

COP 23 Presidency Event

Policy coherence and Joint delivery: UN System's support to low-emission and climate resilient development at the national level

Background

The landmark agreements reached in 2015 - the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on climate change and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on financing for development offer, along with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Aichi Biodiversity and other important international commitments, a pathway to a better future. These interconnected frameworks are built on strong national ownership and provide clarity on the scale and urgency of the transformations needed to shift the world on to a sustainable and resilient path.

To effectively support the implementation of the ambitious agendas, will require more coordination, collaboration and accountability by the UN System and partnership with stakeholders at all levels and in all sectors of society. To enhance the system's capacity to deliver on the 2030 Agenda, the Secretary-General is currently leading a process to reposition the UN Development System, in the context of his overall reform agenda, with prevention as a cross-pillar priority

Objective of the event

This event is convened by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji and President-designate of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 23), Hon. Frank Bainimarama in cooperation with the UN Climate Change secretariat and will highlight the central role of climate action in the context of the 2030 Agenda.

The event will also underline the need for the UN System to provide joint and coherent support to national efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Goals, Nationally Determined Contributions, National Adaptation Plans, and other interconnected multilateral commitments, by showcasing success stories and addressing challenges.

Additionally, the High-Level event aims to inform the climate change community about the S-G's process of repositioning of the UN Development System and contribute to raising awareness among participants on the benefits of integrating national climate plans and other internationally adopted targets, into national development strategies.

Speakers

The event will bring together high-level representatives from governments, international organizations, civil society and the private sector.

Logistics

The event will take place on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 from 10:00 – 11:30 in Room 8 of the COP23 Bonn Zone and it is open to all conference participants. Questions about the event should be addressed to cop23presidencyevents@unfccc.int

Draft event agenda

Wednesday, 15th of November 2017, Bonn Zone (Room 8)		Moderator: Mr. Robert Glasser , UNISDR
Time	Speaker	
10:00 <i>(5 min)</i>	Opening COP 23 President and Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji H.E. Frank Bainimarama	
10:10 <i>(5 min)</i>	Scene setting remarks Executive Director and founder of Il'laramatak Community Concerns in Kenya, Ms. Agnes Leina Ntikaampi	
10:10 <i>(50 min)</i>	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr. Robert Glasser, SRSG for Disaster Risk Reduction Panellist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Thoriq Ibrahim, Minister of Environment and Energy of Maldives • H.E. Gale T. C. Rigobert, Minister for Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development of St. Lucia • Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary UN Climate Change • Mr. Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment • Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator UN Development Programme 	
11:00 <i>(20 min)</i>	Questions and interventions from representatives of key sectors and stakeholders.	
11:20 <i>(10 min)</i>	Closing remarks UN Secretary-General António Guterres	