



# CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019

## CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT WEEKEND EVENTS

21-22 September 2019

New York, NY, United States

### Logistics Note for Participants

#### CONFERENCE VENUE

The *Climate Action Summit weekend events* will be held on 21 and 22 September 2019 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Nine consecutive Coalition meetings will be held in parallel in several conference rooms throughout the two days. The full schedule of meetings and related information can be found online: <https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/#>

#### TYPE OF BADGES AND COLLECTION

Due to heightened security during UN General Assembly week, we strongly encourage early pick-up of event badges for all non-UN participants in order to reduce entry time to UN Headquarters on the day of the events. Event badges will be provided to registered guests ONLY. Additional staff or accompanying persons who have not been explicitly approved by the Climate Action Summit Team will not be accommodated.

The United Nations will be closed to public as of Friday, 20 September, all invited participants will need a badge to enter the UN premises.

#### All participants will be issued the following badges:

- Special event pass to access UNHQ, this is a name and date specific pass that will allow participants to access the United Nations Secretariat premises. **This is a non-transferrable badge;**
- Secondary pass – a transferrable ticket that will enable participants to access specific meeting rooms.

#### Badge Collection

**At the UNITAR Building (Former Pass and ID office)** (Ground floor), at 801 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, New York, NY 10017 (between 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Streets on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. *(Please note: the entrance to the building is on 1<sup>st</sup> avenue and corner of 45<sup>th</sup> street)*) on the following dates:

- Thursday, 19 September: between 14:00 and 17:30;
- Friday, 20 September: between 09:00 and 17:30;
- Saturday, 21 September & Sunday, 22 September: between 07:00 –17:30

## Who should collect the badges?

- All participants must present their passport or a valid photo ID, to collect the required security identification badge.
- It is preferable that participants collect their badges in person, however, if a third party is collecting the badge on behalf of a speaker, a letter signed by the participant / copy of passport or valid photo ID of the participant will be accepted.

## Special Note

- For security reasons, Identification Badges *must always be worn by all participants* during the weekend meetings at all times during their presence in the UNHQ.
- Participants must be seated by no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of each meeting; please allow travel time as well as sufficient security screening time at the entrance, which is on first-come, first-served basis.

## ARRIVAL TO UNHQ

The Climate Action Summit Staff will guide non-UN guests from 46th Street and 1st Avenue to the UN Headquarters, through the security screening tent, and into the Secretariat Building where the event will take place. To assist with this process, UN staff will be located along the route to provide direction and assistance. Staff will be lined up throughout to usher the participants and assist in providing direction to meeting rooms.

## TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION IN NEW YORK

Due to the heightened security during the UN General Assembly week, there will be many road closures around UN Headquarters. Therefore, we recommend traveling by foot when possible.

For all other times, we recommend using the MTA Trip Planner to determine the best route from the location where you are staying. While we encourage all participants to utilize public transportation, taxis and other car services such as Uber are also available to take you from point A to point B in New York City.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- On UN premises mobile phone reception is sometimes limited.
- Wifi network name: UNHQGUEST
- Password: No password required

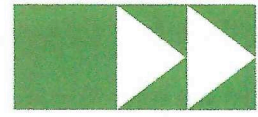
## CONTACT INFORMATION

For all communications related to the Summit and its events, please contact: [climateactionsummitregister@un.org](mailto:climateactionsummitregister@un.org) or contact your respective track lead.

## PLEASE NOTE

**No banners, signs, placards or posters will be permitted within United Nations premises, and distribution of flyers will also not be allowed. Demonstrations of any kind -- whether inside the United Nations headquarters or in the periphery -- will not be permitted under any circumstances by UN Security.**

# CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019



Menu





scalable solutions are available now that will enable us all to leapfrog to cleaner, more resilient economies.

The latest analysis shows that if we act now, we can reduce carbon emissions within 12 years and hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C and even, as asked by the latest science, to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

Thankfully, we have the Paris Agreement – a visionary, viable, forward-looking policy framework that sets out exactly what needs to be done to stop climate disruption and reverse its impact. But the agreement itself is meaningless without ambitious action.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres is calling on all leaders to come to New York on 23 September with **concrete, realistic plans to enhance their nationally determined contributions by 2020, in line with reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45 per cent over the next decade, and to net zero emissions by 2050.**

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I want to hear about how we are going to stop the increase in emissions by 2020, and dramatically reduce emissions to reach net-zero emissions by mid-century

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To be effective and credible, these plans cannot address mitigation alone: they must show the way toward a **full transformation of economies in line with sustainable development goals**. They should not create winners and losers or add to economic inequality; they must be fair and create new opportunities and protections for those negatively impacted, in the context of a just transition. And they should also include women as key decision-makers: only gender-diverse decision-making has the capacity to tackle the different needs that will emerge in this coming period of critical transformation.

The Summit will bring together governments, the private sector, civil society, local authorities and other international organizations to develop ambitious solutions in six areas: a global transition to renewable energy; sustainable and resilient infrastructures and cities;

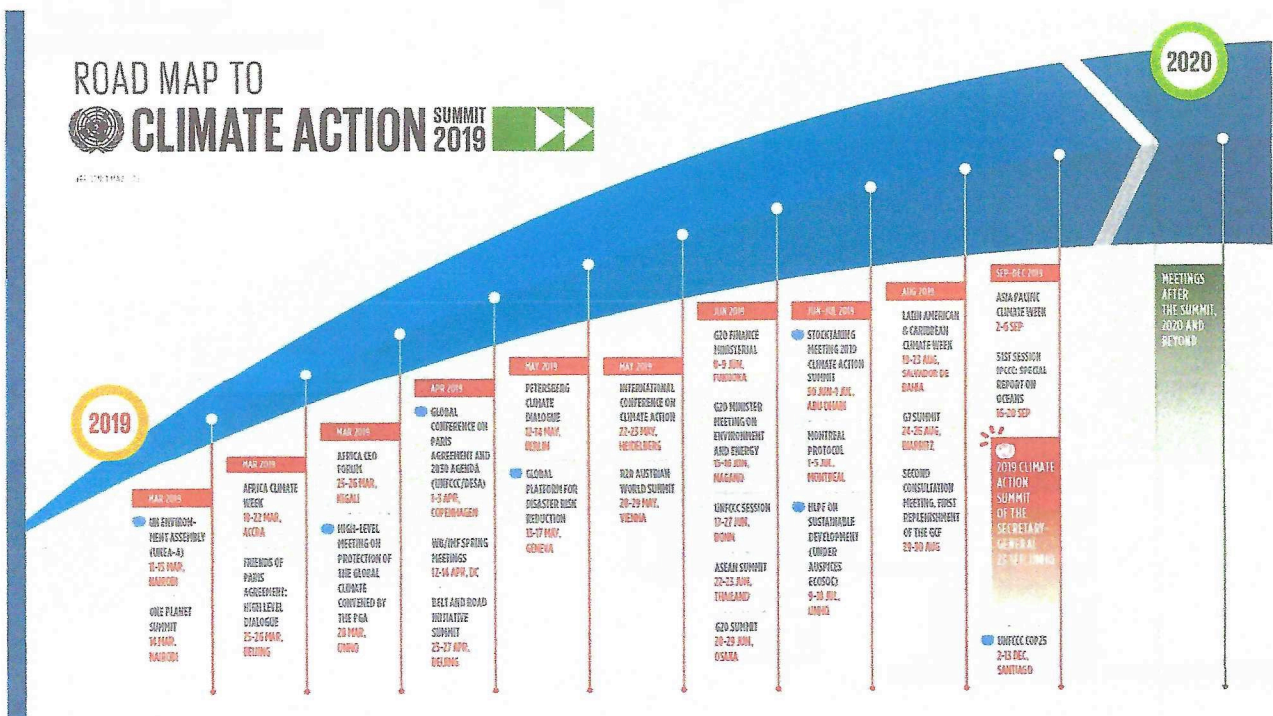


sustainable agriculture and management of forests and oceans; resilience and adaptation to climate impacts; and alignment of public and private finance with a net zero economy.

Business is on our side. Accelerated climate solutions can strengthen our economies and create jobs, while bringing cleaner air, preserving natural habitats and biodiversity, and protecting our environment.

New technologies and engineering solutions are already delivering energy at a lower cost than the fossil-fuel driven economy. Solar and onshore wind are now the cheapest sources of new bulk power in virtually all major economies. But we must set radical change in motion.

This means ending subsidies for fossil fuels and high-emitting agriculture and shifting towards renewable energy, electric vehicles and climate-smart practices. It means carbon pricing that reflects the true cost of emissions, from climate risk to the health hazards of air pollution. And it means accelerating the closure of coal plants and halting the construction of new ones and replacing jobs with healthier alternatives so that the transformation is just, inclusive and profitable.

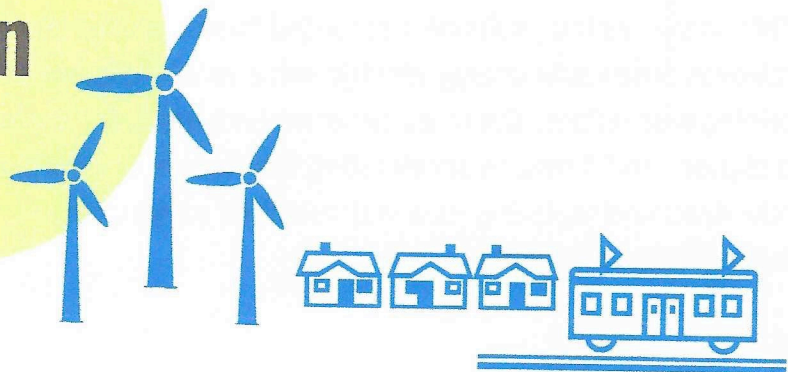


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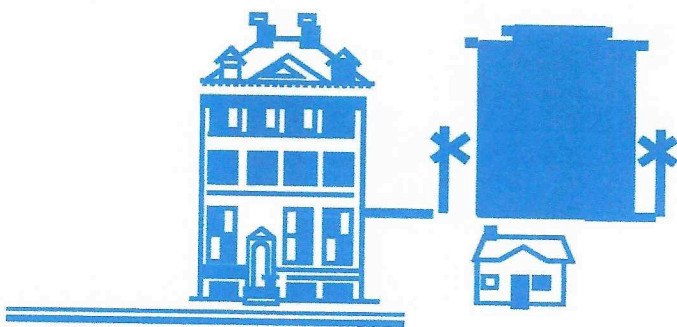
## Action portfolios

In order to ensure that the transformative actions in the real economy are as impactful as possible, the Secretary-General has prioritized the following action portfolios, which are recognized as having high potential to curb greenhouse gas emissions and increased global action on adaptation and resilience.

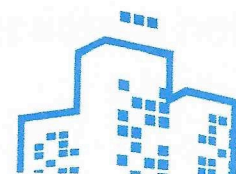
## Energy Transition



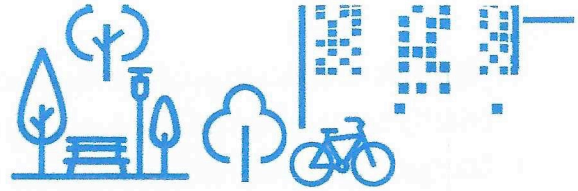
## Industry Transition



## Nature-based

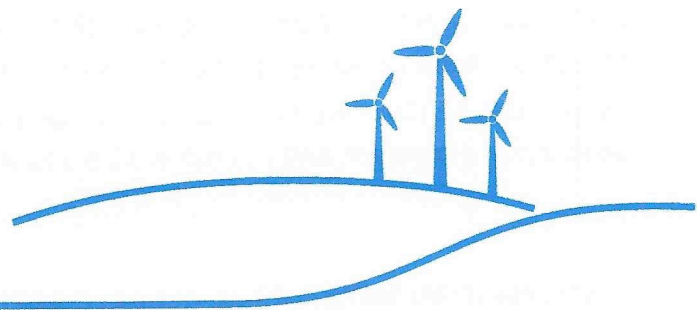


# Solutions



# Cities and Local Action

# Resilience



# Climate Finance and Carbon Pricing



- **Finance:** mobilizing public and private sources of finance to drive decarbonization of all priority sectors and advance resilience;
- **Energy Transition:** accelerating the shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy, as well as making significant gains in energy efficiency;
- **Industry Transition:** transforming industries such as Oil and Gas, Steel, Cement, Chemicals and Information Technology;
- **Nature-Based Solutions:** Reducing emissions, increasing sink capacity and enhancing resilience within and across forestry, agriculture, oceans and food systems, including through biodiversity conservation, leveraging supply chains and technology;
- **Cities and Local Action:** Advancing mitigation and resilience at urban and local levels, with a focus on new commitments on low-emission buildings, mass transport and urban infrastructure; and resilience for the urban poor;
- **Resilience and Adaptation:** advancing global efforts to address and manage the impacts and risks of climate change, particularly in those communities and nations most vulnerable.

In addition, there are three additional key areas:

- **Mitigation Strategy:** to generate momentum for ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and long-term strategies to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.
- **Youth Engagement and Public Mobilization:** To mobilize people worldwide to take action on climate change and ensure that young people are integrated and represented across all aspects of the Summit, including the six transformational areas.
- **Social and Political Drivers:** to advance commitments in areas that affect people's well-being, such as reducing air pollution, generating decent jobs, and strengthening climate adaptation strategies and protect workers and vulnerable groups.

**INFORMATION NOTE ON THE CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT ›  
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### **The task ahead: Special Envoy de Alba aims to galvanize the world to do more and better (special-envoy-alba-interview.shtml)**

Named the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Action Summit, Luis Alfonso de Alba is working to ensure that the world has the tools, the vision and the political will necessary to move forward on ambitious climate action for the benefit of all aspects of society.

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The first section of the report discusses the background and objectives of the study. It highlights the importance of understanding the current state of the industry and the challenges it faces. The second section provides a detailed analysis of the data collected during the research process. This includes a breakdown of the various factors influencing the market and the results of the surveys and interviews conducted. The final section offers conclusions and recommendations based on the findings of the study. It suggests several strategies that could be implemented to address the identified issues and improve the overall performance of the organization.

### APPENDIX A: DATA COLLECTION METHODS

This appendix details the methods used for data collection throughout the study. It describes the design of the surveys, the selection of participants, and the procedures for conducting interviews. The information provided here is intended to ensure the transparency and replicability of the research process. The surveys were distributed to a diverse group of industry professionals, and the interviews were conducted with key stakeholders within the organization. The data collected from these sources was then analyzed to identify trends and insights that inform the main body of the report.



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# Engaging with the Nature- Based Solutions coalition for the

# Summit

*In Climate change*

## Updates

- **NBS Manifesto Note** (<https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/29706/190827preamble.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>)
- **The Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Manifesto** (<https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/29705/190825NBSManifesto.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>)
- **NBS contributions platform** (<https://www.unenvironment.org/nbs-contributions-platform>)

## **A Summit about action and opportunity**

- The UN Climate Action Summit, being convened by UN Secretary-General on 23 September 2019 provides an opportunity for redefining people's relationship with nature. 'Nature-Based Solutions' can harness nature's capacity to reduce emissions, enhance resilience, and can offer a crucial response to climate change and sustainable development at the scale and pace that is needed: To make this transformation possible, the necessary actions must be clearly identified, along with robust implementation systems and finance on an unprecedented scale. The Summit also provides an opportunity of cooperation for all of us - from government, finance, business, civil society and international organizations - to contribute to collective efforts that will tip the balance. These include reversing climate change, implementing SDGs, delivering multiple economic, social and environmental outcomes, and benefiting lives and livelihoods everywhere.



## **Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) in the Summit**

- The United Nations Secretary-General has initiated nine coalitions comprised of national governments who are joined by other stakeholders. Their remit is to undertake preparatory work for the Summit and to ensure 'transformative outcomes, of which Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) is one. The coalitions are each preparing propositions that will be offered to world leaders at the Summit and be followed up through the UNFCCC COPs and other intergovernmental processes. It is anticipated that propositions, when implemented, will have significant and transformative impact, reflect public interest, and contribute to balanced and equitable development, taking account of economic and social considerations. Propositions will be assembled at the Climate Action Summit preparatory meeting will take place on 30 June and 1 July in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

## **Assembling the proposition for the Nature-Based Solutions workstream**

- The proposition for NBS will be established in conjunction with the coalitions involved in the eight other summit workstreams. This reflects the growing recognition that NBS are critical to the work undertaken in these different workstreams. The NBS coalition is keen to have a strong proposition for NBS to establish beyond doubt the critical importance NBS and to stimulate actions in NBS for climate action. At the 30 June meeting a strong proposition is more likely to be chosen for advancement to the September Summit. The NBS coalition co-leads will be fully engaged in establishing the scope and form of the NBS proposition in the run up to this meeting and on to the Summit. After the 30 June meeting, there will be discussions about the propositions among governments whose leaders are due to participate in the Summit.

## **Possible thematic areas for the Nature-Based Solutions proposition**

- The co-leads of the NBS coalition are China and New Zealand. They envisage that the proposition on the NBS theme could include (but not be limited to) scaling up the preservation and restoration of forests, land and marine ecosystems; conservation and restoration of wetlands; comprehensive treatment of soil erosion; prevention of desertification, climate resilient infrastructure and connectivity; eco-corridors and protection of biodiversity; climate compatible agriculture and food systems; regenerating ecosystems of the ocean and natural reserve systems with national parks as the mainstay.

## **The timetable of work for the NBS coalition**



- During the 12 weeks between early April and end June 2019, the NBS coalition will work for the emergence of a proposition that is highly ambitious and aggregated: it will call for intensifying the implementation of NBS within climate action. The proposition will have significant potential impact for the mitigation of climate change and capacities for adaptation, as well as co-benefits linked to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (such as poverty reduction, food security and health). As stated above, the proposition will be assembled in conjunction with the coalitions involved in the eight other summit workstreams.

## **Possible outcomes for the NBS workstream**

- The main outcome will be the proposition on Nature Based Solutions, presented as a declaration to be jointly issued by the coalition countries. Other outcomes anticipated include:
  - Establishing a “Nature-Based Solutions” coalition and explore the establishment of a science experts’ institution of the coalition.
  - Identifying action initiatives in various outcome areas. Further integrate and distill existing or proposed initiatives by coalition partners and include good initiatives into the annex to the declaration.
  - Compiling good practices: high-quality case studies provided by coalition partners and share them with all parties through seminars, round tables and other activities.

## **Receiving contributions**

- We would be grateful to receive contributions from those who wish to participate in the development of this NBS proposition. These contributions should describe action initiatives and/or good practices which could be aggregated into the ambitious NBS proposition. They should include actions that have a high potential impact, building (where appropriate) on existing initiatives and good practices. All inputs for the NBS proposal should be shared by 6 May. They will each be examined in May and then be drawn on when shaping the NBS coalition's proposition for the Climate Action Summit. It is envisaged that as the coalition advances its work its propositions will also be shaped through contributions from the other preparatory workstreams.

**Criteria being used when the propositions/contributions are examined**



- The NBS proposition will be developed on the basis of the five criteria recommended by the UN Secretary-General's Office and contributions will be reviewed using these criteria:

- **Transformational impact:**  
Transformational in development philosophy or ambition on climate action (mitigation/adaptation) either setting a new precedent in a sector, regionally or internationally or dramatically scaling-up an existing initiative;
- **Sustainable development co-benefits:** Addressing economic and social issues: Initiatives will need to demonstrate that they are inclusive (ensuring that no-one is left behind), advancing sustainable development, cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder;
- **Replicable and scalable:** Ability to be scaled-up or replicated across sectors or regions;
- **Measurable and implementable:** The proposed initiatives should be concrete enough to be immediately implemented with a measurable effect that allows the proponents to demonstrate their contribution and secure accountability. Initiatives will need

to be supported by an implementation plan with concrete milestones and the corresponding financial requirements.

- **Innovative and visible:**

Development of a competitive, innovative solution as well as a clear communications strategy that stimulates public awareness.

### **The proposed structure of contributions**