High-Level Meeting of Caring for Climate

11 December, 10:00am -12:00pm, COP 25/CMP 15, Madrid, Spain

The UN Global Compact together with UN Environment and UNFCCC secretariat will convene the seventh annual High-Level Meeting on Climate Change at COP25/CMP 15 inviting senior executives of business, industry, finance, civil society, the United Nations and Government to ramp up corporate action. This year the gathering will build on the political momentum of the UN Climate Action Summit and draw on the achievements thus far of the “Business Ambition for 1.5°C – Our Only Future” campaign and the “UN Asset-owner Alliance”. The meeting serves as a high-level stakeholder consultation – with a focus on private sector engagement – to inform and articulate the role business and investors can play as a springboard to 2020 and the decade of action. It will help identify key levers of action necessary to dramatically reduce emissions to reach net-zero and resilient development by mid-century, by giving an outlook on 2020 priorities accelerating local climate action to help increase corporate support for enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The meeting is by invitation only.

10:00-10:05  Introduction and Welcome
  • Paul Polman, Vice Chair of the UN Global Compact Board and Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

10:05-10:15  Opening Remarks: The Global Momentum for Climate Action
  • H.E. António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations

10:15-11:40  Interactive Dialogue: Our Only Future – the Role of the Private Sector in Reaching 1.5°C and Net-zero

A moderated discussion will be followed by a tour-de-table on how stakeholders will identify the key levers and barriers to urgent climate action, with a view to inform and articulate the role private sector can play as a springboard to 2020 and the decade of action.

Participants are invited to share perspectives on the following:
  • What ambition loops are needed to leverage heavy industry to set net-zero targets?
  • How is the private sector responding to the growing awareness among consumers and investors for a 1.5°C Future?

Calling on a Climate Emergency
  • Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz, High-level Champion for COP 25, Chile
  • Ms. Mary Robinson, Chair of The Elders and Former President of Ireland
  • Ms. Brianna Fruean, Youth Leader and Environmental Advocate for Samoa, New Zealand

Shifting Action to a Higher Gear – Announcements
  • Mr. José Ignacio Sánchez Galán, Chief Executive Officer, Iberdrola, Spain
  • Mr. Odd Arild Grefstad, Chief Executive Officer, Storebrand, Norway
  • Mr. Daniel Martinez-Valle, Chief Executive Officer, Orbia, Mexico
  • Mr. Torbjörn Lööf, Chief Executive Officer, Inter IKEA Group, the Netherlands
  • Ms. Esther An, Chief Sustainability Officer, City Developments Limited, Singapore

11:50-11:55  Closing Remarks: Bridging the Gap with a Year of Action
  • Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, United Nations Environment

11:55-12:00  Wrap up by the Master of Ceremonies