Climate Change

Climate action: 4 shifts the UN chief encourages Governments to make (12 May 2019):

Climate change: ‘A moral, ethical and economic imperative’ to slow global warming say UN leaders, calling for more action (9 May 2019):

UN Events

- COP 25 - Santiago Climate Change Conference, December 2019:
  https://unfccc.int/santiago
- Climate Summit, 23 September 2019:
- High Level Meeting on Climate and Sustainable Development for All, 29 March 2019:
- Security Council Meeting, 25 January 2019: Maintenance of international peace and security - Addressing the impacts of climate-related disasters on international peace and security:
- 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:
  https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/PanelClimateMigrants.aspx
- High-Level SDG Event “Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Agenda”, 23 March 2017:
- Expert Meeting on Climate Change and Human Rights, 6-7 October 2016:
  https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/HRAndClimateChange/Pages/ClimateChange.aspx
- Paris Agreement Signing Ceremony – 22 April 2016:
  http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/parisagreement22april/
- General Assembly High-Level Event on Climate Change (New York, 29 June 2015):
- Climate Summit – September 2014:
- General Assembly Thematic Debate Sustainable Development and Climate Change: Practical Solutions in the Energy Water Nexus, 16 May 2013:
- Security Council Meeting, 20 July 2011: Maintenance of international peace and security - Impact of climate change:

UN Entities & Related Bodies

- 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

- Kyoto Protocol: https://unfccc.int/process/the-kyoto-protocol
- Cancun Agreements: https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestone/ther-the-cancun-agreements
- Durban Outcomes: https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestone/outcomes-of-the-durban-conference
- Doha Climate Gateway: https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestone/ther-the-doha-climate-gateway
- Warsaw Outcomes: https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestone/outcomes-of-the-warsaw-conference
- Lima Call for Climate Action: http://undocs.org/FCCC/CP/2014/10/Add.1
- Paris Agreement: https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/what-is-the-paris-agreement
- 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
- UN documents on “climate change” – click here

Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials


Secretary-General, concerned that last four years are warmest on record, echoes calls for more climate ambition ahead of September Summit (SG/SM/19455-ENV/DEV/1921, 6 February 2019): https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/smsg19455.doc.htm


Further information

• Sustainable Development Goal 13 - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts: http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/climatechange/

• ActNow Climate Campaign: http://www.un.org/actnow

• Global Issues on the UN Agenda: Climate Change:


• Audiovisual Library of International Law
  - Climate Change and Population Movement / by Mr. Walter Kälin: http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Kaelin_DPR.html
  - Protection of the Atmosphere and Codification and Progressive Development of International Law / by Mr. Shinya Murase: http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Murase_EL.html
  - The International Law of Climate Change after the Paris Agreement / by Mr. Jorge E. Vifluales: http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Vifluales_EL.html
Selection of Publications available online

- UNEP Publications on Climate Change: http://www.unep.org/publications/
- IPCC Publications (including IPCC Assessment Reports): https://www.ipcc.ch/reports/
- Climate Change Action for Sustainable Development (DESA, October 2015): http://un4.me/1icXmUr
- Protecting People Crossing Borders in the Context of Climate Change: Normative Gaps and Possible Approaches (UNHCR, February 2012): http://www.unhcr.org/4f33f1729.html

Selected Articles in UN journals

- Global Climate Action: Innovations and Best Practices (Our Planet, December 2015): https://un4.me/2XeQmMn