



High Level Event on "Empowering Women in Climate Action"

29 September 2015 from 8:00 to 9:30am

United Nations Headquarters

On behalf of the Government of France, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, we are pleased to invite you to attend a High Level event entitled, '***Empowering Women in Climate Action***' during the United Nations General Assembly, to be held in New York on the **29th of September 2015, from 8:00 to 9:30 am** (for additional details, please see attached concept note and event agenda).

In the lead up to the Paris Climate Conference in December, COP21, during which Member States must reach a new agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, it is essential to examine how improving gender equality can help in the fight against climate disruption and its effects. The new climate agreement must take account of the role of women in building resilience against climate disruption and developing a lower-carbon economy and society.

In advance of COP21, the high-level event '*Empowering Women in Climate Action*' will provide a forum to highlight how well positioned is the future Paris Agreement in helping to reduce gender inequalities and integrate gender and women empowerment considerations into the climate change agenda.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this important High Level event. To RSVP and/or for further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Verania Chao at verania.chao@undp.org and Ms. Gayane Amalbashyants at gayane.amalbashyants@undp.org.

Yours sincerely,

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Laurent Fabius

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Under-Secretary-General and
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UN Women

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Under-Secretary-General and
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