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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

United Nations Climate Change Conference Bonn, Germany

Arrangements for the high-level segment, 15 November 2017

This message serves as a follow-up to the message to Parties dated 2 November 2017 (available at http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/notifications/items/3153.php and <https://cop23.unfccc.int/cop23/high-level-segment>) regarding the joint high-level segment of the sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA).

The high-level segment will begin at 2.40 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 November 2017, with an opening ceremony, at which statements will be delivered by the President of COP 23, CMP 13 and CMA 1.2, the President of Germany, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the United Nations General Assembly.

Immediately following those statements, the meeting will be paused briefly to allow the departure of the President of Germany and any other dignitaries who may wish to leave the plenary.

At approximately 4 p.m., national statements will begin. The list of speakers will be ordered as follows: Heads of State, Heads of Government, negotiating groups, ministers, heads of delegation, and observers.¹

Approximately 14 statements by Heads of State and Government are expected to be delivered by 6 p.m. The high-level segment will then be suspended and will be followed by the high-level closing event on Global Climate Action, which will finish at approximately 7.30 p.m.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres, will participate in the closing event, together with the Global Climate Action Champions of the Marrakech Partnership;

¹ The list of speakers for the high-level segment will be published following the issuance of this message to Parties.

First Minister of Scotland, Ms. Nicola Sturgeon; Mayor of Bonn, Mr. Ashok Sridharan (subnational authorities); Head of Climate Change at the World Wildlife Fund, Mr. Manuel Pulgar Vidal (civil society organizations); Chief Executive Officer of DHL, Mr. Frank Appel (private sector representative); and member of the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment, Ms. Fiza Farhan.

At 8 p.m. a dinner hosted jointly by the Governments of Fiji and Germany will take place at the GOP Varieté-Theater, located next to the World Conference Center Bonn. Heads of State and Government, heads of delegation and other invited guests will walk there escorted by national officers and UNFCCC Protocol Officers.

Following the dinner, owing to the large number of requests for speaking slots, the high-level segment will resume for approximately one hour from 10.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. to provide an opportunity for any Party that may wish to deliver its national statement before Thursday, 16 November 2017, to do so. The secretariat will be able to accommodate approximately ten (10) speaking slots during that period. The order of speakers will be in accordance with protocol, based on the rank of the speaker, and on a first come, first served basis.

On Thursday, 16 November 2017, the high-level segment will resume in Plenary New York at 10 a.m. to continue with the delivery of national statements by Heads of State and Government, followed by negotiating groups, according to the list of speakers.

After a short break, the high-level segment will divide into two plenaries, Plenary Genf and Plenary New York, allowing for the delivery of national statements to continue in those two plenaries simultaneously. The list of speakers for each meeting room will be established in accordance with English alphabetical order of the Party names together with the time of inscription on the list.

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