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Week 1

Monday, 3rd December

17:00 - Improving governance frameworks for climate transparency and unlocking ambition across all levels. Location: NDCP Pavilion

This event will highlight how government, non-state and subnational action mutually reinforce each other and operate as a single system. Participants will share country experiences in establishing transparency frameworks for LEDS and NDCs. We will explore how regional communities are learning and trying to advance understanding of non-state and subnational mitigation actions.

Tuesday, 4th December

09:00 - 10:30 – COP24 Workshop for NDC Partnership members Scaling up support to link NDC and SDG implementation. Location: NDCP Pavilion

This workshop will help identify how to use the NDC Partnership to better support members in developing consistent and integrated approaches to NDC and SDG implementation, in order to achieve greater policy coherence, cost-effectiveness and impact. NDCP members will share their experiences and challenges in linking NDC and SDG implementation, identify priority needs and capacity gaps, and discuss the opportunity to establish a thematic working group under the Partnership to better address these needs and gaps.

12:00 - 13:15 – Mainstreaming the agriculture sectors in country engagement processes: NDC-NAP country examples. Location: NDCP Pavilion. A light lunch will be provided.

This side event highlights countries’ experiences in linking climate change planning for agriculture sectors and NAPs, with countries’ international commitments and NDCs. The event will feature country examples and overall strategies for linking NAPs and NDCs. It will also discuss how development partners are supporting countries to ensure that agriculture sectors remain engaged in NDC processes.

15:00 – Climate knowledge at your fingertips: The NDC Partnership’s Knowledge Portal. Location: NDCP Pavilion

The NDC Partnership’s Knowledge Portal offers quick access to over 700 knowledge resources through an easily searchable interface. This session will demonstrate the key features of the Knowledge Portal and how its content can support countries as they implement their NDCs.
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16:00 - 18:00 – Principles of Effective Capacity Building: Supporting implementation of the Paris Agreement. Location: UK COP Pavilion

Panel discussion on best practice principles for effective capacity building, with a number of brief speeches, followed by a facilitated discussion and Q&A session.

Wednesday, 5th December

11:00 - Climate Classroom. Location: B Area

On Wednesday 5th December the Climate Classroom will open until Thursday 13th December. This mobile learning space offers focused 45-min sessions on highly relevant climate change topics delivered by select experts in English and French. During each class, the lecturer and the 20 participants are issued noise-cancelling head-sets, a booklet, and additional learning resources. Specific sessions found here.

13:15 - 14:45 – 7 million unacceptable deaths: Combatting Air Pollution and Climate Change to protect our health. Location: Room 3

The event will see the launch of a new report and will provide (1) a global state of knowledge on the interconnections between climate change and health issues and (2) an overview of initiatives and tools through which the public health community - at country, regional and global levels - is supporting and scaling-up actions to implement the Paris Agreement for a healthier and more sustainable society.

13:15 - 14:45 – 2050 Strategies – Planning towards a resilient and prosperous future. Location: Narew room

Long-term low-greenhouse gas development strategies (LTS) have recently gained ground in discussions on climate ambition, as illustrated at the One Planet Summit, G20 and the Global Climate Action Summit. This event will provide a platform for the country’s leading the way on LTS to showcase what they are doing, and how they are contributing to Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda.

16:00 - 17:00 – Making Paris happen: aligning national budgets with the Paris Agreement objectives. Location: MDB Pavilion

Protecting investments from climate-related extreme events and successfully transitioning our economies towards low carbon growth requires we strengthen our budgetary capacity to optimize public resource allocation while unlocking concessional and private financial flows.
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**Thursday, 6th December**

**13:15 - 14:45** – Adaptation Fund: Innovative replicable and scalable adaptation interventions.  
**Location: Bieszczady**

The Adaptation Fund (AF) will discuss new innovation grants to advance its often-ground-breaking adaptation work for the most vulnerable. AF’s contributions and value to serving the Paris Agreement will also be highlighted. Governments and partners will discuss examples of replicating or scaling up innovative and effective AF projects and adaptation measures.

**17:00 - 18:15** – Finding Common Ground – Linking Cities, NAPs, and the NDCs.  
**Location: NDCP Pavilion**

Integrating priorities for urban areas into NAPs will enable countries to achieve more resilient and sustainable urban development while reaching NDC targets. However, this integration requires close cooperation between national governments, local authorities and non-state actors, which UN-Habitat and UNDP are facilitating to further integrate urban issues into national adaptation planning.

**18:00 – Supporting Country Implementation Actions to Achieve New York Declaration on Forests Goals.**  
**Location: Nordic Pavilion**

The event will re-introduce the New York Declaration on Forests (NYDF), review the latest NYDF assessment results, and the global platform for the NYDF and the 2018 – 2019 work plan, followed by roundtable discussions on what obstacles countries are facing, what countries need in order to be successful, and identify additional opportunities for platform support to countries.

**18:00 - 19:30** – Global Youth Video Competition on Climate Change.  
**Location: The Action Hub**

“Showcasing the power of young people as key players in reaching innovative and ambitious solutions to combat climate change”

This year’s competition launched in May and the winners will be celebrated at this event. Building on the success of this competition UNFCCC and GEF SGP are developing a broader partnership to support youth climate action by aligning the actions of these two UN agencies to achieve scale and impact.

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**Friday, 7th December**

**09:00 - 10:15** – Scaling up adaptation: promoting synergies between NDCs and NAPs.  
**Location: NDCP Pavilion**

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This event will explore the synergies between NDCs, NAPs, and long-term strategies (LTS). Assessing how governance, prioritisation, knowledge and evidence generation, and leveraging climate finance can all complement each other will be up for discussion. Capacity building across these areas is a cross-cutting theme, which will be discussed with the aim to accelerate climate change adaptation action.

Saturday, 8th December

15:00 - 18:00 – Marrakesh Partnership/GCA Land Use Action event: Building low-carbon and climate resilient landscapes. Location: Lubelskie Climate Action Room 3

Land use practices and forests and ecosystems’ loss are significant contributors to GHG emissions but are a fundamental part of the solution. This event will highlight how the ways we manage land and ecosystems can be transformed through conservation, restoration and improved land stewardship into carbon and climate resilient landscapes that provide 30% of the mitigation required by 2030.

Week 2

Monday, 10th December

08:30 – 10:00 – Partnership Together for Climate Finance: Towards the Achievement of Paris Agreement and SDGs” at the Indonesian Pavilion. Location: Indonesian Pavilion

This panel session is themed "Financing Climate Actions through Partnership". The objective is to showcase and share lessons of the Green Sukuk initiative by the Indonesian government, which is supported by UNDP Indonesia. There will be a high-level speakers and UNDP will co-host the event with WWF. The Pavilion itself is organised by Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

15:00 - 18:00 – High Level Ministerial on Climate Finance. Location: COP24 Venue, Plenary 2

The dialogue aims to provide a clear vision on how to ensure further progress on the mobilization of climate finance, that is supported by a broad range of Parties. It will focus on concrete efforts and initiatives on mobilizing finance and investment. Furthermore, in line with the invitation of COP 23, the dialogue will pay particular attention to the issue of access to climate finance.
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18:30 – One UN events on SDG 1 (poverty) Voices from the Climate Frontlines: Protecting the rights of the most vulnerable. Location: Room 2 International Conference Center

To highlight the importance of a human rights-based approach to climate action for the eradication of all forms of poverty and particularly to promote the effective enjoyment of the right to participation by all in climate decision-making by emphasizing that this is both an ethical and legal obligation of States and imperative for more effective decision-making.

Tuesday, 11th December

12:30 - 14:00 – Circular Economy: the missing link for Climate Action. Location: EU Pavilion

The event will highlight how circular economy can actively contribute to our climate objectives. It will explore the role of circularity-based solutions to address climate change, the potential to reduce GHG emissions and the related benefits, such as new and better employment opportunities, innovation and new business models, as well as how effectively this can be done in the context of the climate regime.

13:30 - 14:30 – Capacity-building to raise finance for low emissions and climate resilient strategies. Location: PCCB Exhibit Room (Inside COP Venue)

Enshrined in the Paris Agreement are two separate Articles on capacity building (Article 11 and Article 13), underlining how important it is for designing and implementing climate resilient (adaptation) and low emissions (mitigation) strategies for the long-term. The Second Annual Capacity-Building Day 2018 brings together diverse communities & practices for in-depth discussions on building national capacities.

17:00 - Leveraging the SDGs to enhance NDC implementation and raise ambition: options and concrete examples from country experiences. Location: NDCP Pavilion

This event aims to galvanise high-level political will and mobilize climate actors to link SDG and NDC implementation in countries to achieve greater policy coherence, effectiveness and impact. It will raise awareness on the synergies between the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, by providing more information about the SDG implementation process, of which many climate change focal points are unaware. It will also highlight very specific ways that greater alignment with the SDGs can create opportunities to enhance NDCs and mobilize support for their implementation. Finally, it will provide some concrete ways forward to help bring these processes together in 2019, specifically engagement in SDG Voluntary National Reviews and the back to back HLPF/SDG and Climate Change Summits both planned for September.

18:30 - 20:00 – One UN events on SDG 5 (gender)- Gender mainstreaming in adaptation and mitigation: A nexus approach. Location: Warmia
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The side-event will showcase the nexus between gender mainstreaming in adaptation and mitigation actions and gender-responsive agriculture, food security, nutrition, health, energy. It will showcase synergies through education, women’s human rights and labor rights and gender-responsive NDCs.

Wednesday, 12th December

09:00 - 17:30 – Investment COP. Location: Vienna House Easy Angelo / Katowice, Poland

The objective of the event is delivering Investment into the implementation of the Paris Agreement including through the following (1) articulation of major impediments to progress on climate action and initiatives that tackle them; (2) introducing national financing mechanisms that have the potential to accelerate on-the-ground deployment of climate actions; (3) showcasing proven solutions to crowd-in private sector at scale; (4) and present ‘investment-ready’ projects to attract private sector investors.

11:30 - 13:00 – One UN side event on SDG15: Forests first. From 10 years of REDD+ to the full scope of nature-based climate solutions. Location: Wisla

Forests play a crucial role in mitigating climate change and achieving sustainable development. They absorb more emissions than those produced by the whole US transportation sector. This event will build on 10 years of wide-ranging experience around REDD+ and will discuss perspectives on partnerships for transformative innovations in policy reform and emerging technologies and innovative financial mechanisms to conserve and restore forests.

12:00 - 13:00 – NDC Partnership Anniversary event. Location: NDC Pavilion

This High-Level event will celebrate the two years that the NDC Partnership has been working with partners, donors, and member countries, to drive the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The importance of collaboration in order to achieve the ambitious climate and development action we strive for, will be a key focus.

12:30 - 14:00 – FAO and UNDP: Gender mainstreaming in adaptation for agriculture. Location: COP 24 Pavilion E Ground Floor - Pacific and Koronivia Pavilion. Light lunch and coffee will be served.

Designed to spark discussion on successful and transformative approaches that can be scaled up and replicated in countries, the event invites country speakers to share national experiences in mainstreaming gender in adaptation for agricultural development, in line with the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan. Panelists will include representatives from Fiji, Guyana, Kenya, Tonga, and Uruguay.
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17:00 - 18:30 – More than the Sum of its Parts: Supporting NDC Implementation through the NDC Partnership. Location: NDCP Pavilion

This event will showcase examples of NDC Partnership’s successes of working with member countries such as Guatemala (launching its NDC implementation plan at COP) and Vietnam (currently updating its NDC). Government representatives will discuss contributions of WB, UNDP & other partners and the NDCP to their work, then a panel discussion will take place, followed by a Q&A.

18:00 – 20:00 Experiences sharing on Nepal’s Initiatives on Climate Change. Location: UK Pavilion

The Government of Nepal and UKaid will showcase experiences of implementing innovative approaches to climate change risk and vulnerability and empowering local governments and local leaders to take affirmative actions on reducing risk and building resilience. Sharing these experiences will hopefully help other developing countries enhance knowledge and drive an inclusive process in the future.

Thursday, 13th December

09:00 – 10:15 - Raising Ambition through Long-term Strategies. Location: NDCP Pavilion

13:00 - 14:30 – High-level Event on Climate Change Education. Location: Lubelskie Climate Action Room 3 in COP24 Area A

UNDP and the Ministry of Education of Armenia will present reflect on the Climate Box project. The Climate Box toolkit includes an illustrated encyclopedia of climate issues targeting children aged 7 to 14, who not only get to learn about the science behind climate change, but are given practical tips on how to dramatically reduce their carbon footprint.

15:00 - 17:00 – Innovations in education for climate action. Location: Russian Pavilion

UNDP will be presenting an Interactive learning tool-kit on climate change for school children “Climate Box”

17:00 - 18:30 – The Tipping Point - Defining a new path to mainstream and accelerate climate change adaptation in Africa. Location: NDCP Pavilion

Africa is at a tipping point. While efforts to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Paris Agreement could drive positive changes following nearly a decade of economic
growth across Africa, climate change threatens to derail these gains. This joint event with the Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI) and UNDP, will see the launch of a UNDP flagship publication on “Climate Change Adaptation in Africa” which documents the lessons learned from over 15 years of adaptation work in Africa.

18:00 - 19:30 – One UN Side Event on Climate Change Education. Climate Change Education for All. Taking everyone along to boost sustainable solutions at a local level. **Location: Pieniny Room**

Building on the successful mobilization during Education Day at previous COPs, UNFCCC, UNESCO and the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness, will bring together community leaders, mayors, scientists, youth activists and others to discuss how education can accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals at local level.