

Briefing on Preparations for the Secretary General's Climate Action Summit / Nature-based Solutions Workstream

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Climate Action Summit

Background

- Aims to **mobilize political and economic actors** at the highest levels.
- Demonstrate a **leap in collective national political ambition** and realistic and **transformative outcomes**.
- **Nine interdependent action areas**, recognized as having high potential to curb greenhouse gas emissions and increase global action on adaption and resilience, have been established.
- **Key milestone:** preparatory stocktaking meeting in Abu Dhabi (30 June – 1 July).

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Organizational Chart

Secretary-General

Deputy Secretary-General

Luis Alfonso de Alba
Special Envoy for Climate Action Summit

United Nations

- Climate Core Group
- Climate Principals

- Climate Action Summit Steering Group
 - Climate Science Advisory Group
- Prof. Petteri Taalas, WMO, Co-Chair
Prof. Leena Srivastava TERI University, Co-Chair

- **Michael Bloomberg**, Special Envoy Climate Action
- **Peter Thomson**, Special Envoy for the Ocean
- **Robert Orr**, Special Advisor Climate Change

Ambition Advisory Group

- Anne Sophie Cerisola, Deputy to the Special Envoy
 - Laurence Tubiana, Co-Chair
 - Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Co-Chair
- (Selwin Hart, Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Alf Wills, Peter Betts, Ajay Mathhur)

Mitigation Strategy

Lead

Chile

Patricia Espinosa
Achim Steiner
Paul Polman

Social & Political Drivers

Co-leads

Peru
Spain

DESA, ILO, WHO
UN Global Compact, B-team

Members
Nauru, Poland

Youth & Mobilization

Co-leads

Marshall Islands
Ireland

Youth Envoy

Members
Nigeria, Namibia

Energy transition

Co-leads

Denmark
Ethiopia

SEforAll

Members
Palau, Italy, Indonesia, Colombia, Morocco

Infrastructure Cities & Local Action

Co-leads

Kenya
Turkey

UN-Habitat

Members
Germany, Mexico, Canada, Singapore, Brazil, Russia

Industry transition

Co-leads

India
Sweden

WEF

Member
Argentina
Algeria
Slovenia

Resilience & Adaptation

Co-leads

United Kingdom
Egypt

UNDP

Members
Bangladesh, Netherlands, Malawi, Saint Lucia
(?)

Nature-Based Solutions

Co-leads

China
New Zealand

UNEP, David Nabarro, CBD

Members
Norway, Fiji, Costa Rica, Portugal, Tajikistan

Climate Finance & Carbon Pricing

Co-leads

Jamaica
France, Qatar

World Bank

Members
Republic of Korea, Senegal, Switzerland

Nature-based Solutions

Background



- NBS is an effective, long-term, cost-efficient and globally scalable approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- NBS co-led by China and New Zealand.
- UN Environment co-facilitates in partnership with Dr David Nabarro.
- Coalition also includes Costa Rica, Fiji, Norway, Portugal and Tajikistan.
- The Summit is a unique opportunity to trigger transformative change for Nature:
 - Mitigation outcomes (> one third of climate solution)
 - Multiple co-benefits for adaptation, sustainable development, biodiversity etc.

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Proposition

- **Inclusive process:** Global solicitation from mid-April to 6 May, 140+ inputs.
- **NBS proposition** is now emerging:
 - integrating systematic understanding of interconnections between people and nature
 - concrete actions to integrate nature systems to mitigate and adapt to climate change
- **Four thematic areas:**
 - Forests and other terrestrial ecosystems;
 - Ocean ecosystems and water resources;
 - Agriculture and food systems;
 - Nature's systemic role in development.
- **Key enablers and accelerators:**
 - Leadership and governance;
 - Finance;
 - Communications, campaigns and popular engagement.

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Next Steps

- **Proposition** and coalition will continue to be developed in the lead up to:
 - Abu Dhabi, 30 June-1 July, and
 - Climate Summit, 23 September.
- **Ongoing engagement encouraged:** Webinar on 13th June.
- NBS has great **scope for synergy** with other Summit action areas (Finance, Cities, Adaptation & Resilience etc.).
- **Longer term process beyond Summit:**
 - Launch of movement, Implementation, Accountability etc.
 - Short term Milestones for 2019-2020: UNFCCC COPs; CBD COP, NDC review.
 - Longer term Milestones for 2020-2030: Includes UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration



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Thank you



For more information, please visit:
<https://www.unenvironment.org/engaging-nature-based-solutions-coalition-climate-action-summit>
<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/WP-Nature-Based-Solutions.pdf>

www.unep.org

Climate Action Summit

Action Areas

Energy transition

Objective

Accelerate the flow of investments, finance and engagements away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy, energy efficiency, climate resilience and new innovative energy systems

Industry transition

Objective

Deliver concrete commitments and innovative partnerships to reduce emissions from key heavy-industry sectors with a focus on shipping, aviation, transport, petrochemicals, iron and steel, cement and aluminum

Nature-Based Solutions

Objective

Demonstrate how we can use natural systems to mitigate and adapt to climate change and enable all people and communities to address climate change and strengthen the connection to nature

Infrastructure, cities & local action

Objective

Scale-up bold solutions to decarbonize transports in cities; accelerate commitments towards resilient and zero carbon buildings; scale-up decentralized finance; improve the resilience of urban poor to climate change and define clear long term strategies towards carbon neutrality by 2050

Climate finance & carbon pricing

Objective

Deliver on the concrete commitments for the scaling-up of climate finance. Align private and public finance with the Paris Agreement goals through public-private partnerships.

Resilience & adaptation

Objective

Demonstrate fundamental shift in investments, behaviours and narrative around resilience and adaptation