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Media Advisory - High level event at COP29

Leaders Protecting Forests for Climate, Lives and Livelihoods

What: *Leaders Protecting Forests for Climate, Lives and Livelihoods*, a high-level event organised by the [Forest & Climate Leaders' Partnership](#) (FCLP) gathering global leaders to advance strategies for forest protection, climate goals, and sustainable development.

Date: Tuesday, 12 Nov. 2024, 14:30-15:30 (Azerbaijan Time)

Venue: Caspian / Plenary Room 2, Blue Zone

Hosts: Hosted by His Excellency Nana Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana

Moderated by Her Excellency Razan Al Mubarak, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion, COP28 Presidency, UAE

Highlights:

Global Forest Climate Pledge

Over the first three years of the [Global Forest Finance Pledge](#), the 11 participating governments plus the European Union have collectively contributed USD 10 billion towards the USD12 billion initially committed towards forest conservation and restoration activities.

Indigenous Peoples and local communities Forest Tenure Joint Donor Statement

The 23 donors supporting this joint donor statement reported on their progress towards the USD 1.7 billion, five-year pledge, and discussed plans to renew ambition at COP30.

Country packages for Forest, Climate and Nature

Multi-stakeholder initiatives supporting ambitious national forest and climate goals are underway, with additional packages and commitments expected.

Political ambition call for COP30

Urging global leaders to elevate forest conservation efforts at COP30 with strong political support on issues like forest carbon markets, sustainable forest management and debt for nature.

Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF)

Progress in establishing the TFFF, announced by President Lula at COP28, includes the formation of a 12-member Steering Committee. This facility will use blended finance to incentivize tropical forest conservation, complementing high-integrity forest carbon markets and expanding the toolkit for forest incentives.

This event will also mark the transition of the Forest & Climate Leaders' Partnership (FCLP) leadership from Ghana and the U.S. to Ghana and Guyana.

Speakers

- His Excellency President Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana
- Her Excellency Razan Al Mubarak, COP28 Presidency
- His Excellency Denis Sassou Nguesso, President of the Republic of Congo
- Her Excellency Marina Silva, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Brazil
- His Excellency Luis Gilberto Murillo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Colombia
- Mrs Balkisou Buba, Global Alliance of Territorial Communities
- Dr. Hans Brattskar, Special Envoy for Climate and Forests, Norway
- Rt Hon. Ed Miliband, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, United Kingdom
- John Podesta, Special Advisor for International Climate Policy, USA
- Mr Ravi Menon, Ambassador for Climate Action, Singapore
- His Excellency Raja Juli Antoni, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia
- His Excellency Laurent Tchagba, Minister of Water and Forest, Cote D'Ivoire

The FCLP at COP29

At COP29 in Baku, two years after its launch at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, the FCLP is bringing together representatives from governments, private sector and civil society, enabling a global dialogue on forest and climate action, showcasing progress and collaboration made over the past years, and highlighting the necessary actions for long-term systemic reforms with tangible examples of national and international efforts, demonstrating a comprehensive pathway forward.