



UNFCCC COP 21 Preparations and Challenges

Thursday 10 April 2014, 15:00-17:00

**International Environment House II
7-9 ch. de Balexert, Châtelaine (Geneva)**

The twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol are expected to take place from 30 November to 11 December 2015, in Paris, France.

The meeting will mark a decisive stage in negotiations on the future international agreement on a post-2020 regime, and will, as agreed in Durban, adopt the major outlines of that regime. By the end of the meeting, for the first time in over 20 years of UN negotiations, all the nations of the world, including the biggest emitters of greenhouse gases, will be bound by a universal agreement on climate. In order for the agreement to come into effect in 2020, at the end of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, subsequent COP meetings will work on finalizing its details.

For the preparation of this Conference, France is working in close consultation with Poland and Peru – the host countries in 2013 and 2014 – and with the international community and all civil society players. The French presidency is already totally galvanized to ensure an ambitious, fair, global climate agreement is reached in Paris in 2015, in order to limit global warming.

The French ambassador for climate negotiations, H.E. Jacques Lapouge, who will be in Geneva on Thursday 10 April, has issued a rallying call for both the public and private to work towards climate abatement ahead of the 2015 global climate conference in Paris.

You are cordially invited to **an information session on the preparations of the UNFCCC COP21 by the French Ambassador for Climate Negotiations, taking place at the International Environment House II**. This event is organized in the framework of the Geneva Environment Network, in collaboration with the French Government.

Provisional Agenda

- 15:00 Coffee & Tea
- 15:15 **Welcome and introduction** (*French and English*)
Jan DUSIK, Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe
- 15:20 **Preparations and major challenges of the UNFCCC COP 21/ CMP 11** (*French*)
H.E. Jacques LAPOUGE, French Ambassador for Climate Negotiations
- 16:00 Question-and-answer session (*French and English*)
- 17:00 End



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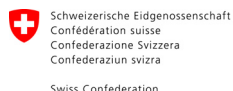
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Set up in 1999, the GEN secretariat, led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and supported by the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, actively promotes increased cooperation and networking between its members.



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