

*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

**COP21 Lima-Paris Action Agenda Focus on Energy
7 December 2015 from 10:15 to 18:45 CET, Observer Room 10, Hall 4**

Press briefing from 9:15 to 10:00 AM CET, Press Conference Room 1, Hall 2

Accelerating energy transition at the heart of the Paris COP21 dynamic

Ministers, cities, energy and finance organizations leaders and CEOs to unveil new and ongoing actions driving the transition towards a sustainable, low emissions energy sector

Paris, 7 December 2015 – Governments will join with companies, cities, energy organizations and civil society to present more than 15 collective initiatives to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and access to sustainable energy – aiming at creating a new model for energy development.

With more than 80 % of the mix, the global energy system is today largely dominated by fossil fuels. Changing to a more sustainable situation requires a profound transformation of systems and investment patterns.

The new initiatives that will be featured reflect a profound and broad dynamic which is spreading to all countries in the world, with regions like Africa and small islands developing states (SIDS) working to leapfrog past the fossil fuel phase to clean energy. Champions are leading the way both in renewable energy, energy efficiency and access to energy grids.

The Energy Focus is organized by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Sustainable Energy For All SE4All, and France.

The press conference and the following Focus event will give the opportunity to a variety of leaders from government, local authorities, business and finance to showcase their energy collaboration and commitments (see the detailed program <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/lpaa/cop-21/#Events>)

Participants include: **National governments and regional bodies:**

- *Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, President of Iceland*
- *Anerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister, Mauritius**
- *Freundel Stuart, Prime Minister, Barbados*
- *Børge Brende, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway*
- *Nejib Derouiche, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Tunisia*
- *Laurent Fabius, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France or Annick Girardin, Minister of State for Development and Francophony, France*

- *Khaled Fahmy, Minister of Environment, Egypt, Chair of AMCEN*
- *Hakima El Haite, Minister Delegate in Charge of Environment, Morocco, COP22 president*
- *Barbara Hendricks, Minister of Environment, Germany*
- *Elham Ibrahim, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, AU Commission*
- *Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of State, United Arab Emirates*
- *Isabella Loevin, Minister of Development, Sweden*
- *Hugo Martinez, Minister of Foreign Affairs, El Salvador*
- *Ajay Mathur, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, India*
- *Marcelo Mena, Vice Secretary of Environment, Chile*
- *Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy, USA*
- *Salvador Mansell, Minister of Energy and Mines, Nicaragua**
- *Jabulile Mashwama, Minister for Natural Resources and Energy, Swaziland*
- *Neven Mimica, European Commissioner in charge of International Cooperation and Development*
- *Kadre Desire Ouedraogo, President, ECOWAS Commission, West Africa CEC*
- *Henry Puna, Prime Minister, Cook Islands*
- *Ségolène Royal, Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France*
- *Grant Shapps, Minister of State for International Development, UK*
- *Judy Wakhungu, Minister of environment, Kenya**
- *Kandeh Yumkella, former Representative of the UN Secretary-General, and Chief Executive, Sustainable Energy for all Initiative*

UN Agencies, international organizations:

- *Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General*
- *Mogens Lykketoft, President of the UN General Assembly*
- *Adnan Z. Amin, Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency*
- *Fatih Birol, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)*
- *Rachel Kyte, Vice-President and Special Envoy for Climate Change, World Bank Group, and Designate Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSR) and CEO of Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All)*
- *Achim Steiner, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*

Subnational governments:

- *Datuk Ismail Ibrahim, Executive Director, Iskandar, Malaysia*
- *Jonathan Mueke, Deputy Governor, Nairobi City County*
- *Matthew Pencharz, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Greater London Authority*
- *Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver, Canada*
- *Dubai representative**

Private sector and financing institutions:

- *Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank**
- *Peter Agnefjäll, Chief Executive Officer, IKEA*
- *Geeta Aiyer, President and Founder of Boston Common Asset Management*
- *Ragıp Balcıoğlu, Vice-President Arçelik, Turkey*
- *Niels Christiansen, CEO, Danfoss*
- *Luciano Coutinho, President, The Brazilian Development Bank*
- *Oleg Deripaska President, RUSAL*
- *Ebru Dildar Edin, Executive Vice-President, Project Finance, Garanti Bank, Turkey*
- *AD Huang, General Manager, Build Your Dreams China*

- Naoko Ishii, CEO, Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Jean-Bernard Levy, CEO, EDF*
- Mahmood Malik, CEO, IDCOL, Bangladesh
- Joel Mwale Manda, Senior Manager, Renewable Energy, Copperbelt
- Luis Moreno, President, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*
- Luis Neves, Chairman, Global e-Sustainability Initiative, (GeSI)
- Jean-Marc Ollagnier, CEO, Accenture Resources
- Kyung-Ah Park, Head of Environmental Market, Goldman Sachs
- Ulrich Spiesshofer, CEO, ABB
- Eric Rondolat, CEO, Philips Lighting
- Boris Schucht, CEO, "50Hz "
- Josué Tanaka, Managing Director, EBRD
- Nigel Topping, CEO, We Mean Business, Executive Director, Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
- Jean-Pascal Tricoire, CEO, Schneider Electric
- Laura Tuck, Vice President of Sustainable Development, World Bank
- José Antonio Vargas Lleras, CODENSA utility, Colombia
- Harry Verhaar, CEO, GOGLA

Initiatives and think-tanks:

- Kelly Speakes-Backman, Senior Vice-President, Alliance to Save Energy, USA
- Andrew Herscowitz, Coordinator, President Barack Obama's Power Africa Initiative*
- Neelima Jain, National Programme Manager, Energy Efficiency Services Limited, India
- Jules Kortenhorst, Climate War Room/Rocky Mountain Institute
- Sylvie Lemmet, Co-Chair, G20-IPEEC Task Group on Energy Efficiency and Finance, France
- Radha Muthiah, CEO, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves
- Lord Georges Robertson, FIA Foundation
- Andrew Steer, President and CEO, World Resources Institute (WRI)

* To be confirmed

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BACKGROUND

- The energy sector, accounting for some two-thirds of all global emissions, must be a top priority if we are to keep the global temperature rise below 2°C.
- Global demand for energy is skyrocketing; direct energy emissions are projected to double or triple by 2050.
- Projections should however not be confused with inevitability. Readily available, technologically sound and economically viable options are today allowing countries to develop and prosper with minimal adverse environmental impacts.
- Today, more than 160 countries have renewable energy targets in place, demonstrating a widespread ambition for deployment of renewable energy technologies. Accordingly, well over 100 gigawatts of new capacity has been added worldwide every year for the past three years.
- Three fourth of G20 countries and half of others countries are planning energy efficiency measures in their INDCs. According to the IEA, energy efficiency can achieve 50 percent of the reduction in CO₂ emissions needed by 2030 to stay on a 2 degree track. In addition, energy efficiency is enabling the renewable energies to deliver their full potential in the energy mix that the world needs.
- More than one billion people still lack access while another one billion have unreliable supply. Further, close to 3 billion people depend on traditional biomass for their cooking and heating needs.
- While progress is remarkable, much more action is needed to reach the level compatible with a 2°C trajectory and to succeed in bringing modern and clean energy to all citizens. The deployment of renewable energy coupled with the implementation of energy efficiency measures must become universal and systematic to form the basis of the future energy system.
- Investment in energy efficiency has to be increased four-fold for a 2°C trajectory.
- The world currently invests USD 9 billion a year on energy access, but around USD 50 billion is needed to achieve universal access. Due to important cost reductions in recent years, the business case for deploying off-grid renewables in rural areas has never been stronger.

ABOUT LPAA

The **Lima-Paris Action Agenda** is a joint undertaking of the Peruvian and French COP presidencies, the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the UNFCCC Secretariat. It aims to strengthen climate action throughout 2015, in Paris in December and well beyond through: mobilizing robust global action towards low carbon and resilient societies; providing enhanced support to existing initiatives, such as those launched during the NY SG Climate summit in September 2014; and mobilizing new partners and providing a platform for the visibility of their actions, commitments and results in the run up to COP21.

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