

Press release - Climate Chance World Summit: the not to be missed 2017 event for non-state actors

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HE Mr. Mezouar, President of COP22, Mrs. Hakima El Haité, High-Level Climate Champion for Climate, Mr. Brahim Hafidi, President of Souss-Massa Region and Ronan Dantec, President of the Climate Chance Association presented to the press today the Official program of the 2017 Climate Chance World Summit. This 2nd edition of the World Climate Chance Summits is co-organized with the Souss-Massa Region in Morocco.

This major event will be held in Agadir from 11 to 13 September 2017. In the current international context, the increasing mobilization of non-state actors, especially since COP22 in Marrakech, shows that the objectives of the fight against the climate change will be achieved through the reinforcement and progress of concrete actions in the territories, as stated in the Paris Agreement.

The Climate Chance World Summit is the only worldwide event to equally bring together all non-state actors, as recognized by the UNFCCC: local authorities, NGOs, business representatives, trade unions, youth, women, indigenous people, farmers, researchers. This summit is the annual opportunity to showcase the non-state climate actions through its workshops presenting the best global initiatives. It is also the annual gathering of the thematic coalitions to build together their work program of the year, and a focus on the major ongoing initiatives as well as high-level dialogues on the major topics of the climate international agenda.

As last year, the debates will be closed with the adoption of a Global Declaration of Non-State Actors, which is "an opportunity to restate the common priorities, commitments and recommendations of the global community of non-state actors on climate issues" says Ronan Dantec.

The 2017 edition of the Climate Chance Summit will be an "important moment of valorization of the progress of non-state actors actions" said Mr Hafidi, with its 80 workshops promoting initiatives and best practices from all around the world on mobility and transport, energy, sustainable buildings, ecological transition and employment, water, oceans, circular economy, agriculture, forestry and biodiversity, decentralized cooperation, education, adaptation, territorial planning, access to finance and culture.

The Climate Chance World Summit in Agadir is already a success with over a thousand participants registered from more than fifty countries. It will include several highlights such as the declaration of commitment of African local and regional elected representatives on September 12th, in the presence of African high-level representatives and representatives of the world's major networks of communities, "to make their voices heard and to highlight their own commitments", announces Hakima El Haité. This event will close a day focused on African issues regarding adaptation, urbanization and decentralized cooperation.

"The summit in Agadir will be a mini COP in itself; We are all mobilized for its success ", concluded the President of COP22, Mr. Mezouar.