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Week Climate Caribbean and America Latin

Set to Galvanize Regional Climate Action

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USPA NEWS - Today, the full agenda has been released for the Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week 2018 (LACCW2018), which is being convened from 20–23 August in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The event – which lands three weeks ahead of both the Global Climate Action Summit in California and New York Climate Week – will be instrumental in demonstrating that there is genuine international support for stepping-up climate action by mobilizing actors across the Latin America & Caribbean region.

UN Climate Change Executive Secretary, Patricia Espinosa, will participate in the event, alongside the High-Level Climate Champions, H.E. Minister Inia Seruiratu from Fiji and Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow, Special Envoy for Climate Change from Poland, as well as city and business leaders.

“Now more than ever we need action on climate change—here in the Latin America & Caribbean region and throughout the world. Let us then take advantage of this opportunity to make real and meaningful progress towards completing the rules of the Paris Agreement,” Patricia Espinosa said.

The theme of LACCW2018 is “Climate Action for Sustainable Development: Driving Change in Latin America and the Caribbean”. The high-level segment that takes place on Wednesday, 22 August will bring together the business community and focus on areas, such as: visions for NDC enhancement and implementation; challenges and opportunities for cities in the Latin America & Caribbean region; the role of transport for sustainable development and climate action; and climate finance.

Other highlights at the event include the Latin America Carbon Forum and a technical session on the cross-linkages between markets and the Sustainable Development Goals. More details on LACCW2018 and its program will shortly be made available via the event website.

Owing to the political significance of the upcoming Talanoa Dialogue this year, LACCW2018 will host its very own ‘regional Talanoa’ and explore strategies for accelerating global climate action, including by realigning finance flows in the Asia Pacific region consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emission and climate-resilient development for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

LACCW2018 follows-on from the success of Africa Climate Week (ACW2018) hosted in Nairobi earlier this year and also the Asia Pacific Climate Week, which is currently underway in Singapore.

The goal of these Climate Weeks is to support the implementation of countries’ Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement and climate action to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals. In so doing, they will bring together diverse array of international stakeholders in the public and private sectors around the common goal of enhancing climate action.

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