***MEDIA ADVISORY***

COP21 Lima-Paris Action Agenda Focus on Forests
1 December 2015 from 9:30 to 13:45, Observers Room 12, Blue Zone

Press briefing from 8:45 to 9:15 AM CET, Press Conference Room 1, Blue Zone

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Paris, 1 December 2015 - The LPAA Focus event on Forests will serve as a stepping stone for future ambitious climate action on forests. Building on the New York Declaration on Forests launched during the Climate Summit in September 2014, it will showcase transformational examples at national and subnational level to make forests and their protection a core element of equitable economic growth and sustainable development. It will also highlight progress in the implementation of commitments to safeguard forests as well as concrete announcements of new ambitious collaborative actions by a variety of actors.

Approximately one billion people depend directly on forests for their livelihoods, and most of the remaining six billion of us depend on forests for the air we breathe, the rainfall that grows our food, and products we use every day.

Agriculture, forestry and other land uses (AFOLU) are responsible for nearly a quarter of all anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, about half of that from deforestation and forest degradation, mostly driven by demand for food and wood products and inequities and inefficiencies in the use of land for their production. We know how to act. Around the world, ambitious commitments have been put on the table by a wide array of stakeholders: national governments, sub-national authorities, indigenous peoples, local communities and the private sector. Recognizing the leading role of Forest Nations, the transition from words into action requires collaboration and partnerships between multiple stakeholders and all of the sectors that rely upon and impact forests must recognize the strong links among economic growth, forest protection, sustainable agriculture, reduction of GHG emissions and climate resilience.

The Focus on Forests, to be held in Paris at COP21 on 1 December 2015, provides an opportunity to launch an unprecedented set of alliances of organizations and stakeholders, state and non-state actors through the implementation and new announcements for action in the main tropical forest basins.
Among confirmed panelists, this Forests Focus Event will host:

- **Ollanta Humala**, President of Peru
- **HRH Charles**, Prince of Wales
- **Manuel Pulgar-Vidal**, Minister of Environment, Peru
- **Ségolène Royal**, Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France
- **Izabella Teixeira**, Minister of Environment, Brazil
- **Siti Nurbaya Bakar**, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
- **Mansuetus Darto**, National Coordinator, Oil Paul Smallholder Union (SPKS)
- **Robert Bopolo Mbogeza**, Minister for Environment, Congo
- **Rémi Allah-Kouadio**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Côte d’Ivoire
- **Hubert Weber**, Executive Vice-President and President, Mondelez Europe
- **Cécile Njebet**, Co-chair of the REDD+ Platform for CSOs and Indigenous Peoples, Cameroon
- **Marc Bolland**, CEO, Marks & Spencer, and vice co-chair, Consumer Good Forum
- **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Coordinator, Indigenous Women and Peoples Association of Chad
- **Marco Lambertini**, President, WWF International
- **Makhtar Diop**, Vice-President for the Africa Region, World Bank Group
- **Naoko Ishii**, CEO and Chairperson, GEF
- **Felipe Calderon**, Former President, Mexico

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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. Learn more at http://newsroom.unfccc.int/lpaa/about/