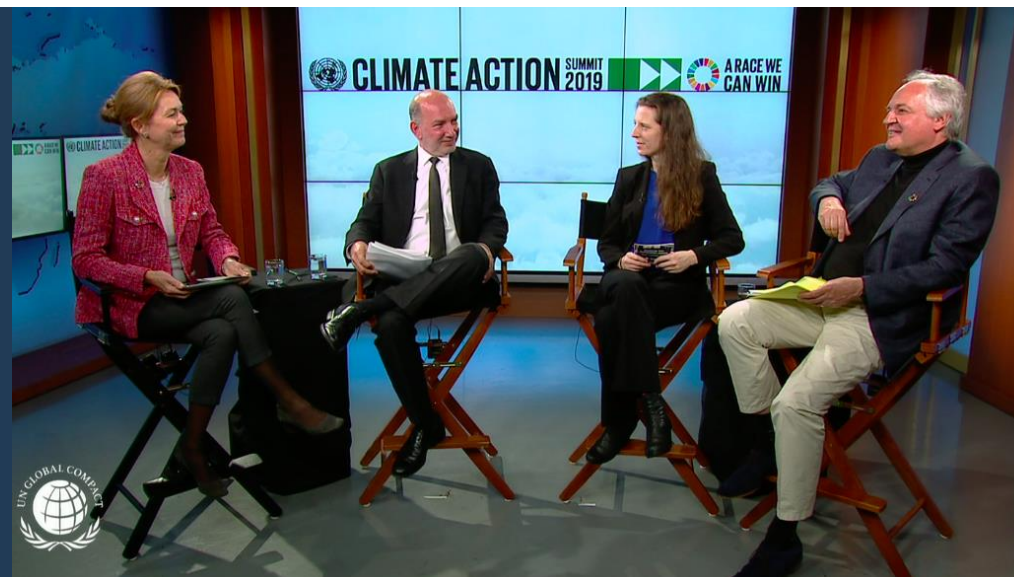




CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019



PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT GUIDE FOR THE CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019



This guide builds on a live Briefing on Private Sector Engagement in the Climate Action Summit 2019 on 17 May 2019.

To view the recording of the briefing session please [click here](http://www.unglobalcompact.org/climatesummit) and stay updated here: www.unglobalcompact.org/climatesummit

The document aims at guiding companies on how they can engage in the Summit by providing examples of concrete actions and initiatives that are being advanced by each of the nine Summit coalitions.

- The **Climate Action Summit** will bring together Heads of State, Government, leaders from business and finance, local governments, civil society and youth, and the United Nations system.
- The Summit will take place on **23 September 2019** at UNHQ with Summit Events on 21–22 September. The weekend before the Summit will include a range of activities in connection to the Summit in and around United Nations Headquarters.
- The **United Nations Private Sector Forum** will be held as an invitation only high-level luncheon of the Summit for chief executives, Heads of State, leaders from the UN and civil society.
- The aim is to keep temperature rise to **no more than 1.5 °C** as highlighted clearly in the latest Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
- The objective is to demonstrate a leap in collective national political ambition and a **massive acceleration of action and progress** toward zero carbon in the real economy.
- Taking place from 24 to 30 September, [Climate Week](#) highlights private sector climate action in support of the Summit.

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- How the private sector can support the Summit objectives
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 - Infrastructure Cities & Local Action
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 - Climate Finance & Carbon Pricing

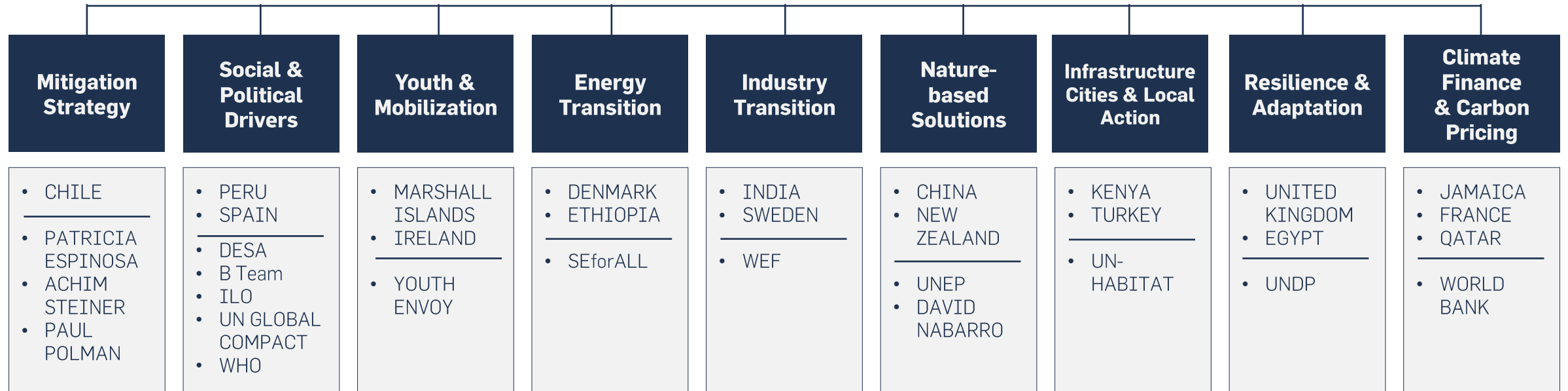
“I want to hear about how we are going to stop the increase in emissions by 2020, and dramatically reduce emissions to reach net-zero emissions by mid-century.”

- H.E. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

“We need to map out what is happening, to identify initiatives, actors that can do better, and incentivize them to do it, and to do it not tomorrow, but immediately, because as we have seen from recent scientific reports, the situation could be extremely serious if we do not act now.”

- Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Change Summit

With the objective of boosting ambition and accelerating action to implement the Paris Agreement, the Climate Action Summit will focus on [nine interdependent coalitions or action areas](#). Each area is country-led and supported by international organizations and/or climate champions.





Business and investors are asked to decarbonize their operations and value-chains through a **just transition** by driving sector transformation through individual actions, collective action and public-private partnerships in order to implement the Paris Agreement and to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.

DECARBONIZATION AND BUILDING RESILIENCE OF SECTORS

In support of the [Action Area coalitions](#) of the Summit, climate-friendly business champions from each sector are welcome to announce concrete sectoral actions supporting policies of decarbonization to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and building resilience of sectors.

The breadth and depth of climate action is guided through a set of criteria:

- Transformational impact
- Sustainable development co-benefits,
- Innovative and visible,
- Measurable and implementable,
- Replicable and scalable.

1. INDIVIDUAL TRANSFORMATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keeping global warming under 1.5°C requires the private sector to display individual transformative commitments on mitigation and adaptation. More than 7000 individual climate actions are displayed on the Non-state Actor Zone for Climate Action ([NAZCA](#)) involving close to 2500 companies and more than 360 investors. More than 800 companies on the [WMB Take Action Platform](#) recognize the need for a transition to a zero carbon economy.

2. COLLECTIVE AMBITIOUS ACTION

Building climate ambition also takes cooperative initiatives in mitigation and adaptation that inspire and organize ambitious broad-based action. Kindly refer to the following slides for more information on each coalition.

3. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Take part in public-private partnerships across the Summit's action areas and talk with your governments – in your headquarters and in your supply-chains – to help send a clear signal to policymakers to take urgent climate action. Through the Ambition Loop private and public partners can combine their resources, skills and expertise to exchange best practices, identify new and emerging issues, promote multi-stakeholder trust and interaction, and support advocacy to climate action. We call for the private sector to take a multi-stakeholder approach and lead by helping bring along business in your value chains (i.e through capacity building efforts, etc.).

CO-LEADING COUNTRIES: Chile

SUPPORTING: Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC; Achim Steiner, Administrator of UNDP; Paul Polman, Vice Chair of the Global Compact

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION B Team

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OBJECTIVE

In line with the goals of the Paris Agreement and the IPCC special report on the impacts of 1.5 °C, the key objective of mitigation stream is to secure political will leading to ambitious 2020 commitments combined with a clear and bold vision of what a carbon neutral world should look like in 2050.

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Existing private sector initiatives

- [Science Based Targets initiative](#)
- [Net-Zero 2050](#)
- [Ambition Loop](#)
- [Climate Action 100+](#)
- [Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders](#)



Opportunities and next steps for the private sector

- Set a [Science Based Target](#) – a measurable and time bound “Business NDC” – aligned with a 1.5 Celsius scenario and concrete plan of transition towards net zero by 2050.
- Encourage governments everywhere you have operations and influence to come to the Summit with ambitious clear targets and policies to drive further action. Discuss with them how you can work together to achieve those goals!
- Join the existing initiatives



CO-LEADING COUNTRIES: Peru, Spain

SUPPORTING: ILO, WHI, DESA, Global Compact, The B Team

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 UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko, caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org

OBJECTIVES

- Ensuring a just transition to a net-zero emissions and prosperous economy for all, is a key priority area of the UNSG Climate Summit.
- Green jobs are rapidly being created. The New Climate Economy's 2018 report Unlocking the Inclusive Growth Story of the 21st Century found that shifting to a low-carbon economy could create a US\$26 trillion growth opportunity and 65 million new jobs by 2030.
- Businesses, in collaboration with their workers and governments, can support a just transition by ensuring that the jobs they create as they decarbonize their businesses, are good, decent jobs, by committing to four key labour standards across their global businesses.

Guidance and reports

- [Just Transition: A Business Guide](#), ITUC & The B Team
- [Climate and the Just Transition - A Business Case for Action](#), BSR

Opportunities and next steps for the private sector

- Sign the Just Transition and decent green job pledge: Find the [full workplan, details on the pledge and how to sign up here](#) and the specific [pledge letter here](#).
- Join our webinar explaining the rationale and business case behind the just transition and decent jobs commitment. The webinar will be at 10.30 ET / 16.30 CEST on Weds 5 June. [Register for the webinar here](#).

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CO-LEADING COUNTRIES: Ireland, Marshall Islands
SUPPORTING: UN Youth Envoy, UN Foundation
COUNTRY MEMBERS: Namibia, Nigeria
BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS: UN Foundation

OBJECTIVE

- Respond to the unprecedented mobilization of young people worldwide who are demanding ambitious climate action in the lead-up to the Secretary General's Climate Action Summit

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Existing private sector initiatives

- [Young SDG Innovators](#)
- [SDG Pioneers Programme](#)

- CO-LEADING COUNTRIES:** Denmark, Ethiopia
- SUPPORTING:** SEforALL
- COUNTRY MEMBERS:** Palau, Italy, Indonesia, Colombia, Morocco
- BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:**
- UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko, caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org
 - We Mean Business: Dean Cambridge, dean@wemeanbusinesscoalition.org

OBJECTIVES

- Mobilize clean energy investments through regulatory conditions accelerating the flow of finance away from fossil fuels.
- Bring in capital, technology and increasing risk tolerance from the private sector through public-private partnerships.
- Challenge high-emitting sectors (e.g., aviation, shipping, cooling, buildings, oil and gas).
- Ensure no one is left behind as emissions reductions in the energy sector and access to clean energy is pursued.

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Existing private sector initiatives

- [Science Based Targets initiative](#)
- [RE 100](#)
- [EP 100](#)
- [Renewable Energy Buyers Alliance \(REBA\)](#)
- [LCTPi](#)
- [Clean Cargo](#)



Opportunities and next steps for the private sector

- Join the Energy Coalition Briefing Webinar on 28th May by [registering here](#)
- Join the existing initiatives



- CO-LEADING COUNTRIES:** India, Sweden
- SUPPORTING:** World Economic Forum
- COUNTRY MEMBERS:** TBD
- COALITION CONTACT:** Emily Farnworth, Emily.Farnworth@weforum.org
- BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:**
- UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko, caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org
 - We Mean Business: Dean Cambridge, dean@wemeanbusinesscoalition.org

OBJECTIVES

- Reduce emissions from heavy industry; reach net-zero by 2050 with support from 20+ CEOs and industry coalitions.
- Involve governments to develop policy environments and incentives through public-private sector collaboration.
- Develop country/regional public-private “innovation partnerships” that create platforms for fast-tracking technologies that support emissions reductions across industries.

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Business initiatives and sector organizations

- [Science Based Targets initiative](#)
- [LCTPi](#)
- [Global Maritime Forum – ZEV2030](#)
- [International Maritime Organization](#)
- [International Civil Aviation Organization](#)
- [Carbon War Room](#)
- [Smart Freight Centre](#)
- [Pathways Coalition](#)
- [International Council of Chemical Associations](#)
- [Global Cement and Concrete Association: GCCA](#)
- [The Aluminum Association](#)
- [European Steel Association](#)
- [Responsible Steel](#)
- [EV100](#)
- [EP 100](#)
- [Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative](#)

Opportunities and next steps for the private sector

- Sign up for regular newsletters from ICC as the UNFCCC Focal Point for Business and Industry in the lead up to COP 25 by emailing to: bi@iccwbo.org
- Join the existing initiatives

- CO-LEADING COUNTRIES:** China, New Zealand
- SUPPORTING:** UN Environment, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Dr. David Nabarro
- COUNTRY MEMBERS:** Costa Rica, Fiji, Norway, Portugal and Tajikistan
- BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:**
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 - UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org
 - WBCSD: Karl Vella, Vella@wbcسد.org
 - WEF
 - We Mean Business: Dean Cambridge, dean@wemeanbusinesscoalition.org

OBJECTIVES

- Build systemic understanding of the interconnection between humans and nature, and the concrete actions to integrate natural systems to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- Encourage investment in nature that benefits and protects people, ecosystem health, biodiversity and food security.
- Initial summit planning suggests outcomes will fall into the following focus areas:
 - Forest and other terrestrial ecosystems (e.g., peatlands, wetlands, grasslands)
 - Ocean ecosystems and water resources:
 - Agriculture and food systems
 - Nature's systemic role in development

Existing private sector initiatives

- [Business Alliance for Water and Climate \(BAFWAC\)](#)
- [Carbon Removal](#)
- [Climate Smart Agriculture](#)
- [Nature Climate Solutions](#)



Opportunities and next steps for the private sector

- Join the Nature-based solutions Coalition Briefing Webinar on 6 May by [registering here](#).
- Increase innovation towards future-proofing the global economy: scale up and measure [Carbon Removal](#) through a new initiative fostering nature-based solutions and innovation
- Join the existing initiatives

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CO-LEADING COUNTRIES: Turkey, Kenya

SUPPORTING: UN Habitat

COUNTRY MEMBERS: Germany, Mexico, Canada, Singapore

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:

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- UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org
- We Mean Business

OBJECTIVES

- Establish a clear, bold vision of what carbon neutrality in 2050 should entail, with new commitments from subnational entities.
- Decarbonize the transport sector through clear, tangible and time-bound commitments from governments, the private sector and international institutions.
- Set clear, tangible solutions to accelerate, scale up and make financial flows more accessible to cities and local governments to promote investments in low-carbon and climate-resilient urban infrastructure.
- Clear, tangible and time-bound commitments on building standards and codes to avoid lock-in of carbon intensive developments.
- Clear, tangible and time-bound commitments to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve resilience for the most vulnerable urban dwellers.

Existing private sector initiatives

- [EV100](#)
- [EP 100](#)
- [Science Based Targets initiative](#)
- [World Green Building Council](#)
- [Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative](#)



Opportunities and next steps for the private sector

- Join the existing initiatives

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- CO-LEADING COUNTRIES:** United Kingdom, Egypt
- SUPPORTING:** UNDP
- COUNTRY MEMBERS:** Bangladesh, Malawi, Netherlands
- BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:**
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 - UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko, caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org
 - WBCSD
 - WEF

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Existing private sector initiatives

- [Business Alliance for Water and Climate \(BAFWAC\)](#)
- [Climate Smart Agriculture](#)
- [Caring for Climate – Adaptation](#)
- [Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures](#)



Opportunities and next steps for the private sector

- Strengthen your actions on [adaptation to ensure resilient development](#), particularly in critical areas such as water, by contributing to adaptation gaps and aligning with the [Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures](#)
- Join the existing initiatives

- CO-LEADING COUNTRIES:** France, Jamaica, Qatar
- SUPPORTING:** World Bank
- COUNTRY MEMBERS:** Republic of Korea, Senegal
- BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:**
- Ceres, PRI, UNEP-Fi
 - ICC: Majda Dabaghi, majda.dabaghi@iccwbo.org
 - UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko, caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org

OBJECTIVES

- Deliver on the climate finance commitments
 - Deliver on the concrete commitments for the scaling-up of climate finance.
- Align private and public finance with the Paris Agreement goals through public-private partnerships
 - Commitments showcasing that private and public finance flows are consistent with a pathway towards low emission and climate resilient development.
- Expand existing initiatives and coalitions and build new ambitious ones
 - Build new and ambitious initiatives and coalitions and expand the existing ones

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Existing private sector initiatives

- [Carbon Pricing](#)
- [Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition New Climate Finance Leadership Initiative](#)
- [Task Force on Climate-related financial disclosures \(TCFD\)](#)
- [The Investor Agenda](#)



Opportunities and next steps for the private sector

- Align with the [Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures](#).
- Join the existing initiatives

ROAD MAP TO



CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019



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MAR 2019

- UN ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY (UNEA-4)
11-15 MAR, NAIROBI
- ONE PLANET SUMMIT
14 MAR, NAIROBI

MAR 2019

- AFRICA CLIMATE WEEK
18-22 MAR, ACCRA
- FRIENDS OF PARIS AGREEMENT: HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE
25-26 MAR, BEIJING

MAR 2019

- AFRICA CEO FORUM
25-26 MAR, KIGALI
- HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON PROTECTION OF THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CONVENED BY THE PGA
28 MAR, UNHQ

APR 2019

- GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON PARIS AGREEMENT AND 2030 AGENDA (UNFCCC/DESA)
1-3 APR, COPENHAGEN
- WB/IMF SPRING MEETINGS
12-14 APR, DC
- BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE SUMMIT
25-27 APR, BEIJING

MAY 2019

- PETERSBERG CLIMATE DIALOGUE
12-14 MAY, BERLIN
- GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
13-17 MAY, GENEVA

MAY 2019

- INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE ACTION
22-23 MAY, HEIDELBERG
- R20 AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT
28-29 MAY, VIENNA

JUN 2019

- G20 FINANCE MINISTERIAL
8-9 JUN, FUKUOKA
- G20 MINISTER MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY
15-16 JUN, NAGANO
- UNFCCC SESSION
17-27 JUN, BONN
- ASEAN SUMMIT
22-23 JUN, THAILAND
- G20 SUMMIT
28-29 JUN, OSAKA

JUN-JUL 2019

- STOCKTAKING MEETING 2019 CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT
30 JUN-1 JUL, ABU DHABI
- MONTREAL PROTOCOL
1-5 JUL, MONTREAL
- HLPP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (UNDER AUSPICES ECOSOC)
9-18 JUL, UNHQ

AUG 2019

- LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN CLIMATE WEEK
19-23 AUG, SALVADOR DE BAHIA
- G7 SUMMIT
24-26 AUG, BIARRITZ
- SECOND CONSULTATION MEETING, FIRST REPLENISHMENT OF THE GCF
29-30 AUG

SEP-DEC 2019

- ASIA PACIFIC CLIMATE WEEK
2-6 SEP
- 51ST SESSION IPCC: SPECIAL REPORT ON OCEANS
16-20 SEP
- 2019 CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
23 SEP, UNHQ
- UNFCCC COP25
2-13 DEC, SANTIAGO

MEETINGS AFTER THE SUMMIT, 2020 AND BEYOND

Science Based Targets initiative announces major updates following IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C

20 February, 2019,
Sciences Based Targets initiative

VIDEO: Ambition loops support bolder climate action from business and governments

November 2018



VIDEO: Business leaders call for net-zero by 2050

May 2019

More Than 20 Global Business and Civil Society Leaders Urge European Union to Step Up Its Ambition on Climate

10 April, 2019, Coordinated by the B Team

Over 100 Japanese business leaders call on their government to commit to net-zero emissions by 2050

November, 2018, Japan Climate Leaders Partnership

Over 50 business leaders urge EU heads of state to signal new economic direction towards net zero by 2050

2 May, 2019, Coordinated by the Corporate Leaders Group

"Ambition loops" support bolder climate action from business and governments

Government Climate Action

- ▲ Ensure predictable regulatory environment
- ▲ Provide incentives and infrastructure
- ▲ Reduce barriers and investment risks
- ▲ Support research, development, and deployment
- ▲ Create long-term market signals

Business Climate Action

- ▲ Create political space for increased ambition

The Key to Faster, Zero-Carbon Growth? Harness the Ambition Loop

28 November, 2019, UN Global Compact, We Mean Business & WRI

Leading businesses tell governments to fast-track the switch to electric vehicles

20 March, 2019, EV100