



Climate Change

UN News Centre on Climate Change:

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Actions not words: what was promised at the UN's landmark climate summit?
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Climate action: 4 shifts the UN chief encourages Governments to make (12 May 2019):
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Climate change: 'A moral, ethical and economic imperative' to slow global warming
say UN leaders, calling for more action (9 May 2019):
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/05/1038231>

UN Events

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<https://unfccc.int/cop25>
- Climate Summit, 23 September 2019:
<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/un-climate-summit-2019.shtml>
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<https://www.un.org/pga/73/event/climate-and-sustainable-development-for-all/>
- Security Council Meeting, 25 January 2019: Maintenance of international peace and security - Addressing the impacts of climate-related disasters on international peace and security: <http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2019>
- Security Council Meeting, 11 July 2018: Maintenance of international peace and security - Understanding and addressing climate-related security risks:
<http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2018>
- Intersessional panel discussion on human rights, climate change, migrants and persons displaced across international borders, 6 October 2017:
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<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/parisagreement22april/>
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<https://www.un.org/press/en/highlights/climatesummit2014>

- General Assembly Thematic Debate Sustainable Development and Climate Change: Practical Solutions in the Energy Water Nexus, 16 May 2013: <https://www.un.org/en/ga/president/67/pdf/calendar/20130516-energywater.pdf>
- Security Council Meeting, 20 July 2011: Maintenance of international peace and security - Impact of climate change: <http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2011>

UN Entities & Related Bodies

- United Nations & Climate Change: <https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/>
- United Nations Climate Change (UNFCCC): <http://unfccc.int/>
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): <http://www.ipcc.ch/>

UN Treaties, Declarations and selected UN documents

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/conveng.pdf>
- Kyoto Protocol: <https://unfccc.int/process/the-kyoto-protocol>
- Bali Road Map: <https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/pastconferences/bali-climate-change-conference-december-2007/statements-and-resources/Bali-Road-Map-Documents>
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- Durban Outcomes: <https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestones/outcomes-of-the-durban-conference>
- Doha Climate Gateway: <https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestones/the-doha-climate-gateway>
- Warsaw Outcomes: <https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestones/outcomes-of-the-warsaw-conference>
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- Paris Agreement: <https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/what-is-the-paris-agreement>
- Marrakech Action Proclamation for Our Climate and Sustainable Development: http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/marrakech_nov_2016/application/pdf/marrakech_action_proclamation.pdf
- Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action: http://unfccc.int/files/paris_agreement/application/pdf/marrakech_partnership_for_global_climate_action.pdf
- Key achievements from COP23: <https://cop23.com.fj/key-achievements-cop23/>
- Katowice Climate Package: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/katowice-climate-package>
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- Sustainable floating cities can offer solutions to climate change threats facing urban areas, Deputy Secretary-General tells First High-Level Meeting (DSG/SM/1269-ENV/DEV/1936-HAB/248, 3 April 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/dsgsm1269.doc.htm>
- In Video Message for Earth Hour, Secretary-General highlights upcoming Climate Action Summit, stressing 'there are solutions' (SG/SM/19525-ENV/DEV/1934, 30 March 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sqsm19525.doc.htm>
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- Africa can be model for climate resilience by deploying digital revolution, nature-based solutions, Deputy Secretary-General tells 'One Planet Summit' (DSG/SM/1258-ENV/DEV/1928-UNEP/341, 14 March 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/dsgsm1258.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General urges addressing climate change crisis together, in Remarks to United Nations Association of USA Global Summit (SG/SM/19469-NGO/887, 22 February 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sqsm19469.doc.htm>
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- Climate change 'running much faster than we are', says Secretary-General, stressing importance of Paris Agreement, multilateralism (SG/SM/19411-DEV/3382-ENV/DEV/1917, 16 December 2018): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sqsm19411.doc.htm>
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- Katowice must be dawn of new determination to unleash Paris Agreement's promise, Secretary-General tells High-Level Event at Climate Change Talks (SG/SM/19404-ENV/DEV/1915, 12 December 2018): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sqsm19404.doc.htm>
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