General, IUCN
- **María Victoria Chiriboga**, Under Secretary of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Ecuador
- **Marcelo Mena Carrasco**, Minister of Environment, Chile
- **Dr. Gemedo Dalle**, Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate, Ethiopia
- **Karin Kemper**, Sr. Director of Environmental and Natural Resources, World Bank

Lunchtime Event | Forests Day Group Photo and Launch of the “Ride for Climate” **12:40 CET:**

- **Nick Nuttall**, Spokesperson, UNFCCC, *Master of Ceremonies*
- **Frank Bainimarama**, Prime Minister, Fiji
- **Vidar Helgesen**, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway
- **Patricia Espinosa**, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC
- **Matthew Johnson**, President and Founder, <2°

Panel | Enabling conditions to advance implementation and enhance NDCs **14:00 CET:**

- **Mario Boccucci**, Head, UN-REDD Programme Secretariat
- **Charlotte Streck**, Co-Founder and Director, Climate Focus
- **Juan Chang**, Senior Forest and Land Use Specialist, Green Climate Fund
- **Davyth Stewart**, Head of Project Leaf, Interpol
- **Roberto Espinoza**, AIDSEP

Panel | New Developments in Eliminating Deforestation from Key Supply Chains **15:05 CET:**

- **Jeff Seabright**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Unilever
- **Fernando Sampaio**, Executive Director of PCI Strategy, State of Mato Grosso
- **Daan Wensing**, Program Director Global Landscapes & Deforestation Commodities, IDH
- **Cynthia Ong**, Executive Director, Forever Sabah and Frederick Kugan, Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests, Sabah Forestry Department
- **Dr. Christopher Stewart**, Head, Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, OLAM
- **Darlington Tuagben**, Managing Director of Forest Development Authority, Liberia
- **Vidar Helgesen**, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway
- **Kevin Rabinovitch**, Global Vice President of Sustainability, Mars Inc.
- **Laura Phillips**, Senior Vice President for Global Sustainability, Walmart

Panel | New platforms for action and advocacy: indigenous peoples and religious leadership **16:30 CET:**

- **Bianca Jagger**, Founder, President and Chief Executive, Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation

- **Benki Piyãko**, Spiritual & political leader, Ashaninka people of the Amônia River
- **Rev. Fletcher Harper**, Executive Director, GreenFaith
- **Sônia Guajajara**, National Coordinator, Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil
- **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Co-Chair, International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change

Remarks from UNFCCC Climate Champions **17:30 CET**:

- **Saïd Mouline**, CEO, National Agency for the Development of Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency

Concluding remarks **17:45 CET**:

- **Jerry Brown**, Governor of the State of California

Reception to follow **18:00 CET**

LOGISTICS

What: COP23 GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION ON FORESTS

Link: http://unfccc.int/files/paris_agreement/application/pdf/1211_forest_day_mark_2_311.pdf

When and Where: 10:00 CET – 18:00 CET, ROOM 5, BONN ZONE

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ABOUT GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION: The MPGCA provides us a key opportunity to set the stage for greater ambition in the forest sector through: i) renewed international leadership by forest countries in the form of advances in implementation and articulation of additional ambition, tailored to national circumstances; ii) strong commitments by developed countries and financial institutions to support further ambitious action to reduce forest-based emissions; iii) engagement and commitments by non-state actors; and iv) cooperation across government, business, civil society, and indigenous peoples and local communities.