This guide builds on live Briefings on Private Sector Engagement in the Climate Action Summit 2019 on 10 July and 17 May 2019.

To view the recording of the briefing sessions please click here to listen in to both and stay updated here: www.unglobalcompact.org/climatesummit
The **Climate Action Summit** will bring together Heads of State, Government, leaders from business and finance, local governments, civil society and youth, and the United Nations system.

The Summit will take place on **23 September 2019** at UNHQ with Summit Events on 21–22 September. The weekend before the Summit will include a range of activities in connection to the Summit in and around United Nations Headquarters.

The **United Nations Private Sector Forum** will be held as an invitation only high-level luncheon of the Summit for chief executives, Heads of State, leaders from the UN and civil society.

The aim is to keep temperature rise to **no more than 1.5 °C** as highlighted clearly in the latest Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The objective is to demonstrate a leap in collective national political ambition and a **massive acceleration of action and progress** toward zero carbon in the real economy.

Taking place from 24 to 30 September, **Climate Week** highlights private sector climate action in support of the Summit.
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- Overview of Climate Action Summit coalitions
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“I want to hear about how we are going to stop the increase in emissions by 2020, and dramatically reduce emissions to reach net-zero emissions by mid-century.”

- H.E. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

“We need to map out what is happening, to identify initiatives, actors that can do better, and incentivize them to do it, and to do it not tomorrow, but immediately, because as we have seen from recent scientific reports, the situation could be extremely serious if we do not act now.”

- Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba, UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Change Summit
With the objective of boosting ambition and accelerating action to implement the Paris Agreement, the Climate Action Summit will focus on nine interdependent coalitions or action areas. Each area is country-led and supported by international organizations and/or climate champions.
Business and investors are asked to decarbonize their operations and value-chains through a just transition by driving sector transformation through individual actions, collective action and public-private partnerships in order to implement the Paris Agreement and to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.

### DECARBONIZATION AND BUILDING RESILIENCE OF SECTORS
In support of the Action Area coalitions of the Summit, climate-friendly business champions from each sector are welcome to announce concrete sectoral actions supporting policies of decarbonization to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and building resilience of sectors.

1. **INDIVIDUAL TRANSFORMATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

   Keeping global warming under 1.5°C requires the private sector to display individual transformative commitments on mitigation and adaptation. More than 7000 individual climate actions are displayed on the Non-state Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA) involving close to 2500 companies and more than 360 investors. More than 800 companies on the WMB Take Action Platform recognize the need for a transition to a zero carbon economy.

2. **COLLECTIVE AMBITIOUS ACTION**

   Building climate ambition also takes cooperative initiatives in mitigation and adaptation that inspire and organize ambitious broad-based action. Kindly refer to the following slides for more information on each coalition.

3. **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

   Take part in public-private partnerships across the Summit’s action areas and talk with your governments – in your headquarters and in your supply-chains – to help send a clear signal to policymakers to take urgent climate action. Through the AmbitionLoop, private and public partners can combine their resources, skills and expertise to exchange best practices, identify new and emerging issues, promote multi-stakeholder trust and interaction, and support advocacy to climate action. We call for the private sector to take a multi-stakeholder approach and lead by helping bring along business in your value chairs (i.e through capacity building efforts, etc.).

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The breadth and depth of climate action is guided through a set of criteria:

- Transformational impact
- Sustainable development co-benefits,
- Innovative and visible,
- Measurable and implementable,
- Replicable and scalable.
PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT IN THE CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019
OVERVIEW OF ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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SDG Pioneers Programme
Young SDG Innovators

Caring for Climate

Business Ambition for 1.5°C

Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders
Net-Zero 2050
Climate Action 100+

RE 100
EV 100

Smart Freight Centre
World Ocean Buildings Council

Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative
Global Maritime Forum

The Chambers Climate Coalition

LCTPi

New York Declaration on Forests
Global Platform

BAFWAC
Climate Smart Agriculture
Carbon Pricing

Nature Climate Solutions
Carbon Removal
Business Case for Natural Based Solutions
Caring for Climate Adaptation

Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures
With the campaign **BUSINESS AMBITION FOR 1.5°C - OUR ONLY FUTURE**, UN Global Compact together with partners is asking companies to step up and commit their businesses to set science based targets aligned with a 1.5°C trajectory for a net-zero future.

**BUSINESS AMBITION FOR 1.5°C - OUR ONLY FUTURE**

**Sign the pledge and commit**

[www.unglobalcompact.org/OurOnlyFuture](http://www.unglobalcompact.org/OurOnlyFuture)

Read the [press release](https://example.com/press-release) and see the [list of corporate leaders](https://example.com/leaders) taking action now.
Building an economy with net-zero greenhouse gas emissions will require significant technological, social and economic transformations. We must ensure these transformations bring about a just transition, where new jobs are green and decent, and communities are thriving and resilient.

Sign the pledge and commit

Private sector leaders are demonstrating their commitment by supporting the Business Pledge for Just Transition and Decent Green Jobs.

Find out more about the Pledge and how to sign up here and here.
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| Increase company commitments to responsible adaptation | **Nature Based Solutions “Manifesto”**
Increase and mainstream nature-based solutions in companies strategies | **Business Alliance for Water and Climate**
Focusing on 3 innovation areas – circular water management, climate resilient agriculture, and natural infrastructure. |
| **Building the Business Case for Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)**
This private-public initiative looks to scale awareness and investment by developing a standardized framework to demonstrate and value stacked water and carbon benefits, and map wider co-benefits, which is critical to demonstrating investment returns, mainstreaming innovative finance mechanisms, and supporting effective policy reform. | |
| **Carbon Removal**
UNGC is launching a new commitment fostering innovation and measuring carbon removal to ultimately sequester more carbon than what is emitted. | |
OBJECTIVE
In line with the goals of the Paris Agreement and the IPCC special report on the impacts of 1.5 °C, the key objective of the mitigation stream is to secure political will leading to ambitious 2020 commitments combined with a clear and bold vision of what a carbon neutral world should look like in 2050. This is in line with Just Transition, where we encourage economies that create green and decent jobs while ensuring that communities are resilient and thriving.

Existing private sector initiatives
- Science Based Targets initiative
- Net-Zero 2050
- Ambition Loop
- Climate Action 100+
- Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders
- Chambers Climate Coalition

Opportunities and next steps for the private sector
- Set a Science Based Target – a measurable and time bound “Business NDC” – aligned with a 1.5 Celsius scenario and concrete plan of transition towards net zero by 2050.
- Encourage governments everywhere you have operations and influence to come to the Summit with ambitious clear targets and policies to drive further action. Discuss with them how you can work together to achieve those goals!
- Join the existing initiatives

PLEASE FIND THE FULL UN WORKPLAN HERE.
OBJECTIVES

- Ensuring a just transition, where companies create green and decent jobs with communities that are thriving and resilient, to a net-zero emissions and prosperous economy for all, is a key priority area of the UNSG Climate Summit.
- Green jobs are rapidly being created. The New Climate Economy’s 2018 report Unlocking the Inclusive Growth Story of the 21st Century found that shifting to a low-carbon economy could create a US$26 trillion growth opportunity and 65 million new jobs by 2030.
- Businesses, in collaboration with their workers and governments, can support a just transition by ensuring that the jobs they create as they decarbonize their businesses, are good, decent jobs, by committing to four key labour standards across their global businesses.

Guidance and reports

- Just Transition: A Business Guide, ITUC & The B Team
- Climate and the Just Transition - A Business Case for Action, BSR
- Principles for a Just Transition, ICC

Opportunities and next steps for the private sector

- Sign the Just Transition and decent green job pledge: Find the full workplan, details on the pledge and how to sign up here and the specific pledge letter here.
- View our briefings explaining how businesses can engage during and leading to the Climate Action Summit 2019. The Briefing recordings can be viewed here.

PLEASE FIND THE FULL UN WORKPLAN HERE.
PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT IN THE CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019
YOUTH & MOBILIZATION

CO-LEADING COUNTRIES: Ireland, Marshall Islands
SUPPORTING: UN Youth Envoy, UN Foundation
COUNTRY MEMBERS: Namibia, Nigeria
BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS: UN Foundation

OBJECTIVE
- Respond to the unprecedented mobilization of young people worldwide who are demanding ambitious climate action in the lead-up to the Secretary General’s Climate Action Summit

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Existing private sector initiatives
- Young SDG Innovators
- SDG Pioneers Programme
PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT IN THE CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019
ENERGY TRANSITION

CO-LEADING COUNTRIES:
- Denmark, Ethiopia

SUPPORTING:
- SEforALL

COUNTRY MEMBERS:
- Palau, Italy, Indonesia, Colombia, Morocco

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:
- UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko, caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org
- We Mean Business: Dean Cambridge, dean@wemeanbusinesscoalition.org

OBJECTIVES
- Mobilize clean energy investments through regulatory conditions accelerating the flow of finance away from fossil fuels.
- Bring in capital, technology and increasing risk tolerance from the private sector through public-private partnerships.
- Challenge high-emitting sectors (e.g., aviation, shipping, cooling, buildings, oil and gas).
- Ensure no one is left behind as emissions reductions in the energy sector and access to clean energy are pursued.

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Existing private sector initiatives
- Science Based Targets initiative
- RE 100
- EP 100
- Renewable Energy Buyers Alliance (REBA)
- LCTP
- Clean Cargo

Opportunities and next steps for the private sector
- Join the existing initiatives
**OBJECTIVES**

- Reduce emissions from heavy industries; reach net-zero by 2050 with support from 20+ CEOs and industry coalitions.
- Involve governments to develop policy environments and incentives through public-private sector collaboration.
- Develop country/regional public-private “innovation partnerships” that create platforms for fast-tracking technologies that support emissions reductions across industries.

**Please find the full UN Workplan here.**

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**Business initiatives and sector organizations**

- [Science Based Targets initiative](#)
- [LCTPi](#)
- [Global Maritime Forum – ZEV2030](#)
- [International Maritime Organization](#)
- [International Civil Aviation Organization](#)
- [Carbon War Room](#)
- [Smart Freight Centre](#)
- [Pathways Coalition](#)
- [International Council of Chemical Associations](#)
- [Global Cement and Concrete Association: GCCA](#)
- [The Aluminum Association](#)
- [European Steel Association](#)
- [Responsible Steel](#)
- [EV100](#)
- [EP 100](#)
- [Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative](#)

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**Opportunities and next steps for the private sector**

- Sign up for regular newsletters from ICC as the UNFCCC Focal Point for Business and Industry in the lead up to COP 25 by emailing to: [bi@iccwbo.org](mailto:bi@iccwbo.org)
- Join the existing initiatives
PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT IN THE CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019
NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

CO-LEADING COUNTRIES: China, New Zealand
SUPPORTING: UN Environment, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Dr. David Nabarro
COUNTRY MEMBERS: Costa Rica, Fiji, Norway, Portugal and Tajikistan
BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:
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- UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org
- WBCSD: Karl Vella, Vella@wbscd.org
- WEF
- We Mean Business: Dean Cambridge, dean@wemeanbusinesscoalition.org

OBJECTIVES
- Build systemic understanding of the interconnection between humans and nature, and the concrete actions to integrate natural systems to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- Encourage investment in nature that benefits and protects people, ecosystem health, biodiversity and food security.
- Initial summit planning suggests outcomes will fall into the following focus areas:
  - Forests and other terrestrial ecosystems (e.g., peatlands, wetlands, grasslands)
  - Ocean ecosystems and water resources
  - Agriculture and food systems
  - Nature’s systemic role in development

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Existing private sector initiatives
- Business Alliance for Water and Climate (BAFWAC)
- Carbon Removal
- Climate Smart Agriculture
- Nature Climate Solutions
- Business for Nature
- New York Declaration on Forests

Opportunities and next steps for the private sector
- View our recent Briefings on the Climate Action Summit here
- Increase innovation towards future-proofing the global economy: scale up and measure Carbon Removal through a new initiative fostering nature-based solutions and innovation.
- Scale Nature Based solutions through public-private collaboration with a new business oriented initiative
- Join the existing initiatives
CO-LEADING COUNTRIES: Turkey, Kenya
SUPPORTING: UN Habitat
COUNTRY MEMBERS: Germany, Mexico, Canada, Singapore
BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:
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- UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org
- We Mean Business

OBJECTIVES
- Establish a clear, bold vision of what carbon neutrality in 2050 should entail, with new commitments from subnational entities.
- Decarbonize the transport sector through clear, tangible and time-bound commitments from governments, the private sector and international institutions.
- Set clear, tangible solutions to accelerate, scale up and make financial flows more accessible to cities and local governments to promote investments in low-carbon and climate-resilient urban infrastructure.
- Clear, tangible and time-bound commitments on building standards and codes to avoid lock-in of carbon intensive developments.
- Clear, tangible and time-bound commitments to mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve resilience for the most vulnerable urban dwellers.

Existing private sector initiatives
- EV100
- EP 100
- Science Based Targets initiative
- World Green Building Council
- Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative

Opportunities and next steps for the private sector
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- Caring for Climate – Adaptation
- Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures
- New York Declaration on Forests

Opportunities and next steps for the private sector

- Strengthen your actions on adaptation to ensure resilient development, particularly in critical areas such as water, by contributing to adaptation gaps and aligning with the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures
- Join the existing initiatives
CO-LeADING COUNTRIES: France, Jamaica, Qatar
SUPPORTING: World Bank
COUNTRY MEMBERS: Republic of Korea, Senegal
BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONTACTS:
- Ceres, PRI, UNEP-Fi
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- UN Global Compact: Heidi Huusko, caring4climate@unglobalcompact.org

OBJECTIVES
- Deliver on the climate finance commitments
  - Deliver on the concrete commitments for the scaling-up of climate finance.
- Align private and public finance with the Paris Agreement goals through public-private partnerships
  - Commitments showcasing that private and public finance flows are consistent with a pathway towards low emission and climate resilient development.
- Expand existing initiatives and coalitions and build new ambitious ones
  - Build new and ambitious initiatives and coalitions and expand the existing ones

现有的私营部门倡议
- Carbon Pricing
- Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition New Climate Finance Leadership Initiative
- Task Force on Climate-related financial disclosures (TCFD)
- The Investor Agenda

机会和下一步行动
- 与Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures合作
- 加入现有的倡议

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**C-Suite level**<br>By invitation only, for companies highly engaged on climate action within the 9 action area coalitions

**CEO level**<br>By invitation only, for companies highly engaged on climate action within the 9 action area coalitions

**CEO level**<br>By invitation only. Invitations will be send out to Global Compact Participants and signatories to the 1.5 campaign.<br>Please refer to the FAQ for more information.
A few examples of those who have already stepped up

**Science Based Targets initiative announces major updates following IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C**
20 February, 2019, Sciences Based Targets initiative

**VIDEO: Business leaders call for net-zero by 2050**
May 2019

**More Than 20 Global Business and Civil Society Leaders Urge European Union to Step Up Its Ambition on Climate**
10 April, 2019, Coordinated by the B Team

**Over 100 Japanese business leaders call on their government to commit to net-zero emissions by 2050**
November, 2018, Japan Climate Leaders Partnership

**The Key to Faster, Zero-Carbon Growth? Harness the Ambition Loop**
28 November, 2019, UN Global Compact, We Mean Business & WRI

**Investors with $34 trillion demand urgent climate change action**
26 June, 2019, the Investors Agenda