Leaders’ Roundtable on Raising Ambition

Opening: Secretary General: the case for raising ambition by 2020
Chairs: UNFCCC Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa and CEO TBC

Increasing ambition and accelerating action in the short and the long term are the main objectives of the UN Climate Action Summit: countries need to come to the Summit ready to announce their plans regarding the achievement of carbon neutrality by 2050 as well as increasing the ambition of their NDC by 2020.

This will require the adoption of specific policies in each national context, including policies and measures to protect and restore ecosystems, reduce the vulnerability of communities and infrastructure, decarbonize the transport and power sectors, phasing-out of coal, ending fossil fuel subsidies, carbon pricing, and land restoration initiatives, among others. To this end, it is also pivotal to strengthen efforts on mobilization of support and investment to support implementation and increased ambition on mitigation and adaptation; and make sure that support systems are in place so that no one is left behind during the transition to this resilient and carbon neutral world.

The Secretary General has asked leaders to come to the Summit ready to announce their plans on how they are going to put their economies in a 1.5 C degree compatible path, with concrete milestones by 2030 and 2050.

This meeting provides an opportunity to hear from ministers and leaders on their plans towards the adoption of these policies and to understand the challenges to achieving the scale and speed required by the Paris Agreement and urged by the IPCC findings.

The roundtable will be an informal discussion, giving leaders the opportunity to share their views on their countries’ efforts and needs to meet the ambition requested by the IPCC to meet the 1.5 goal.

In addition to the issues that leaders would like to raise, the dialogue will address the following questions:

- What are the main areas in which you are pursuing efforts to reach net zero emissions by 2050? Which are the targets that you have identified new targets for 2020 and 2030 to advance towards the 2050 goal?
- What do you foresee as the main challenges of the implementation of the new policies?
- What type of international support would you require to put your country in a 1.5 pathway?