## Provisional Programme

### High Level Event: Transformative Action for Nature & People

**Wednesday 22 September 2021**  
08.00 – 10.30 EDT  

**Master of Ceremony**  
**Dr. Musonda Mumba**, Director, UNDP Rome Centre for Sustainable Development

**Opening Remarks**

*Moderated by Ms. Christiana Figueres*, Founding Partner of Global Optimism & Former Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC

- **H.E. Dr. Angela Merkel**, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany  
- **H.E. Rt Hon Gaston Browne**, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda  
- **H.E. Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP**, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
- **H.E. Hon Abdulla Shahid**, President of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

**Live Interactive Leaders’ Panel** - Transformative Actions to Conserve, Sustainably Use, Restore and Mainstream Biodiversity

*Moderated by H.E. Mr. Carlos Alvarado Quesada*, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

- **H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih**, President of the Maldives  
- **H.E. Lyonchhen Dr. Lotay Tshering**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan  
- **Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Coordinator of AFPAT & Board Member of International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change  
- **Mr. Marco Lambertini**, Director General, WWF International  
- **H.E. Mr. Muhammadu Buhari**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

**Leaders Statements for Nature & People - Session 1**

- **H.E. Mr. Sebastián Piñera**, President of the Republic of Chile & UNFCCC COP 25 Presidency  
- **H.E. Rear-Admiral Hon. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama**, Prime Minister of Fiji  
- **H.E. Mr. Ali Bongo Ondimba**, President of Gabon  
- **H.E. Mr. Zoran Milanović**, President of the Republic of Croatia  
- **H.E. Mr. Alexander van der Bellen**, Federal President of the Republic of Austria  
- **Ms. Quannah Chasinghorse**, Hän Gwich’in and Sicangu/Oglala Lakota, Indigenous Youth Leader *(TBC)*  
- **Mr. Huang Runqiu**, Minister of Ecology and Environment of China & CBD COP 15 Presidency *(TBC)*  
- **Mr. Tuntiak Katan**, Member of the Shuar people, General Coordinator GATC & Vice Coordinator of COICA *(TBC)*

**Setting the tone for the finance panel**

- **H.E. Ms. Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission
Live Interactive Leaders’ Panel - Financing a Nature Positive World

Moderated by Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Program

H.E. Mr. Iván Duque Márquez, President of the Republic of Colombia
H.E. Ms. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway
H.E. Mr. Carlos Alvarado Quesada, President of the Republic of Costa Rica
Dr. Andrew Steer, Chief Executive Officer & President, Bezos Earth Fund
Dr. James Deutsch, Chief Executive Officer, Rainforest Trust
Ms. Zdenka Piskulich, Managing Director, Enduring Earth

Leaders Statements for Nature & People – Session 2

Ms. Vicky Tauli Corpus, Nia Tero Board Chair & Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Ms. Molly McUsic, President, Wyss Foundation
Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta, Frank Ramsey Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge
Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer, Global Environment Facility
Mr. Yannick Glemarec, Executive Director, Green Climate Fund
Mr. Saker Nusseibeh, CEO, International Federated Hermes on behalf of Finance for Biodiversity Pledge

Inspiring video

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H.E. Mr. Taneti Maamau, President of the Republic of Kiribati (TBC)
H.E. Mr. Klaus Iohannis, President of Romania
H.E. Mr. Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister of Sweden
H.E. Dr János Áder, President of Hungary
H.E. Mr. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of Portugal
Ms. Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr, Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone
Mr. Johnny Kasudluak, Arqulliliq Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area, Nunavik, Canada
H.E. Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France
Ms. Erika Mouynes, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panama
Ms. Ana María Hernández Salgar, Chair, IPBES
Hon. Evarist Bartolo, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Malta
Dr. Daniela Raik, Executive Vice President for Field Programs, Conservation International

Inspiring video

Closing Remarks

H.E. Mr. Alexander De Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium
H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
Ms. Inger Anderson, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Program
Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity
Additional Leaders Statements

Ms. Lea Wermelin, Minister of Environment of Denmark (TBC)
Mr. Roberto Cingolani, Minister for the Ecological Transition of Italy
Dr. Abdullah Mohammad Bel Haif Al Nuaimi, Minister of Climate Change & Environment of United Arab Emirates
Mr. Tom de Bruijn, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands
Mr. Malcolm Noonan T.D., Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Ireland
Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan
Mr. Rubén Ramírez Mateo, Minister of Environment of Peru
Ms. Patricia Zurita, Chief Executive Officer, Birdlife International

Co-hosts

Partners

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