



Reference: COP 24/High-level events

INFORMATION NOTE

High-Level Mandated Events United Nations Climate Change Conference Katowice Poland, 2 – 14 December 2018

On behalf of Mr. Michal Kurtyka, the President-Designate of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP24), the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change takes this opportunity to inform and welcome Ministers and Head of Delegations to attend to the following high-level events to be held at the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Katowice, Poland from 2 – 14 December 2018.

I. High-level Global Climate Action Event

A high-level event on climate action¹ will be convened on Tuesday, 4 December. The objective of the High Level event on Global Climate Action is to strengthen high-level engagement on the implementation of policy options and actions; provide an opportunity for announcing new or strengthened voluntary efforts, initiatives and coalitions; take stock of related progress and recognize new or strengthened voluntary efforts, initiatives and coalitions and provide opportunities for the effective high-level engagement of dignitaries of Parties, international organizations, international cooperative initiatives and non-Party stakeholders.

The event will also offer a unique vision of how the world is affected by climate change and how different sectors and stakeholders are collaboratively addressing this urgent challenge. In keeping with the spirit of Talanoa, the aim of this event is to give a unique insight into how actors can work to solve their problems. During the event, Ministers will have the opportunity to hear from the High-Level Champions, who will report on their ongoing activities throughout 2018.

¹ Decision 1/CP21, paragraph 120.



II. High-level part of the stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition

Ministers and Heads of Delegation are invited to participate in the high-level part of the stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition,² on Monday 10 December from 10:00-12:00 hrs. The stocktake aims to facilitate the continued consideration by Parties of efforts in relation to climate implementation and ambition in the pre-2020 period. The stocktake will also provide a space for a holistic reflection by Ministers and other high-level representatives of challenges in and opportunities for enhancing pre-2020 implementation and ambition.

The stocktake will consider, inter alia, the inputs of the COP, the CMP, the SBI, the SBSTA, the constituted bodies under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, and the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism; the mitigation efforts of Parties in the pre-2020 period; the provision of support in the pre-2020 period and the work of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action. This includes the summaries for policymakers of the technical examination processes and the yearbooks on climate action prepared by the high-level champions.

III. 3rd Biennial Ministerial High-Level Dialogue on Climate Finance - Translating climate finance needs into action

The 3rd biennial ministerial high-level dialogue on climate finance³ will be convened in the afternoon of Monday, 10 December from 15:00 to 18:00 hrs.

The dialogue on climate finance aims to provide a clear vision on how to ensure further progress on the mobilization of climate finance and will focus on concrete efforts and initiatives on mobilizing finance and investments to translate climate finance needs into action and on enhancing developing countries' access to climate finance. Against this background, initiatives that have successfully mobilized climate finance and enhanced cooperation on this issue, are expected to be presented. In line with the invitation of the COP, the dialogue will pay particular attention to the issue of enhancing access to climate finance. High-level multi-stakeholder panel discussions will take place in two distinct sessions followed by a last session consisting of an open discussion in plenary where Ministers will be invited to provide their views on the various topics to be addressed. During the dialogue the Standing

² Decision 1/CP.23, paragraph 17.

³ Decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 13, and decision 5/CP.21, paragraphs 4 and 5.



Committee on Finance (SCF) will present the findings of the 2018 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows.

IV. Political phase of the Talanoa Dialogue

The political phase of the Talanoa Dialogue⁴ will take place at COP 24 after the wrapping-up of the preparatory phase. The opening of the dialogue and ministerial roundtables will take place on Tuesday, 11 December, starting at 9:00 hrs; the closing meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 December. The objective of the Dialogue is to take stock of the collective efforts of Parties in relation to progress towards the long-term goal referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement and inform the preparation of nationally determined contributions pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 8, of the Agreement.

The Ministerial roundtables will address specifically, the question of “how do we get there” with a view to commonly discussing the action required to meet the long-temperature goal. The discussions held at the roundtables will constitute the basis for an outcome that generates greater confidence, courage and enhanced ambition.

Further information including the detailed programmes on all mandated high-level events is available on the UNFCCC websites⁵.

Official UNFCCC secretariat stamp
Bonn, 19 October 2018

⁴ Decision 1/CP.23, paragraph 10 and annex II.

⁵ For more information please consult:

<https://unfccc.int/climate-action/marrakech-partnership/events/gca-at-cop24>

<https://unfccc.int/topics/pre-2020>

<https://unfccc.int/topics/climate-finance/workstreams/long-term-climate-finance-ltf>

<https://talanoadialogue.com/>