



Business & Climate Summit PARIS 2015

20-21 MAY 2015

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200 days before the COP 21

After to the UN Secretary General invitation for business to take a more active role in the world decarbonation process, the following business networks have decided to join forces and convene CEOs from around the world and from all sectors to respond to his call.

Organizers and partners :



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PRESENTATION

A Summit for climate and business

Business will be a significant player in the success of a global climate agreement. Business believes that decarbonation is compatible with human development and economic growth. Companies, large and small, have developed and are developing technological, organizational and financial solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

However, they depend on bold public policies to deploy these solutions at the scale and pace required to maintain the world temperature average increase under +2°C. The condition to achieve this deployment and transformation is that cooperation between governments and businesses allows new frameworks to be defined, in which all economic actors can operate.

Responding to the UN Secretary General's invitation for business to take a more active role in the world decarbonation process, a large number of business networks have decided to join forces and convene CEOs from around the world and from all sectors in the Business and Climate Summit.

Why is this Summit different?

A broader base: business is usually presenting individual companies commitments. During the Business & Climate Summit, CEOs of companies from around the world will also present collective demands to negotiators, supported by several business organizations, representing trade and industry, large and small companies as well as the finance community.

Consistency: messages will have been discussed in the governance bodies of the partner organizations, insuring consistency between global messages and messages passed to regional and national authorities.

Business organizations contribute, CEOs speak: to guarantee a broad support to the messages, the Summit is jointly funded by the partner organizations, not by individual companies.

A key step in the preparation of COP-21

The dialogue has started at the Climate Summit organised by the Secretary General of the United Nations in New York in September 2014.

It continues at the COP-20 in Lima, then in the World Economic Forum in Davos.

The Business & Climate Summit on 20-21 May 2015 is the latest opportunity for business to synthesize this debate, and demand additional items to be introduced into the next climate agreement.

Intended outcome of the Summit

The Summit will produce a short joint statement. It will be prepared ahead of the event by the partners' Editorial and Steering Committees. The final version will be issued at the end of the Summit, integrating the messages discussed and confirmed during the meeting.

Partners are expected to support these messages towards negotiators of all countries.

Partners

The Summit is co-organised by a wide range of business organisations that share the awareness of the climate urgency and the possible role of business in decarbonation, and want to enter dialogue with governments on their joint ambition.

Partners' logos are here above. More partners are considering joining the Summit.

Speakers

The speakers will be business leaders, in general CEOs from recognized companies, designated by the partners.

Other speakers are invited into the debates to comment these business messages:

- representatives of the United Nations
- representatives of governments

Audience

The summit is aimed primarily at international business players and climate negotiators. The UNESCO premises can welcome 1350 persons and have several rooms to host separate roundtables.

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PROGRAMME

As of 1st December 2014

20 MAY **WE – BUSINESS – HAVE SOLUTIONS** **Business solutions towards a low-carbon economy**

- 8.00 – 9.30 Welcome coffee
- 9.30 – 10.00 Welcome addresses**
- 10.00 – 11.00 Opening plenary – Is a low-carbon economy desirable?**
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 13.00 Roundtables on business solutions**
- Roundtable 1 – Mobility & transport
 - Roundtable 2 – Housing & energy efficiency in buildings
 - Roundtable 3 – Food, forest and agriculture
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 16.00 Roundtables on business solutions**
- Roundtable 4 – New consumption patterns
 - Roundtable 5 – Energy
 - Roundtable 6 – Industry
- 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30 – 17.30 Plenary – How can we finance the low-carbon economy?**
- 17.30 – 18.30 Plenary – We have solutions**
(debriefing from roundtables on solutions)

21 MAY **YOU – GOVERNMENTS – HAVE THE KEYS** **Deploying low-carbon solutions requires bold climate policies**

- 8.00 – 9.30 Welcome coffee
- 9.30 – 11.00 Roundtables on policies**
- Roundtable 1 – Building a clear and long-term vision
 - Roundtable 2 – Sharing consistent rules: regulation and fair competition
 - Roundtable 3 – Pricing carbon
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 13.00 Roundtables on policies**
- Roundtable 4 – Supporting a fair transition to a low carbon economy
 - Roundtable 5 – Inventing a low carbon world
 - Roundtable 6 – Building capacity and resilience
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 15.30 Plenary – You have the keys**
(debriefing from roundtables on policies)
- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00 – 17.30 Closing plenary – message to the negotiators**