



The UN System at COP21, Paris

The UN system's engagement in the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to be held from 30 November – 11 December 2014 in Paris, will be coordinated through the HLCP Working Group on Climate Change. The Working Group brings together, under CEB, more than 40 UN system organizations in support of Member States' efforts to take action on climate change in the context of sustainable development.

Making the UN system's climate-related knowledge and services more accessible to negotiating Parties and other participants in the COPs, and demonstrating how the UN system is working with governments, business and civil society to foster sustained climate action on the ground, are key objectives of the Group's work. Under the guidance of its Chair, Elena Manaenkova, Assistant Secretary-General of WMO, and with the support of the CEB Secretariat, the Working Group is enhancing its strategic engagement in COP21 and will provide a range of knowledge products to participants in the conference and beyond.

This document provides an overview of the joint contributions the UN system will make to the conference.

Demonstrating Impact: Joint UN System Side Events at COP21

The UN system will organized sixteen joint side events and technical briefings at COP21. The events will demonstrate coordinated UN system support to Member States in addressing a range of themes of key relevance to the negotiations and the Action Agenda. Highlighting linkages with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the broader sustainable development agenda, the side events will point out potential co-benefits of climate action in areas such as food security and agriculture, forests, cities, energy, and international aviation and maritime transport.

They will also address challenges and showcase solutions in relation to maximizing the development effectiveness of climate finance; bridging the science-policy gap; empowering youth to contribute to a sustainable and resilient future; advancing public health in the face of climate change; using markets and trade to leverage co-benefits of low-carbon growth; and understanding the linkages between human mobility and climate change. In addition, UN Water and UN Oceans are each coordinating one joint UN system side event at COP21.

A schedule of all the COP21 UN system side events is provided further below.

Sharing Knowledge: One UN Exhibit Area at COP21

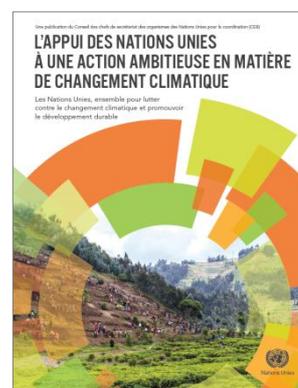
In addition to the joint UN system side events, COP21 will see a “One UN Exhibit Area”, consisting of thirteen interactive thematic booths that bring together several agencies around key issues such as sustainable energy, industry, climate finance, women’s empowerment, education, climate science and human mobility. Featuring a common design, the joint exhibit will allow delegates to explore how diverse UN system entities are supporting Member States “as one” with their collective expertise and services.

An overview of the One UN Exhibit Area can be found at the end of this document.

Supporting Climate Action: UN System Joint Publication on Climate Change

The publication "How the UN System Supports Ambitious Action on Climate Change: The United Nations System Delivering as One on Climate Change and Sustainable Development", written by the nearly 40 UN entities that coordinate their climate-related activities through the HLCP Working Group on Climate Change, will be shared at COP21 in English, French and Spanish.

The brochure outlines the UN system’s work in support of a carbon-neutral future; reducing emissions and building resilience; and empowering governments to act. It describes the multidisciplinary projects and programmes undertaken by the UN system, many of which are carried out through partnerships with other international organizations, civil society, the private sector and academia. An annex outlines the climate change mandates of UN agencies, funds and programmes.



Compiling Expertise: UN System Climate Change Library



574 UN system publications on climate change in one place: On the occasion of the UNFCCC COP21, more than 40 UN system entities compiled a collection of their most relevant and most recent climate change publications. This virtual library is hosted by UN CC:Learn, the learning partnership on climate change of the UN system, and can be accessed at unclearn.org/cop21.

In addition, the UN System Climate Change Library will be shared through certified carbon neutral and sustainably sourced USB ports at COP21, with the intention to make the knowledge of the UN system conveniently available offline and to help reduce the carbon footprint of the UN system by limiting the need to print and transport hard copies of publications.

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UN System Side Events at COP21

#	Date/ time	Room	Title	Description	Partners
1	Tuesday, 01 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45	1	Technical Briefing on Carbon Pricing	This session will focus on the role of carbon pricing in mitigation pledges countries are putting forward for Paris. Experts from the IMF, World Bank, and various country governments will discuss key issues in the design of carbon pricing and lessons learned from experiences to date.	Co-leads: World Bank, IMF
2	Tuesday, 01 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45	3	Delivering the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction: Resilience in Action	Aligning adaptation efforts to the Sendai Framework can deliver practical action and build resilience. Lessons from Parties and the UN Plan of Action on DRR for Resilience are considered. Implementation of sectoral approaches, transboundary and regional cooperation will be addressed as well.	UNISDR, FAO, WMO, IFAD, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNESCAP, UNU, WFP
3	Wednesday, 02 Dec 2015, 18:30 – 20:00	4	International Transport (marine and air)	ICAO will focus on its achievements and joint initiatives with other UN bodies and the aviation industry on technical, operational and market-based measures. IMO will present progress made on further technical and operational measures for enhancing the energy efficiency of international shipping.	Co-leads: ICAO, IMO
4	Thursday, 03 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45	4	One Ocean, One Climate, One UN: Working Together for a Healthy and Resilient Ocean	This event will highlight UN system activities on assisting States increase their knowledge base, including an enhanced understanding of the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on the marine environment, and build their capacity to adapt to such impacts and achieve mitigation goals.	IOC/UNESCO, IMO, FAO, UNEP, WMO, UN/DOALOS
5	Friday, 04 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45	5	Science-Based Climate Information – Bringing Climate Science and Climate Policy Closer	Science and policy are intertwined to combat climate change. This side event will be a frank dialogue among scientific and policy-related stakeholders on the role of science in the climate change policy-making process.	Co-leads: WMO, IFAD, UNFPA Contributors: CBD, IOC, IPCC, UNEP, UNESCO, UNU and WFP
6	Friday, 04 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45	7	Learning to Live with Climate Change – Accelerating Climate Change Education and Awareness-Raising	This panel will showcase some of these strategies and programmes that are taking innovative and effective approaches to climate change education in the formal education system, in support of learning to live with climate change.	Co-leads: UNESCO, UNEP Contributors: FAO, UNFCCC, UNICEF, UNITAR, WHO and WMO

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7	Monday, 07 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45	2	Food Security under a Changing Climate	This event explores the opportunities for climate finance and action to trigger large scale impacts on food security by building climate resilient livelihoods of farmers, fisher folks and rural communities threatened by climate change.	Co-leads: FAO, IFAD, WFP Contributors: IAEA, Regional Commissions, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, WMO, the High Representative for LDCs, LLDCS and SIDS, ARC
8	Monday, 07 Dec 2015, 18:30—20:00	2	Pathways to Sustainable Energy for a Climate Friendly World	The event will bring together the experiences of UN organizations to reflect on the development pathways for ensuring access to affordable and modern energy while achieving GHG emissions reduction and other environmental, health and economic co-benefits.	Co-leads: UNIDO, UNECE, IAEA and UNEP Contributors: UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO, FAO, Regional Commissions, UNDP, WMO, UN ESCAP, UNCDF
9	Monday, 07 Dec 2015, 18:30—20:00	6	The Pivotal Role of Water in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation	The event aims to raise awareness on the centrality of water for climate change adaptation and mitigation and the role the United Nations system can play in assisting countries in this regard. It will demonstrate good practices of how to adapt water management and water services to climate change.	Lead: UN-Water, coordinated by WMO, UNECE and UNESCO-IHP Partners: UNESCO, UNECE, UNEP, WMO, IFAD, FAO, UNICEF, all UN-Water members and partners
10	Tuesday, 08 Dec 2015, 18:30—20:00	1	Looking Forward: REDD+ and The UN-REDD Programme Post-2015	A UN system side event by the UN-REDD Programme on the role of forests and a mechanism to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) to fight climate change and realize sustainable development. The 2016-2020 role and strategy of the UN-REDD Programme will be highlighted.	FAO, UN-REDD, UNDP, UNEP
11	Tuesday, 08 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45	5	Climate Innovators: Empowering a Global Generation of Young People	There are 1.8 billion young people around the world – the last generation that can prevent climate change. This event will feature the work of young innovators and the investments needed to ensure the entire generation is empowered to contribute to a sustainable, healthy and resilient future.	Co-leads: UNFPA and ILO Contributors: UN Women, UNU, WHO, UNESCO, IFAD, UNEP, UNDP, OCHA
12	Tuesday, 08 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45	4	Exploring Co-Benefits of Climate Finance for Development: Building on Successes for Post-2015 Action	This event will explore lessons learned from UN support to member states on climate finance, particularly in delivering co-benefits for development. It will discuss actions needed beyond Paris to maximize the development effectiveness of climate finance for the broader post-2015 development agenda.	Lead: UNDP Contributors: IFAD, UNCDF, FAO, WHO, UN-OHRLS, UNECA, UNECLAC, UNEP and IPCC
13	Tuesday, 08 Dec 2015, 18:30—20:00	4	One UN Solutions for Cities and Climate Change: The new Climate Agreement and the new Urban Agenda	UNFCCC parties acknowledge that a growing number of cities take ambitious climate action & integrate climate change into urban policies. This event highlights action and solutions by the UN system to address climate change, presenting strategic & innovative approaches for the new urban agenda.	Co-leads: ITU, UN-Habitat Contributors: UNDP, UNIDO, WHO, Regional Commissions, UNECE, UNEP, WMO, UNCDF

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14	Wednesday, 09 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45 Room 3	3	Levering Co-Benefits: The Role of Markets and Trade	The development agenda is an increasingly important component of GHG mitigation, which is recognized by the IPCC under the term co-benefits. This event will explore the role of markets and trade in leveraging the various co-benefits, including economic growth, agriculture, job creation etc.	Co-leads: UNCTAD, WTO, ITC Contributing non-UN agencies: CAF, CGIAR
15	Thursday, 10 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45	5	Why the Climate Change Agreement is Critical to Public Health	CC poses serious health risks, mostly for the poorest populations, but can also stimulate stronger health systems and health gains from the transition to a low-carbon economy. A robust international climate treaty is critical for public health. Focus areas: air pollution, biodiversity loss.	Lead: WHO Contributors: UNECE, WMO, UNEP, and SCBD, with the support of the French Ministry of Health
16	Thursday, 10 Dec 2015, 13:15—14:45	4	Human Mobility and Climate Change	This event will look at the climate debate through a human mobility perspective and examine questions of human rights, adaptation, migration, sustainable development and decent work. The importance of human mobility has been discussed in the UNFCCC process and recognized in previous COP decisions.	IOM, ILO, UNHCR and UNU

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One UN Exhibit at COP21

Exhibit Theme	Lead UN System Entities
One UN for Healthy People on a Healthy Planet	WHO, UNECE
One UN for Resilient Communities	OCHA, UNOPS
One UN for Climate Science and Information	WMO
One UN for Climate Change Education for All	UNESCO, UNITAR, UNICEF
One UN for Women's Leadership for Climate Action	UN Women
One UN for Food Security under Climate Change	FAO, IFAD, WFP
One UN for Human Mobility in a Changing Climate	IOM, UNHCR
One UN for Sustainable Transport	IMO, ICAO
One UN for Sustainable Industries and Energy	UNIDO, IAEA
One UN for Sustainable Life on Land and under Water	UNEP, SCBD
One UN for Financing for Climate	World Bank Group, UNCDF
One UN for Climate Change Policies	ILO, UNDP
One UN for Sustainable Cities	UN-Habitat, ITU