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Lima-Paris Action Agenda

The purpose of this paper, co-authored by the COP20/CMP10 Peruvian Presidency, the incoming COP21/CMP11 French Presidency, the UNFCCC Secretariat and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, is to complement the Lima-Paris Action Agenda declaration of December 13th, 2014. It contextualizes and provides further details to implement the declaration and support the UNFCCC process.

Vision for a success in Paris

Our vision of a success in Paris at COP21 is to give credibility to the transition towards resilient and low GHG societies, compatible with an increase in average surface temperatures limited to 1.5° to 2°C compared to their pre-industrial level, and supported by adequate means of implementation.

To respond to this vision, the new legal agreement for the post-2020 climate regime under the UNFCCC will have to be applicable to all, equitable and ambitious, and tackle mitigation and adaptation in a transparent and verifiable way, as well as provide adequate means of implementation: finance, technology and capacity building.

Ambitious Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (iNDCs) from Parties to the UNFCCC, shared well in advance of Paris, will be a crucial step towards a success in Paris, as they will demonstrate strong commitment to our common objective.

Pre 2020 and long-term finance will have to be mobilised through public sources and private investors, international financial institutions and innovative financial instruments to drive this transition and provide for low carbon and resilient activities.

The Action Agenda, which involves both state and non-state actors (cities, regions and other sub-national entities, international organizations, civil society, indigenous peoples, women, youth, academic institutions, as well as businesses) in partnerships that go beyond traditional institutional frameworks, can accelerate action and support reaching an ambitious agreement under the UNFCCC.

To that end, the Action Agenda needs to be built on concrete cooperative initiatives, ambitious enough to tackle the challenge, supported by clear roadmaps for implementation. Progress made through the Action Agenda by COP21 can strongly contribute to:

- Demonstrating that previous commitments are fulfilled;
- Sending a loud and clear signal that the transition to low GHG and climate resilient economies is not only feasible, both technically and economically, but also already underway;
- Highlighting the multiple advantages of a collaborative agenda and the co-benefits attached to it, notably strengthening sustainable development and fighting poverty;
- Facilitating the implementation of Parties' intended Nationally Determined Contributions (iNDCs);
- Enabling even greater ambition after Paris, both in the pre-2020 and post-2020 periods, in the fields of mitigation and adaptation.

The Lima-Paris Action Agenda

The Lima-Paris Action Agenda is a joint undertaking of the Peruvian and French COP presidencies, the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the UNFCCC Secretariat. It is aimed at strengthening climate action throughout 2015 and beyond. The spirit is similar to the one that drove the preparation of the UN Climate Summit which took place in September 2014, and we will build on its momentum. We will provide support to existing initiatives, help mobilize new partners and contribute to the visibility of their actions and commitments, throughout 2015 and in Paris in December.

We are convinced that such cooperative initiatives by state and non-state actors can provide solutions, dynamism and positive momentum to the UNFCCC process.

A common vision is key to enabling initiatives to leverage maximum action. In our view, each initiative or action area under the Lima-Paris Action Agenda should, between now and Paris, focus on:

- Building a tailor-made narrative that outlines both operational and credible short term targets and indicative long term goals, and demonstrates that key partners are gathered around a shared vision and an action plan to help scale-up transformation in each strategic area.
- Demonstrating its relevance and credibility, by being science based, monitoring progress and results and displaying, the fulfilment of previous commitments. In particular, initiatives launched at the Climate Summit 2014 should demonstrate progress;
- Paying due attention to the North-South balance and the need for inclusiveness, in terms of other relevant stakeholders or initiatives to integrate.

Milestones

During COP21, we will respond to the Lima Call for Climate Action by convening a High Level Meeting on Climate Action. The progress of the Lima-Paris Action Agenda will be showcased and synthesized during this meeting.

The results of the technical examination of opportunities with high mitigation potential carried out under the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action will also be summarized during this meeting.

The High Level Meeting will build on the momentum created by the events that several stakeholders and networks will be organizing on the road to Paris and during COP21. We encourage organizers of such events to consider structuring their work and actions with a view to contributing to the Lima-Paris Action Agenda.