



# HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## The Global Climate Action Agenda, a solution provider to implement the SDGs

*Side-event on the occasion of the High Level Political Forum  
co-organized by France, Luxembourg and Italy  
moderated by UN Foundation*

Day and time: Tuesday, July, 18th – 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm (1h15), conference room 7  
(UNHQ)

*French/ English interpretation provided*

### **Context and objectives**

**The 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement are our common roadmap** to build a sustainable and peaceful world. Delivering on these historic agreements requires deep, transformational action. It demands the **full implication of all non-state actors along with that of governments**. In both areas, lessons can be learnt from the historic **mobilization** on climate change sparked by recent COPs of the UNFCCC. Harnessing synergies in the implementation of the agendas on climate change and sustainable development further provides opportunities to accelerate concrete and **integrated action**.

The **Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA)**<sup>1</sup>, initiated under the name *Lima Paris Action Agenda*, was launched to spur rapid climate action, boost cooperation between governments, local authorities, the business community, investors, and civil society, and to support the adoption and the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The GCAA catalysed unprecedented multi-stakeholder actions and commitments to build resilient and sustainable societies at various levels (local, regional and global). It currently consists of 77 coalitions, involves more than 7,000 cities and local governments, and 2,000 private sector companies from over 180 countries, and it helps implementing innovative and sustainable actions worldwide. As such the GCAA **bottom-up approach offers a successful example that should inspire implementation of the 2030 Agenda**. Furthermore, with initiatives dedicated, among other issues, to energy, transport, water, oceans, forests or soils, the **GCAA initiatives provide solutions to achieve the SDGs** well beyond the sole SDG 13 on climate change.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://climateaction.unfccc.int/>



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For instance, concrete progress is being made on SDG7 through *Sustainable Energy for all* and the coalitions of the GCAA related to renewable energy and energy efficiency, such as the *Africa Renewable Energy Initiative*, the *International Solar Alliance*, the *SIDS lighthouse initiative*, *Mission Innovation* and *Breakthrough Energy Coalitions*.

The GCAA also provides cross-cutting solutions, such as the initiative *Paris Process on Mobility and Climate* which focuses on the development of cleaner urban transport systems, thereby contributing to SDG 9 dedicated to building resilient and sustainable infrastructure and also to SDG 11 on cities.

**The side-event will explore ways to strengthen synergies in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement through multi-stakeholder partnerships, most notably the *Global Climate Action Agenda*.** It will specifically present good practices and lessons learnt from the GCAA governance. It will discuss how the GCAA can best support countries in their joint implementation of the Paris Agreement and Agenda 2030.

## **Moderator:**

**Elizabeth Cousens**, deputy Chief Executive Officer, United Nations Foundation

## **Panelists:**

- **Carole Dieschbourg**, Minister for the Environment, Luxembourg
- **Silvia Velo**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy
- **Laurence Monnoyer-Smith**, Interministerial delegate for Sustainable Development; Commissioner General for Sustainable development, Ministry for Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France
- **Rachel Kyte**, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Energy for All
- **Patrick Oliva** Co-chair, Paris Process on Mobility and Climate