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Global leaders to release pledges and timeline to end forest loss and billions of tons of carbon emissions at global Climate Summit

NEW YORK – On Tuesday, 23 September 2014, the world’s forests will take center stage at the UN Climate Summit 2014 when dozens of global leaders release pledges and a timeline to end forest loss and billions of tons of carbon emissions. Forest loss accounts for up to 17% of global carbon emissions – more than all the autos, trains, planes and ships in the world. To address climate change, it is imperative that forest loss is slowed and eventually ended. Several countries, companies and institutions will announce individual commitments to help reach that goal.

These new pledges mark the first time in history that a critical mass of developed and developing country world leaders has partnered around such a goal. The announcement will include dozens of heads of government, CEOs of some of the world’s biggest companies and heads of influential civil society and indigenous peoples organizations.

The new pledges and timeline are intended to change the politics going into next year’s global climate talks in Paris, and to accelerate action by companies to eliminate deforestation from their supply chains.

It is also anticipated that multi-million dollar pledges in support of reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries (REDD+) will be announced by key governments at the UN Climate Summit 2014.

- WHAT:** Major forest announcements at UN Climate Summit 2014, including first global timeline to end forest loss.
- WHO:** U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, heads of government, CEOs of major corporations, heads of civil society and indigenous peoples organizations – and Mario Boccucci, Head of UN-REDD Programme Secretariat
- WHEN/WHERE:** Tuesday, 23 September 2014
United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY

KEY EVENTS:

Forest Action Area News Conference: 9:30-10:00am – Media Briefing Room S-237 Heads of State to announce bilateral agreement to address deforestation. Speakers list below.

Forests Pavilion: 9:00am- 12:30pm Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza, across from UN on 44th St.) Heads of state, CEOs, and indigenous leaders will make forest-related announcements. Speakers listed below. (Email RSVP to yuqiong.zhou@undp.org to receive formal invitation to enter.)

UN Secretary-General Press Conference: 11:30 AM in Conference Room 4

UN Climate Summit High-level Session on Forests: 3.30 pm – 4.20 PM in the ECOSOC Chamber

DETAIL AGENDA – FORESTS PAVILLION AND HIGH-LEVEL FOREST SESSIONS

Forest Action Area News Conference: 9:30am-10:00am | Media Briefing Room S-237

Heads of state to announce bilateral agreement to address deforestation. Speakers:

Peru-Germany-Norway launch climate and forest partnership

- H.E. Ollanta Humala, President, Republic of Peru
- H.E. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Norway
- Dr. Barbara Hendricks, Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Construction and Nuclear Safety, Federal Republic of Germany
- Signing of Letter of Intent by Peru's Minister of Environment Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Germany's Minister for the Environment Barbara Hendricks, and Norway's Climate and Environment Minister, Tine Sundtoft

Liberia and Norway launch climate and forest partnership

- H.E. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Norway
- H.E. Augustine K. Ngafuan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Liberia
- Signing of Letter of Intent by Liberia's Foreign Minister Augustine K. Ngafuan and Norway's Climate and Environment Minister, Tine Sundtoft
- Comment from private sector representative

Forests Pavilion: 9:00am-12:30pm | Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza)

Heads of state, CEOs, and indigenous leaders will make forest-related announcements. Speakers:

9:00-9:20am: Introduction & Short Film

- Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator
- Frances Seymour, Center for Global Development (master of ceremonies)

9:20-9:50am: The Role of the Private Sector – Market Disruption, Investments, Political Cover for Reforms

- Jose Lopez, CEO, Nestlé
- Mark Murphy, CSO, Cargill
- Peter Heng, CSO, Golden-Agri Resources
- Shinta Kamdani, Sintesa Group/ Indonesian Chamber of Commerce
- Jeremy Goon, CSO, Wilmar
- Jeremy Wilson, Vice Chairman, Corporate Banking, Barclays
- Carter Roberts, President and CEO, WWF (NGO response)

9:55-10:25am: The Role of Forest Governments – Reforms for Market Transformation:

Land-use planning, Rule of Law, Incentives

- H.E. Izabella Teixeira, Minister of Environment, Brazil
- Heru Prasetyo, Head of REDD+ Agency, Indonesia
- H.E. Bavon N'sa Mputu Elima, Minister of Environment, DRC
- Teras Narang, Governor of Central Kalimantan province (Indonesia)
- Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Minister of Environment, Peru

10:30-11:00am: The Role of Developed Countries – International Incentives and Support

- Ms. Tine Sundtoft, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway
- H.E. Barbara Hendricks, Minister of Environment, Germany
- H.E. Edward Davey, Minister of Climate and Energy, United Kingdom
- Mary Nichols, Head of California Air Resources Board
- Mr. Hisao Harihara, Vice Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- Jeremy Goon, CSO, Wilmar

11:05-11:25am: Indigenous Peoples and their Territories - Fundamental to Climate Change Solutions

- Mina Setra (AMAN—Indigenous Peoples' Alliance of the Archipelago)
- Edwin Vasquez (COICA—Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon)

11:30am-12:00pm: Advancing Forest Restoration

- H.E. Michelle Melisa Martínez Kelly, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Guatemala
- Ms. Aida Greenbury, Managing Director, Asia Pulp and Paper
- H.E. Minister Kebede Yimam Dawd, State Minister of Environment and Forest, Ethiopia
- Ms. Bianca Jagger, IUCN Bonn Challenge Ambassador & Founder and Chair of Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation

12:05-12:20pm: Multilateral Support

- Rachel Kyte, Vice President, World Bank (TBC)
- Jose Graziano da Silva, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (TBC)
- Naoko Ishii, CEO, Global Environment Facility (TBC)

12:20-12:30pm: Closing Remarks—the View from the Summit

- Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Minister of Environment, Peru
- Laurence Tubiana, Climate Ambassador, France

UN Climate Summit High-Level Session on Forests: 3:30pm-4:20pm | ECOSOC Chamber

Heads of state of Norway and Indonesia will chair a session of world leaders from developed and developing countries, who will announce new partnerships and programs, as well as the new timeline to end global forest loss. They will be joined by leaders of civil society and CEOs from Unilever, Cargill and Golden Agri-Resources. Speakers:

- H.E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia
- H.E. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister, Norway
- H.E. President Joseph Kabila Kabange, Democratic Republic of Congo (TBC)
- H.E. Dilma Rousseff, President of Brazil (TBC)
- Paul Polman, CEO, Unilever
- Franky Widjaja, CEO, Golden Agri-Resources
- David W. MacLennan, CEO, Cargill
- Edwin Vasquez, Head, COICA (Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon)
- Teras Narang, Governor of Central Kalimantan, Indonesia
- Kumi Naidoo, Executive Director, Greenpeace International
- Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator and Assistant Secretary-General (Moderator)

The New York Declaration pledge will be the first time in history that a critical mass of developed and developing country world leaders has partnered around the goal of ending deforestation. It also includes a commitment to restore hundreds of millions of hectares of forests. The announcement will include dozens of Heads of Government, CEOs of some of the world's biggest companies and heads of influential civil society and indigenous organizations.

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