



Preparations for the Climate Action Summit / Nature Based Solutions Workstream

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- Aims to **mobilize political and economic actors** at the highest levels.
- Demonstrate a **leap in collective national political ambition** and realistic and **transformative outcomes**.
- **Nine interdependent action areas**, recognized as having high potential to curb greenhouse gas emissions and increase global action on adaption and resilience, have been established.
- **Key milestone:** preparatory stocktaking meeting in Abu Dhabi (30 June – 1 July).

Climate Action Summit

Organizational Chart



CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019

Secretary-General

Deputy Secretary-General

Luis Alfonso de Alba
Special Envoy for Climate Action Summit

United Nations

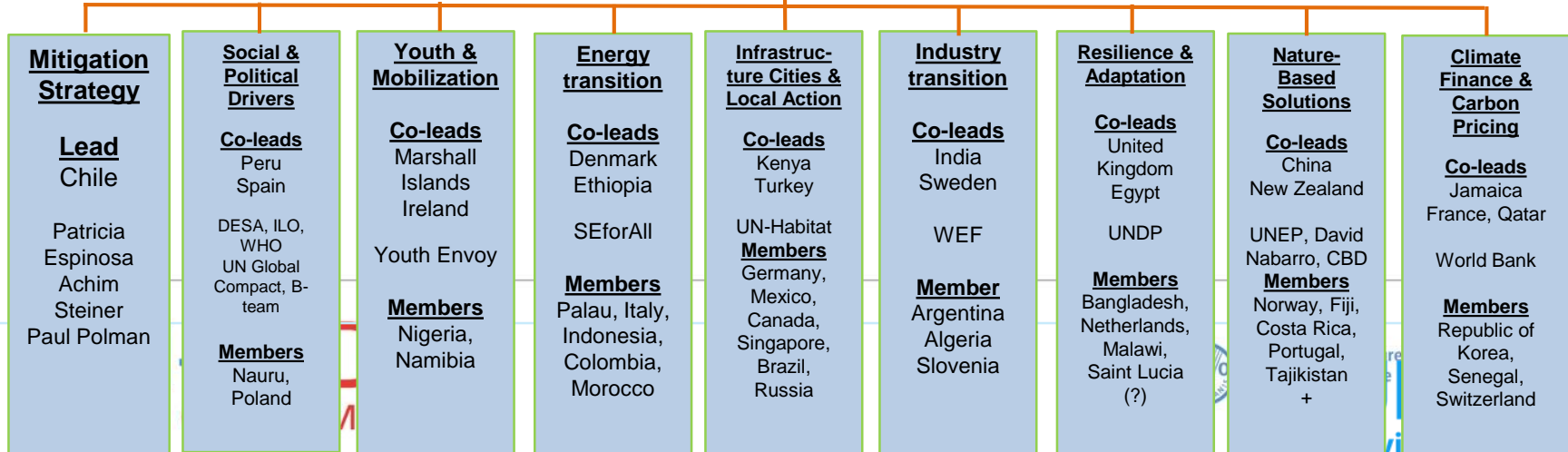
- Climate Core Group
- Climate Principals

- Climate Action Summit Steering Group
 - Climate Science Advisory Group
- Prof. Petteri Taalas, WMO, Co-Chair
Prof. Leena Srivastava TERI University, Co-Chair

- Michael Bloomberg, Special Envoy Climate Action
- Peter Thomson, Special Envoy for the Ocean
- Robert Orr, Special Advisor Climate Change

Ambition Advisory Group

- Anne Sophie Cerisola, Deputy to the Special Envoy
 - Laurence Tubiana, Co-Chair
 - Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Co-Chair
- (Selwin Hart, Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Alf Wills, Peter Betts, Ajay Mathhur)



Nature-based Solutions

Background



- NBS are an effective, long-term, cost-efficient and globally scalable approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions:
 - Mitigation outcomes (> one third of climate solution)
 - Multiple co-benefits for adaptation, sustainable development, biodiversity etc.
- The Summit is a unique opportunity to trigger transformative change for Nature.
- Inclusive process: Global solicitation from mid-April to 6 May, 140+ inputs



- **NBS proposition** is now emerging:
 - integrating systematic understanding of interconnections between people and nature
 - concrete actions to integrate nature systems to mitigate and adapt to climate change
- **Four thematic areas:**
 - Forests and other terrestrial ecosystems;
 - Ocean ecosystems and water resources;
 - Agriculture and food systems;
 - Nature's systemic role in development.
- **Key enablers and accelerators:**
 - Leadership and governance;
 - Finance;
 - Communications, campaigns and popular engagement.



- **Proposition** and coalition will continue to be developed in the lead up to:
 - Abu Dhabi, 30 June-1 July, and
 - Climate Summit, 23 September.
- **Ongoing engagement encouraged:** 2nd webinar after Abu Dhabi.
- NBS has great **scope for synergy** with other Summit action areas (Energy/Industry, Finance, Cities, Adaptation & Resilience etc.).
- **Longer term process beyond Summit:**
 - Launch of movement, Implementation, Accountability etc.
 - Short term Milestones for 2019-2020: UNFCCC COPs; CBD COP, NDC review.
 - Longer term Milestones for 2020-2030: Includes UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration



Thank you!



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