

*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****
COP22 Global Climate Action Agenda Thematic Day on Water
9 November 2016

Press briefing from 9:00 WEST, Room Fez Press Conference 3, Blue Zone

Showcase event from 10:00 WEST, Atlantic Room, Blue Zone
Dialogue event from 13:30 WEST, Atlantic Room, Blue Zone

Stakeholders say with one voice that water security is key to climate resilience

Marrakesh, Friday, 4 November 2016 – Stakeholders from around the globe will gather on 9 November to present the “Blue Book”, or outcomes from the International Conference on Water and Climate, “Water Security for Climate Justice” organized in Rabat in July 2016. It will also be the occasion to launch the resulting “Water for Africa” initiative, which aims to raise awareness among the international community about African challenges related to potable water and sanitation services, food security, and water infrastructure exacerbated by climate change.

After presenting these and other new activities meant to strengthen the place for water within climate discussions, stakeholders will also review progress made on commitments made relative to water issues during CoP21, such as the Paris Pact on water and adaptation, the Business Alliance for Water and Climate, the Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate and the #ClimateIsWater initiative.

Climate change has direct impacts on natural resources, ecosystems and societies, in particular on water. Nevertheless, water has not received the attention that it deserves within climate discussions, despite the fact that it is very strongly evoked within the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

Speakers at the events include (in speaking order):

Press Briefing 9:00

- Abdeladim Lhafi, Commissioner of CoP22
- Hakima El Haite, Morocco’s High Level Champion for Climate
- Charafat Afailal, Minister delegate in charge of water, Government of Morocco
- Representative of the Minister of Environment, Energy and Seas of France (TBC)
- Dogan Altinbilek, Vice President of the World Water Council
- Roberto Ramirez de la Parra, President of the RIOB

Showcase Event 10:00:

- Abdeladim Lhafi, Commissioner of CoP22
- Hakima El Haite, Morocco's High Level Champion for Climate
- Charafat Afailal, Minister delegate in charge of water, Government of Morocco
- Irina Bokova, General Director UNESCO
- Dogan Altinbilek, Vice President of the World Water Council
- Among others

Dialogue event 13:30:

- Charafat Afailal, Minister delegate in charge of water of Morocco
- Roberto Ramirez de la Parra, President of INBO
- Joakim Harlin, Vice-Chair, UN Water
- Loic Fauchon, Honorary President, World Water Council
- Zhang Xuejin, Division Director, Bureau of Hydropower, Ministry of Water Resources, China
- Jennifer Sara, Director of Water Global Practice, The World Bank Group
- Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director, SIWI
- Houria Tazi-Sadeq, Chairman, Alliance Machrek-Maghreb for Water
- Liana Ardiles, Director for Water in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment of Spain
- Among others

LOGISTICS

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ABOUT THE GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION AGENDA France and Morocco's global climate champions have set out their detailed agenda to boost cooperative action on water and climate between governments, cities, business, investors and citizens and help vulnerable nations adapt to climate impacts. The action agenda is an important support and catalyst to the early and effective implementation of the landmark Paris Climate Change Agreement.