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

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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

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 Mathur)

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 Palau, Italy, Indonesia, Colombia, Morocco

Energy transition
- Co-leads Denmark Ethiopia
  SEforAll
  Members Nigeria, Namibia

Infrastruc-ture Cities & Local Action
- Co-leads Kenya Turkey
  Members UN-Habitat Members Germany, Mexico, Canada, Singapore, Brazil, Russia

Industry transition
- Co-leads India Sweden
  Member Argentina Algeria Slovenia

Resilience & Adaptation
- Co-leads United Kingdom Egypt
  Members UNDP

Nature-Based Solutions
- Co-leads China New Zealand
  Members UNEP, David Nabarro, CBD Members Norway, Fiji, Costa Rica, Portugal, Tajikistan

Climate Finance & Carbon Pricing
- Co-leads Jamaica France, Qatar
  Members World Bank, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Switzerland

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
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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:
  o integrating systematic understanding of interconnections between people and nature
  o concrete actions to integrate nature systems to mitigate and adapt to climate change

• **Four thematic areas**:
  o Forests and other terrestrial ecosystems;
  o Ocean ecosystems and water resources;
  o Agriculture and food systems;
  o Nature’s systemic role in development.

• **Key enablers and accelerators**:
  o Leadership and governance;
  o Finance;
  o Communications, campaigns and popular engagement.
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Next Steps

• **Proposition** and coalition will continue to be developed in the lead up to:
  o Abu Dhabi, 30 June-1 July, and
  o 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:**
  o Launch of movement, Implementation, Accountability etc.
  o Short term Milestones for 2019-2020: UNFCCC COPs; CBD COP, NDC review.
  o Longer term Milestones for 2020-2030: Includes UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
Thank you

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<td>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</td>
<td>Deliver concrete commitments and innovative partnerships to reduce emissions from key heavy-industry sectors with a focus on shipping, aviation, transport, petro chemicals, iron and steel, cement and aluminum</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>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.</td>
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