

From New York to Santiago

Outcomes of the UN Climate Action summit and looking ahead to COP25

Date: September 30, 2019

Time: 13:00-17:00

Location: University Foundation, Rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels

ERCST invites you to join our discussion on international climate change policy and ambition, focusing on the main takeaways from the SG Climate Summit, taking place on the 23 September 2019, and looking ahead to the upcoming COP 25 in Santiago, Chile.

This meeting will consist of three parts:

- Reflections on the SG Summit: possible implications for EU climate change policy and COP 25
- Looking ahead to COP 25: Priorities and work to be done
- Briefing on the status of negotiations on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

The questions to be discussed include: What are the main outcomes and implications of the SG Climate Summit? How might the outcomes of the SG Summit impact the ongoing discussions on a long-term climate strategy for the EU? What can we expect from the EU and other Parties for COP 25 in December? What are the expected outcomes for the upcoming COP?

13:00 **Registration and coffee**

13:30 **Welcome and introduction**
A. Marcu, Executive Director of ERCST

13:30 - 14:40 **Panel 1: Reflections on the SG Summit and possible implications for the EU and COP 25**

During this session, we aim to have a discussion on the key points and issues that featured heavily at the SG Summit.

The Summit sets out key Action Portfolios, concentrating on finance, energy and industry transition and looking at nature-based solutions, such as increasing natural sink capacities. Cities and local action are also emphasised, along with youth engagement and public mobilization, looking at social and political drivers. Resilience, adaptation, as well as overall mitigation strategies will also be featured.

Depending on the outcomes from the SG Summit on these key subjects, what will this mean for Santiago in December? How might the outcomes impact the approach of different key parties be for negotiations at COP 25? What are the implications for the ongoing discussions on the long-term climate strategy in the EU?

- J. Werksman, European Commission
- S. Dröge, SWP
- W. Trio, CAN
- D. Koranyi, Atlantic Council

14:40 - 15:50

Panel 2: Looking ahead to COP 25: What is on the menu?

This session will go deeper into current unresolved issues in relation to the Paris Agreement and what still needs to be done before COP 25 in Santiago. This COP is being termed the “Time for Action” COP, reflecting the growing sense of urgency felt by Parties for finalizing the Paris Agreement “Rulebook” and operationalizing the Agreement.

In setting out its vision for COP 25, the COP Presidency has set out various aspects to be highlighted, such as the role of oceans and forests in mitigating climate change, along with preserving Antarctica and biodiversity and looking at adaptation in general. The need for mitigation action in cities is also highlighted due to the increasing trend of urbanization, along with renewable energy, the principle of circular economy and electromobility.

- J. Werksman, European Commission
- P. Watkinson, SBSTA Chair
- T. Chruszczow, COP 24 Special Envoy for Climate Change, Poland

15:50 - 17:00

Panel 3: Briefing on the status of negotiations on Article 6

At the last COP in Katowice, Article 6 was the key area which could not be finalized. Article 6 covers markets and non-markets, and is an important element in the Paris Agreement. A substantial amount of political and technical decisions need to be taken before it can be implemented, placing emphasis on finalizing this area at the upcoming COP.

This session will consist of a briefing and discussion on the main issues in relation to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. It will focus on the status of negotiations, progress made since the failure to come to an agreement at COP 24 in Katowice, and expectations for COP 25. Special attention will be given to Parties’ different points of view related to the issues in Article 6.

- S. Closson, Belgium
- K. Anttonen, Finland
- G. Dufrasne, Carbon Market Watch
- S. De Clara, IETA

17:00

Concluding remarks and end of the meeting

A. Marcu, Executive Director of ERCST