



Briefing on Preparations for the Secretary General's Climate Action Summit / Nature-based Solutions Workstream

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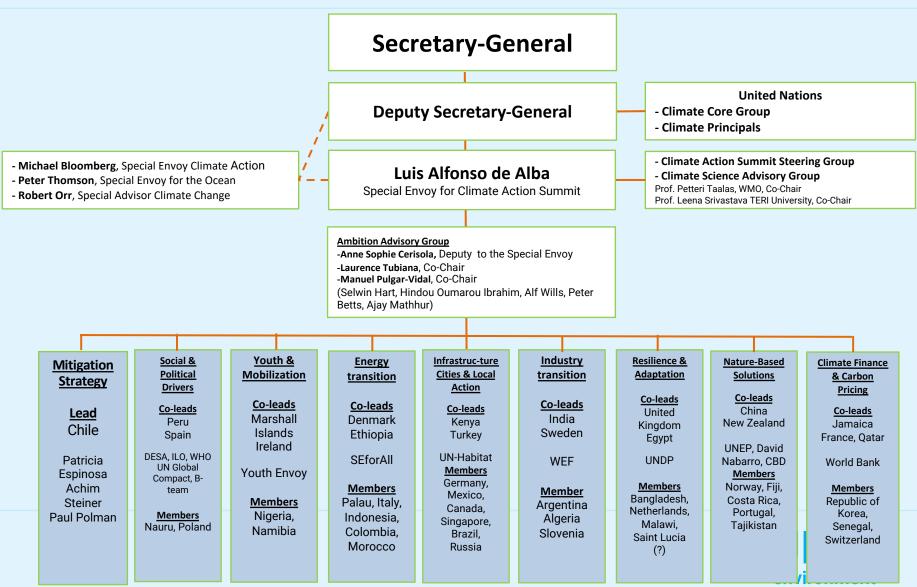
Background

- 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).



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Organizational Chart



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Background



- NBS is an effective, long-term, cost-efficient and globally scalable approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- NBS co-led by China and New Zealand.
- UN Environment co-facilitates in partnership with Dr David Nabarro.
- Coalition also includes Costa Rica, Fiji, Norway, Portugal and Tajikistan.
- The Summit is a unique opportunity to trigger transformative change for Nature:
 - Mitigation outcomes (> one third of climate solution)
 - Multiple co-benefits for adaptation, sustainable development, biodiversity etc.



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Proposition

- 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;
- o Finance;
- Communications, campaigns and popular engagement.



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Next Steps

- 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: Webinar on 13th June.
- NBS has great scope for synergy with other Summit action areas (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



For more information, please visit:

https://www.unenvironment.org/engaging-nature-basedsolutions-coalition-climate-action-summit

https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/WP-Nature-Based-Solutions.pdf

www.unep.org

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Action Areas

Energy transition

Objective

Accelerate the flow of investments, finance and engagements away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy, energy efficiency, climate resilience and new innovative energy systems

Industry transition

Objective

Deliver concrete commitments and innovative partnerships to reduce emissions from key heavyindustry sectors with a focus on shipping, aviation. transport, petro chemicals, iron and steel. cement and aluminum

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Objective

Demonstrate how we can use natural systems to mitigate and adapt to climate change and enable all people and communities to address climate change and strengthen the connection to nature

Infrastructu re, cities & local action

Objective

Scale-up bold solutions to decarbonize transports in cities: accelerate commitments towards resilient and zero carbon buildings; scaleup decentralized finance; improve the resilience of urban poor to climate change and define clear long term strategies towards carbon neutrality by 2050

Climate finance & carbon pricing

Objective

Deliver on the concrete commitments for the scaling-up of climate finance. Align private and public finance with the Paris Agreement goals through public-private partnerships.

Resilience & adaptation

Objective

Demonstrate fundamental shift in investments, behaviours and narrative around resilience and adaptation

