



GCF High-level side-event:

**Successful start. Ambitious future.**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday 12 December, 18:30-20:00

**Venue:** 'Pieniny' side-event room, G-zone

## **Background**

Mandated as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism to serve the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, the Green Climate Fund (GCF) supports the implementation of developing countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) as an important reference point to the Fund's programming. The Fund also intends to become a key channel through which a substantial share of the USD 100 billion per year to be mobilized by developed country Parties are directed, in particular in relation to adaptation.

On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the GCF Board launched the first replenishment process of the Fund. This event, therefore, aims to provide a snapshot of the Fund's performance to date and discuss key priorities to accelerate climate finance to match the ambition and urgency needed to meet the climate challenge. The event will also focus on GCF's role in mobilizing resources and driving impact at scale for the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Hosted by the Co-Chairs of the Board and the Executive Director a.i. of the GCF Secretariat, this event brings together high-level representatives of developed and developing country parties and accredited entities. Both speakers and participants will have an opportunity to engage in interactive exchanges.

## Programme

<b>GCF in brief video (3 mins)</b>	
<b>Welcome and opening remarks (5 mins)</b>	<i>Paul Oquist, Co-Chair of the GCF Board</i>
<b>A short statement (3 mins)</b>	<i>Svenja Schulze, Minister of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Federal Republic of Germany;</i>
<b>A keynote speech (7 mins)</b>	<i>Javier Manzanares, Executive Director a.i., GCF</i>
<b>The science calling for climate action (10mins)</b>	<i>Bill Hare, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Climate Analytics;</i> <i>Angel Gurría, Secretary General, Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (invited)</i>
<b>High-level segment: GCF's contribution to the implementation of the Paris Agreement (5 mins for each panelist)</b>	<i>Ola Elvestuen, Minister of Climate and Environment, Kingdom of Norway;</i> <i>Yoshiaki Harada, Minister of the Environment, Japan;</i> <i>Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, Director General of Global Issues-Sector Policies and Programmes, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany;</i> <i>Teuea Toatu, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Kiribati;</i> <i>Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment, Arab Republic of Egypt;</i> <i>Rémy Rioux, Chief Executive Officer, AFD;</i> <i>Terry McCallion, Director of the Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, EBRD</i>
<b>GCF and ways forward (5 mins)</b>	<i>Luis Alfonso de Alba, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Summit</i>
<b>Q&amp;A: audience + panelists (20 mins)</b>	<i>Moderated by Oyun Sanjaasuren, Director of External Affairs, GCF</i>
<b>Closing remarks and final reflections (5 mins)</b>	<i>Lennart Båge, Co-Chair of the GCF Board</i>