United Nations Climate Ambition Summit 2023
Information Note

20 September 2023
1000AM – 6.00PM ET

Overview

We are honored to provide further logistical information and guidelines on the United Nations Climate Ambition Summit convened by the United Nations Secretary-General.

The Climate Ambition Summit will be held on Wednesday 20 September from 10:00AM to 6:00PM at United Nations Headquarters in New York and will be by invitation only. The Summit represents a critical milestone for demonstrating that there is collective will to accelerate the pace and scale of the transition to a renewable energy based, climate resilient global economy. The Summit aims to showcase “first movers and doers” from governments, civil society, local authorities, financial institutions, and the private sector that are leading in the delivery of credible and concrete actions and policies to keep the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement alive and deliver climate justice to those on the front lines of the climate crisis.

Format and Structure

The Climate Ambition Summit will begin with a High-level Opening Plenary that brings together a diverse group of leaders from governments, businesses, private and public financial institutions, cities and regions that have responded positively and ambitiously to the concrete ‘asks’ made by the Secretary-General in his Acceleration Agenda. This will be followed by three consecutive High-level Thematic Sessions around the pillars of ambition, credibility and implementation.

A Special Meeting on Loss and Damage, as mandated by the twenty-seventh Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, will also be held during the Climate Ambition Summit.

The Summit will then conclude with a Closing Plenary.

To ensure rich discussion and practical and meaningful actions that can further accelerate the pace and scale of progress on climate, the Climate Ambition Summit will involve a multistakeholder mix of leaders and champions throughout the event. There will be interpretation provided in the six official UN languages. The key outcomes of the Climate Ambition Summit will be conveyed by the Secretary-General through a Chair’s Summary.
Logistical requirements for Speakers and Participants

**Location:** The Opening Plenary of the Climate Ambition Summit will be convened in Conference Room 4 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10.00AM to 1:00PM. However, all participants are requested to be seated latest by 09.45 AM.

The Special Meeting on Loss and Damage will be convened in Conference Room 3 from 1:15PM to 3:00PM. The High-Level Thematic Sessions and Closing Plenary of the Summit will be convened in the ECOSOC Chamber from 2:00PM to 6:00PM.

**Format:** Discussions will be moderated by a high-level moderator and selected speakers will be asked to limit their interventions to two to three minutes. The Climate Ambition Summit will be an all-day webcasted event on UN Web TV.

Entrance to the Summit will be based on meeting specific tickets. Participating Member States will be provided with two tickets to access Conference Room 4, two tickets to access Conference Room 3 and one ticket to access the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

All other invited participants will receive specific tickets for the morning and afternoon segments, and therefore cannot be accompanied by additional colleagues. All invited participants will be provided with detailed instructions on the collection of tickets and access procedures. Participants invited to any Thematic Session in the ECOSOC Chamber may remain in the room for any and all sessions and are encouraged to attend the Closing Plenary.

**Meeting flow:** The moderator will call on pre-selected leaders to make their contribution to the dialogue directly from their seats and teleprompters will not be provided. Pre-selected leaders will be notified if they will be provided a speaking slot. The time limit for contributions by leaders will be a maximum of two to three minutes to allow for a seamless discussion.

**Language:** Contributions should be made in one of the six official UN languages. Interpretation services will be provided for these languages. We request those delegations whose leaders will make interventions in a non-official UN language to contact the United Nations Interpretation Unit at kochetkov@un.org.

**Access:** During the meeting, access to all Climate Ambition Summit venues will require a special event ticket. All Member State Missions will receive their allocated tickets distributed by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Office.

Access Cards will be distributed by Protocol and Liaison Service on Thursday, 14 September 2023 between 2 and 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. Thereafter, access cards may be collected at the Protocol Office, in room S-0200, during office hours.

Access cards for non-Member State participants will be available for collection near the United Nations Headquarters once attendees have been confirmed by the Climate Action Team to participate in-person. Further details for picking up these tickets will be relayed to non-Member State participants directly via e-mail correspondence.

Checkpoints to enter the United Nations will be placed on 2nd Ave and 42nd Street, 46th Street and 47th Street, and all non-Member State participants will need to enter through the Visitors Entrance at 46th Street and 1st Ave. Please be reminded that access to the Climate Ambition Summit venues through the Visitors’ Entrance will require:
(1) an official photo ID, and (2) the special event ticket

For reference, please find maps to the United Nations Headquarters at the end of this document.
For all other questions regarding access and security, please reach out to the United Nations Security Unit at security_service_coordinator@un.org.

**Media:** For all requests for media, photographers and press coverage please contact the United Nations Department of Global Communications at mkel@un.org.

To watch the Climate Ambition Summit online please visit the [UN Web TV site](https://www.unwebtv.org).

**Outcome:** The key conclusions of the discussion will be conveyed in a Chairs’ Summary.

Any further logistical queries should be directed to climateactionteam@un.org.
For information on the access and participation of delegations, civil society, and media, please refer to the [UNGA 78 Information Note](#) available online.

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**Figure 1:** Pedestrian access - outer perimeter

![Vehicle Traffic - Access to garage](image)

**Vehicle Traffic – Access to garage**  
18 SEP (MON) – 23 SEP (SAT) / 25 SEP (MON) – 26 SEP (TUE)

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**Figure 2:** Vehicle Traffic - Access to garage