

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

**COP21 Lima-Paris Action Agenda Focus on Building
3 December 2015, 15:00 - 18:30, Observer Room 12, Hall 4**

Press briefing, 14:15 - 14:45, Press Conference Room 1, Hall 2, Blue Zone

**18 countries and over 60 organizations launch an unprecedented
Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction to combat climate
change**

*Ministers from Cameroon, Finland, France, Morocco, Senegal and Sweden,
international organizations, CEOs from multinationals and civil society leaders will
launch the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction to transform the sector and
reduce
its significant environmental footprint*

The Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction will gather governments, businesses and civil society to spotlight the key role of their sector in implementing ambitious action to keep average global temperatures below 2 degrees Celsius and to highlight the need to speed up and scale up existing efforts. As cities continue to grow, with more than 70% of the global population expected to call urban areas home, it becomes critical for the sector to reduce its emissions and literally build in greater resilience against climate change.

The Lima-Paris Action Agenda Thematic Focus on Building will be composed of sessions focusing on long-term public policies, value chain transformation, and bridging the investment gap, as well as announcements for launching the global alliance. Speakers will include:

- Ségolène Royal, Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France.
- Ibrahim Thiaw, Deputy Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).
- Philippe Benoit, Head, Energy Efficiency and Environment Division, International Energy Agency (IEA).
- Mehmet Kaplan, Minister for Housing, Urban Development and Information Technology, Sweden.
- Joan Clos, Under-Secretary General and Executive Director, UN-HABITAT.
- Ajay Mathur, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India.
- M. Abdoulaye Baldé, Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal.
- Pierre-André de Chalendar, CEO, Saint-Gobain.

- Eric Olsen, CEO, Lafarge Holcim.
- Sangeeta Prasad, CEO, Integrated Cities & Industrial Clusters, Mahindra.
- Esa Mohammed, President, International Union of Architects.
- Naoko Ishii, CEO & Chairperson, The Global Environment Facility (GEF).
- Mohammed Nabil Benabdallah, Minister of Housing and Cities, Morocco.

See the full list of speakers [here](#).

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What: COP21 Lima-Paris Action Agenda Focus on Building:
New Partnerships to Transform Climate and Economy
[Full Agenda Online](#)

When: 3 December 2015 | 3:00 PM CET – 6:30 PM CET
Press Briefing at 2:15 PM Conference Room 1, Hall 2

Where: In the Blue Zone (Room 12, Hall 4)

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