



A VICTORY FOR THE CLIMATE IN PARIS

On 12 December 2015, at the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 195 countries adopted the Paris Agreement, one of the most important international agreements in history.

In doing so, they recognized the severity of climate change, acknowledged its dramatic costs and committed to take action to stay well below a 2°C global temperature rise. UNEP has worked for decades to support climate action – bringing science to policymakers, and helping communities around the world adapt to climate change.

We look forward to working with our partners to put the Paris Agreement into action and prompt stronger and wider action. We will do this through supporting the expansion of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, promoting fuel efficiency measures, guiding the world toward sustainable consumption and production patterns, and helping countries adapt to a changing climate

Specific UNEP contributions to COP 21 and the Paris Agreement

Assisted **36 countries** who submitted Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) to develop and complete their plans.

Mobilized institutional investors, who promised to **decarbonize \$600 billion** of investments (see page 12 for more details).

Helped facilitate over **\$10 billion in pledges** to the Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (see page 12 for more details).

Through the Global Adaptation Gap Report 2014, contributed to **97 countries including adaptation components** in their INDCs.

Partnered with the COP Presidency on launching the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction. **22 countries and 60 organizations joined the alliance**, which UNEP will host.

Helped countries make links between climate science and policy (see page 11

The slogan “Decarbonize” is projected on the Eiffel Tower as the international community signs up to a universal climate agreement. © AFP/ Charles Platiau

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for details on the Emissions Gap Report as an example).

Partnered in engaging non-state actors, a key pillar of the COP Presidency. Non-state actors are crucial to delivering emissions reductions, especially in the four years before the Paris Agreement enters into force.