



# Caring for Climate

BUSINESS FORUM | 19-20 November 2013  
Warsaw, Poland  
Innovation · Ambition · Collaboration

Caring for Climate – led by UN Global Compact, UN Environment Programme and secretariat of UN Framework Convention on Climate Change – will organize the **Caring for Climate Business Forum: Innovation. Ambition. Collaboration.** at COP19/CMP9 on 19-20 November 2013 in Warsaw, Poland.

While progress by business is visible in many areas, the urgency and scope of climate challenges requires broader and even more concerted efforts by business, investors, civil society and government. Accelerating responsible climate practices and driving higher levels of **innovation, ambition and collaboration** are critical. A United Nations led business forum that feeds directly to the Conference of Parties (COP/CMP) can contribute significantly to these efforts.

The **Caring for Climate Business Forum** will be held annually in the context of UN Climate Change Conference provide a venue for business and investors to meet with governments, civil society and the UN – with nearly 400 participants expected. The Forum seeks to ensure wide participation from representatives around the world especially from developing and emerging markets.

## Forum Objectives

Building on the work of Caring for Climate and its partners in the past years, the Forum will highlight the contribution that business and investors can make towards climate action while providing a platform for exchange and collaboration with policymakers. More specifically, the objectives of the Forum are to:

- Bring greater scale to business **innovation** on climate change;
- Give further encouragement to business and governments to raise **ambition** on climate policies; and
- Encourage **collaboration** among business, investors, government, civil society and the UN.

## Forum Programme & Format

On 19 November, the Forum will consist of **plenary and focused thematic sessions** – organized by Caring for Climate and its partners – linked to the UNFCCC agenda covering mitigation, adaptation, technology and finance.

A **high-level roundtable meeting** will follow on 20 November for Caring for Climate chief and senior executives, high-level government representatives including Chairs of the UNFCCC committees with a view to distil leading climate practices, innovations and collaborations, and announce new commitments to action.

The Forum will also serve as the **annual meeting of Caring for Climate signatories** – this year will mark the fifth gathering of signatories – with opportunities for signatory companies to take stock of progress made, and provide recommendations for new workstreams and action imperatives related to the future evolution of Caring for Climate.

The format of the Forum is modelled after the successful Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum with aims to drive both quantity and quality on climate action year after year through the work of Caring for Climate.

## Forum Deliverables

Caring for Climate will launch select deliverables – new resources and tools – during the Forum, as well those of its partners. Notable deliverables for this year include a web-based Climate and Energy Action Hub; a framework on responsible business engagement on climate policy; and compendium of national case studies on corporate climate adaptation efforts. The Forum will also offer platform for announcing major deliverables of its signatory companies and partners including new commitments to action and innovative public-private partnerships.

## Invitations, Registration & Sponsorship

Forum invitations will be sent by Caring for Climate in early June. For more information on the Forum including details on the programme and registration, please visit [www.caringforclimate.org/forum](http://www.caringforclimate.org/forum).

Caring for Climate is offering a **limited number of sponsorships** to cover the cost of the Forum. Forum sponsorships provide the unique opportunity for an organization to demonstrate commitment to climate leadership on a global stage. For more information, please contact Ms. Jayoung Park ([park10@un.org](mailto:park10@un.org); +1.212.963.2478).

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