
NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR CLIMATE

NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS MOMENTUM HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019, 09:30 - 14:30

ECOSOC CHAMBER, UNHQ, NY

Livestream: unwebtv.live/schedule

DESCRIPTION

The Nature-Based Solutions Coalition of the UN Climate Action Summit is hosting a high-level event to highlight the critical role of nature for climate action and the pathways to unlocking nature's full potential for mitigation and adaptation to deliver the Paris Agreement and carbon neutrality by 2050.

The event is being convened by the UN Secretary-General, featuring Heads of State and Ministers, and leaders from international organizations, civil society, private sector, youth and indigenous peoples, among other key stakeholders.

FORMAT

The day will include a mix of presentations and interactive panel discussions from 9:30AM to 2:30PM. The event will be moderated by David Nabarro.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

09:30–9:40 Welcome by co-facilitators Susan Gardner and David Nabarro

The co-facilitators welcome all the participants in the room and encourage a constructive dialogue with short statements, inclusiveness and respect for different positions. They present briefly the flow of the day. They introduce the Launch of the Compendium, indicating that in preparing for the Climate Action Summit, the NBS Coalition invited ideas on how NBS can be enhanced and scaled-up. More than 150 proposals were received and are available on the [NBS Contributions Platform](#). An NBS compendium has been prepared: it summarises the inputs received from the global. They invite two co-leads to start the proceedings and to launch the compendium.

9:40-10:10 Introduction to NBS for climate by the NBS coalition co-leads, UN Environment and FAO: launch of the Compendium

- HE XIE Zhenhua, Special Representative for Climate Change Affairs China, Co-Lead of the NBS Coalition [remarks 5 mins]
- Hon Aupito William Sio, Minister for Pacific Peoples, New Zealand, Co-Lead of the NBS Coalition – [remarks 5 mins]
- Inger Andersen, UNEP Executive Director – [remarks 5 mins]
- Qu Dongyu, FAO Director General – [remarks 5 mins]



10:15-10:35 **The NBS Opportunity and Coalition Outcomes to advance the Paris Agreement and the SDGs**

NBS provides 30% of the solution to climate change but receives only 3% of investment. Ensuring that NBS find their place requires a global reset of peoples' relationship with nature, and the evolution of changes in economic, commercial and governance systems to value nature and mainstream nature into decision-making.

- Achim Steiner, Administrator UN Development Programme [Remarks 5 mins]
- Ángel Gurría OECD Secretary-General and Mexico's former Secretary of Foreign Affairs [Remarks 5 minutes]

The Summit and the NBS Opportunity

- Amina Mohammed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General [Keynote Speech 5 mins]

10:35-10:55 **Reflections on the NBS opportunity** [3 minutes remarks]

- HE Ola Elvestuen, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway
- HE Carlos Rodriguez, Costa Rica, Minister of Environment and Energy
- HE Minister Richard Bruton T.D., Minister of Ireland for Communications, Climate Action and Environment
- Remarks from Colombia, India, Nepal, Netherlands, Germany (TBC)

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10:55– 11:25 **Mainstreaming NBS for Sustainable Development – Facilitated Dialogue**

Well devised investments in NBS will contribute to the promises of the Paris Agreement as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through i) reduced deforestation and environmental harm; ii) greater livelihood resilience for people threatened by climate change; iii) increased opportunity for income in rural communities, iv) healthier diets from sustainable food, v) economic development through regeneration of landscapes, watersheds, coastlines and the ocean, and vi) a reduction in biodiversity loss.

Format of the dialogue session: participants will be invited to take the floor from their seats to give short remarks (maximum 3 minutes) prompted by a question from the moderator.

- HE Joao Pedro Matos Fernandes, Minister of Environment, Portugal
- Emmanuel Faber, CEO Danone
- Magdi Batato, COO Nestlé
- Paula Caballero, Managing Director for Climate and Water, RARE
- Frances Seymour, Distinguished Senior Fellow, WRI
- Jane Madgwick, CEO Wetlands International



11:25-12:30 **Scaling-up NBS for Mitigation, Resilience & Adaptation – Keynote and Facilitated Dialogue**

The solutions exist, they are people-centered, practical and achievable. They can be implemented everywhere if adequately supported through shifts in national governance and financing processes, widespread popular mobilization and partnering among multiple stakeholders

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- Rt. Hon. Zac Goldsmith UK, Minister for Environment and International Development
- HE Sergio Costa, Italy, Minister of Environment, Land and Sea
- Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UN Convention on Combating Desertification (UNCCD)
- Divine Ntiokam, Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network, Cameroon
- Grethel Aguilar, Acting Director General, IUCN
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- Jennifer Morris, President of Conservation International
- Ruandha Agung Sugardiman, Director General of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of Indonesia (TBC)
- HE Lee White, Minister for Forests, Sea, Environment and Climate, Republic of Gabon

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12:30– 13:30 **Regional and International Cooperation for NBS – Facilitated Dialogue**

Successful implementation calls for joint action among multiple stakeholders, across boundaries with an emphasis on cooperation, synergy and impact, through collective leadership that keeps the interests of all people and the planet at the center.

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- HE Gilles Tonelli, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Principality of Monaco
- Jón Erlingur Jónasson, the Director General for Development Cooperation from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- High Level Representative of Chile, UNFCCC COP25 Presidency (TBC)
- Minister of Ecuador (TBC)
- HE Fernando López Larreynaga, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador (TBC)
- Marina Melanidis, Co-Director of Climate Guides and Youth4Nature Lead
- Jennifer Morgan, Executive Director of Greenpeace International
- Kavita Prakash-Mani, Global Conservation Director, WWF International
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- Sonia Guajajara, Faith Leader

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- Juan Carlos Jintiach, COICA
 - Patricia Serrano Roca, Pro Amazonia

13:30 – 14:15 Shifting Governance and Finance to Better Value Nature – Facilitated Dialogue

By giving a proper value to nature and then taking action in line with this valuation, decision-makers in sub-national and national administrations, businesses, institutions and civil society are contributing to securing the future for people and planet: NBS for climate offers all concerned an opportunity to make these shifts together and maximize their impacts through mainstreaming nature into public policy, devising practical ways to implement NBS and share experiences through regional and global cooperation. Predictable and dependable finance, used effectively, is key to unlocking the full potential of NBS for climate and people, for resilient livelihoods and biodiversity.

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- Diane Holdorf, Managing Director: Food & Nature, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- HE Inia Batikoto Seruiratu, Minister of Defense, Republic of Fiji (TBC)
- Dominic Waughray, Senior Director for Impact, World Economic Forum [TBC]
- President Houmgbo, representative of IFAD
- Karin Kemper, Global Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy Global Practice, World Bank
- Denis Duverne, Chairman of the Board of Directors, AXA
- Pierre Rousseau, Strategic Advisor Sustainable Business, BNP Paribas
- Cristiana Pasca-Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

14:15 – 14:30 Closing

- Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Action Summit, Mr. Alfonso de Alba
- New Zealand
- China

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