



PRESS INVITATION

31 October 2017 at Palais de Nations, Cinema (Room 14), Geneva, Switzerland

UN Flagship Emissions Gap Report Released Days Ahead of Climate COP

UN Warns: Momentum Imparted by Paris Faltering as Gap between Emissions Reductions Needed and Actual Commitments Made Remains Significant

Can the Private Sector Help Fill the 70% Emissions Gap Remaining Even if All Country Pledge Are Met ?

The eighth edition of the **UN Flagship Emissions Gap Report** will be launched in Geneva on 31 October, days ahead of the Convening of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 23).

The **Emissions Gap Report** tracks the policy commitments made by countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and analyses how these policies will translate into emissions reductions through 2030, clearly outlining the emissions gap and what it would take to bridge it. It also analyses the potential impact on climate change of the recent Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. It examines how Government policy and private sector initiatives are key to which way the process evolves.

The event will also witness the launch of **The 1 Gigaton Report**, which analyses GHG reductions resulting from renewable energy and energy efficiency — estimated to be over 1 GtCO₂e by 2020, and how these reduction contribute to bridging the emissions gap.

Recognizing the increasingly important role of non-state actors, Thomson Reuters will present the latest data that track actions to lower emissions by companies in the **Global 250**, along with their value chains— which account for approximately one third of global annual emissions.

High level panelists, include:

UN Environment Executive Director Erik Solheim
WMO Secretary General Petteri Taalas
UN Environment Assembly President Edgar E. Gutiérrez-Espeleta, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica
ENEL Head of Innovation and Sustainability Ernesto Ciorra
Financial and Risk President at Thomson Reuters, David Craig
World Economic Forum Senior Director of Environmental Initiatives Dominic Waughray
World Business Council for Sustainable Development Managing Director, María Mendiluce, PhD

Programme Outline

11:00 - 11:30	Registration and Coffee
11:45 - 12:50	Press Briefing
12:50 - 13:10	Coffee Break
13:10 - 14:45	Business – Policy Debate
14:45 – 15:45	Luncheon

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PROGRAMME

PRESS LAUNCH 11:45 – 12:50		
Introduction by Moderator: Shereen Zorba, Head, Science-Policy Interface, UN Environment		2 minutes
Opening remarks	UN Environment Executive Director Erik Solheim	6 minutes
Introduction by President of the UN Environment Assembly	H.E. Edgar E. Gutiérrez-Espeleta, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica	6 minutes
Review of the Findings of the Emissions Gap Report	John Christensen, Lead Author, UN Environment	8 minutes
Focus on Energy and the 1 Gigaton Coalition	Head, Technology for Sustainable Development, UN Environment Zitouni Ould Dada	6 minutes
Industry Perspective	ENEL Head of Innovation and Sustainability Ernesto Ciorra	6 minutes
Industry Performance	Head of Sustainability, Thought Leadership at Thomson Reuters, Timothy Nixon	6 minutes
Closing Remarks	Chief Scientist, UN Environment, Jian Liu	6 minutes
Q & A	Floor (journalists only)	20 minutes
COFFEE BREAK		
<p>Policy-Business Debate <i>Moderated by Reuters Editor-at-Large Axel Threlfall</i></p> <p>Can the Private Sector Help Fill the 70% Emissions Gap Remaining Even if All Country Pledge Are Met ?</p>		
Introduction by the moderator	Axel Threlfall	
Implementing Paris: Challenges and opportunities ahead	WMO Secretary General Petteri Taalas H.E. Edgar E. Gutiérrez-Espeleta, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica Permanent Representative of France at the UN H.E. Elisabeth Laurin Financial and Risk President at Thomson Reuters, David Craig Permanent Representative of France at the UN H.E. Hans Brattskar	
The 70% Challenge: Can the business sector Deliver?	World Economic Forum Senior Director of Environmental Initiatives Dominic Waughray World Business Council for Sustainable Development Managing Director María Mendiluce ENEL Head of Innovation and Sustainability Ernesto Ciorra Harry Lehmann, Head of Energy and Climate, German Environment Agency	
Open Floor, Q&A		
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