



Education Day at COP 23

High-level event “Uniting for Climate Education Further, Faster, Together through Partnerships”

Date: 16 November 2017, 11:30-12:45, venue: Room 6, Bonn Zone



Background

Education is the thread tying together the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and climate change action. The critical role of education in climate change was given the stamp of approval at the Paris Climate Conference (COP 21). When delegates from 195 countries came together to draft the Paris Climate Change Agreement, Article 12 on education was the first to be agreed upon. It states that: “Parties shall cooperate in taking measures, as appropriate, to enhance climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information, recognizing the importance of these steps with respect to enhancing actions under this Agreement.” There is growing understanding that education is not an “add on” but an integral part of any strategy to combat the effects of climate change and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Thus, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Change Agreement function as a single blueprint for humanity and the planet.

Description

Building on the successful mobilization during Education Day at COP 21 in Paris and COP 22 in Marrakech, the COP 23 Presidency, in partnership with UNFCCC, UNESCO and the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness, will host a **high-level event on education called “Uniting for Climate Education Further, Faster, Together through Partnerships”**. The event will bring together ministers, international organizations and non-Party stakeholders to discuss how partnerships on education can accelerate the implementation of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.





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| Moderator: Mr. Nick Nuttall, UNFCCC Spokesperson and Director of the Communication and Outreach Programme | |
| 11:35 - 11:40 | Students' climate change performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonn Climate Ambassadors, Laurentius School |
| Family photo speakers and Bonn Climate Ambassadors | |
| 11:40 - 11:45 | Voices of young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Zuriel Oduwole, UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now Champion |
| 11:45 - 11:50 | Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of UNFCCC |
| 11:50 - 11:55 | Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasnaa of Morocco, President of the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection |
| 11:55 - 12:00 | Agreement between UNFCCC and Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection in the presence of the Princess <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of UNFCCC Mr. Lahoucine Tijani, Vice President of the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection |
| 12:00 - 12:40 | How partnerships on education can accelerate the implementation of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Gale Tracy Christiane Rigobert, Minister of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development, Saint Lucia Mr. Shyamal Majumdar, Head of the International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, UNESCO-UNEVOC Mr. Francesco La Camera, Director General, Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, Italy Ms. Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany Ms. Dessima Williams, Special Adviser for SDG Implementation |
| 12:40 - 12:45 | Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, Minister for Women Children And Poverty Alleviation, Fiji |





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