



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25 October 2021

Excellency,

With reference to my letter dated 21 October 2021, circulating the tentative programme and list of speakers for the High-level Thematic Debate, entitled, “**Delivering Climate Action: for People, Planet & Prosperity**” that I will convene on Tuesday, **26 October 2021**, in the **General Assembly Hall**, United Nations Headquarters, I have the honour to enclose herewith the **final programme**, and latest list of speakers.

In view of the limited time available for the plenary segment, the texts of statements submitted by speakers inscribed on the list that are not delivered by the end of the meeting will be posted on “eStatements” in the Journal of the United Nations. In this regard, delegations are encouraged to send their statements to estatements@un.org to facilitate interpretation and for posting on “eStatements”. Also, in view of the limited time available, pre-recorded statements will be played without introductions by a representative physically present in the room. Pre-recorded statements submitted by speakers inscribed on the list that are not delivered by the end of the meeting will be posted on a dedicated webpage for this event.

For further information on the meeting, you may contact Mr. Fakasoia Tealei (fakasoia.tealei@un.org), Sustainable Development Team Leader, and Mr. Mohammed Shaker (mohammed.shaker@un.org), Senior Adviser in the Sustainable Development Team, in my Office. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abdulla Shahid', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Abdulla SHAHID

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Programme

“Delivering Climate Action: for People, Planet & Prosperity”

<p>10:00 am – 10:45am (45 minutes)</p>	<p>Opening Segment</p> <p>Presentation of the state of the climate and stage setting remarks.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ms. Ketsia Passou and Mr. Emmanuel Jidisa, UNICEF Youth Advocates in the Democratic Republic of Congo.2. Ms. Valerie Masson-Delmotte, Co-Chair of Working Group I, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).3. H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the General Assembly.4. H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations.5. H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.6. H.E. Mr. Surangel Whipps Jr., President of Palau.7. H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Solih, President of the Republic of Maldives.8. H.E. Ms. Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand.9. Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State for South Asia and the Commonwealth and the Prime Minister’s Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
<p>10:45 am – 11:15 am (30 Minutes)</p>	<p>Fireside Chat: Taking Stock of the Road to COP26</p> <p>For more than five years, many economic sectors and industries around the world have taken action to contribute to the fulfilment of the SDGs and to align their activities with the requirements of the Paris Agreement. Considering what has been achieved so far, both in terms of scale and speed, what lessons can be drawn in order to advance more quickly and more effectively in those areas that are lagging behind?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. H.E. Mr. Roberto Cingolani, Minister for Ecological Transformation, Italy.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, Co-lead on the US\$100bn climate finance delivery plan, & State Secretary, Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany. 3. Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). 4. H.E. Ms. Nazhat Shameem Khan, President of the Human Rights Council. 5. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. 6. Moderator: Ms. Catherine McKenna, former Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and former Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Canada.
<p>11:15 am – 11:30 am</p>	<p><i>Multi-stakeholder Spotlight: Keeping 1.5 Alive</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Osprey Orielle Lake, Founder and Executive Director, Women’s Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN), Executive Committee, Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature. 2. Ms. Anne Olhoff, Head of Climate Policy and Planning, UNEP, presenting UNEP’s Emissions Gap Report 2021. 3. UN Regional Commissions presentation on financing solutions. 4. Dr Rose Mwebaza, Director of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN). 5. Dr. Eliane Ubalijoro, Global Hub Director in Canada for Future Earth, Executive Director of Sustainability in the Digital Age, on behalf of the Coalition for Digital Environmental Sustainability (CODES).
<p>11:30 am – 1:10 pm (1 hour 40 minutes)</p>	<p>Panel: Bridging the Gap to the 1.5 Degrees Target</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is needed to exponentially upscale the creation of investable, bankable projects to reach the financing, skilling and technical capacities needed for the 1.5 target and a just transition? 2. How can we identify and upscale the most effective and innovative green financing instruments? 3. How can existing technologies for mitigation and adaptation be applied more innovatively to manage trade-offs?

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Richard Mattison, President S&P Global Sustainable1, and CEO S&P Global Trucost. 2. Mr. Allen Blue, Cofounder and Vice President of Product Management, LinkedIn. 3. Ms. Hilde Vernailen, Chair, International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation (ICMIF), and CEO P&V Belgium. 4. Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, Co-Chair of UN-Energy. 5. Moderator: Ms. Sara Maria Cognuck Gonzalez, UNICEF Climate Champion.
<p>1:10 pm – 1:30 pm</p>	<p><u><i>Multi-stakeholder Spotlight: from Vulnerability to Resilience</i></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professor Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). 2. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). 3. Mr. Kamal Kishore, Co-Chair of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) Executive Committee. 4. Mr. Yannick Glemarec, Executive Director, Green Climate Fund. 5. Mr. Issa Sanogo, UN Resident Coordinator in Madagascar. 6. Mr. Vincent Doumeizel, Vice President for Food, Beverage & Sustainability at Lloyd's Register, Senior Adviser at United Nations Global Compact on Oceans. 7. Dr. Zitouni Ould-Dada, Deputy Director, Climate and Environment Division, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
<p>1:30 pm – 2:00pm</p>	<p>Plenary Segment</p> <p>Speakers are invited to focus their statements on contributions to the overall vision, goals and targets of achieving the 1.5 degrees target, including through local, regional and global multi-stakeholder cooperation. Member States are encouraged to describe national and regional challenges, policy responses and commitments, and what more can be done to achieve a transformative outcome at COP26 and beyond.</p>

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 3:45	<p><u><i>Multi-stakeholder Spotlight: Private Sector</i></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. John Denton, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). 2. Mr. Francesco Starace, CEO of ENEL Group. 3. Dr. Pasi Vainikka, Co-founder and CEO, Solar Foods. 4. Mr. John Frank, Vice President for UN Affairs, Microsoft. 5. Mr. Michael Sheldrick, Co-Founder and Chief Policy, Impact and Government Relations Officer, Global Citizen. 6. Mr. Miguel Naranjo, Programme Officer, Lead on Climate Neutral Now initiative, UNFCCC.
3:45 pm – 6:45 pm	Plenary Segment (continued)
6:45 pm – 7:00 pm	<p><u><i>Multi-stakeholder Spotlight: Mobilizing Whole-of-Society Responses</i></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Children’s Environmental Rights Initiative (CERI). 2. Kwon Gesh: Mr. Roderic O’Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Ireland, and Ms. Selina Leem, Youth Climate Activist, the Marshall Islands. 3. The NDCs Partnership: Youth Engagement Forums. 4. Ms. Alona Kazantseva, Co-Chair, Global Youth Climate Network (GYCN). 5. UNFCCC Industry Compact: Television and Film. 6. Ms. Lindita Xhaferi-Salihu, Associate Programme Officer, Sports for Climate Action/Fashion Charter for Climate Action Lead, UNFCCC. 7. Mr. Gajanana Hegde, Senior Programme Officer, Mitigation Unit, UNFCCC, presenting on “Harmonization of Standards for GHG Accounting”. 8. The Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic.
7:00 pm to 9:25 pm	Plenary Segment (continued)
9:25 pm – 9:30 pm	<p>Closing Segment</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the General Assembly.</p>