CONCEPT NOTE

CVF High-Level Meeting

High-Level Meeting of the Climate Vulnerable Forum

Monday, 24th July 2023, at 10am at CR-5 at UN Headquarters, New York

Overview
The Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) is organising a High-Level Meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023, in New York, following the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. The meeting principally aims to articulate the global priorities of the nations most threatened by the climate emergency, to galvanise CVF programmes and partnerships, and to promote greater ambition in climate action. It will adopt the CVF High-Level Communiqué, building on the findings of the Four Regional Consultations and the Senior Officials’ Meeting convened earlier in the year and, highlighting key interests, efforts, and expectations of the Forum for COP28 and beyond.

Key Information
• **Main objective:** To adopt the CVF High-Level Communiqué.
• **Participation:** Ambassadors from Member States and Observer States, and Key Partners.
• **Level:** Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives.
• **Format:** 90 min in-person event, including a presentation of the CVF High-Level Communiqué by the CVF Ghana Presidency and high-level statements by the CVF Troika, members, observers, and partners.
• **Language:** All documents will be shared in English, French, and Spanish. The meeting will take place in English with simultaneous translation.
• **Dress Code:** Experts may kindly note that business attire is expected.

Registration
The meeting is by invitation only. Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York of Forum members have been contacted by the CVF Secretariat to confirm the participation of their Ambassadors and to designate their advisors. Active observer States and key partners have also been contacted to confirm their participation.
Outcomes
The aim of the meeting is to review the findings of the four Regional Consultations and the Senior Officials’ Meeting convened earlier in the year and to adopt the CVF High-Level Communiqué, a common message from the world’s most climate threatened nations. This outcome will hopefully create momentum and awareness around the CVF agenda in the run up to COP28.

Observer countries
The meeting is open to observer countries wishing to learn more about the work of the CVF and possibly confirm their membership. More information on CVF membership will be available in a separate document.

Contacts
For more information, kindly contact the CVF Secretariat (secretariat@thecvf.org) or Ms. Noor Saghir, Program Officer (noor.saghir@thecvf.org).

Reference documents
Participants are invited to study the reference documents in this dedicated folder. Previous CVF declarations and other documentation is also accessible in this folder for your information.

Background Information on the CVF
The CVF is a South-South cooperation platform enabling countries highly vulnerable to climate change to act together to deal with this historic global challenge across all world regions. The CVF is a voluntary, non-treaty organisation for vulnerable developing countries specifically focused on climate change action and policy. It represents 1.5 billion people worldwide and is made up of 58 members from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East, and the Pacific. The Maldives, along with ten other countries, founded the CVF in Malé in November 2009. For an ordinary period of two years, the Forum is chaired by a rotating chair, with Ghana currently chairing the Forum for the period 2022–2024. The CVF also has dedicated platforms of cooperation for its Ministers of Finance (the V20) and for parliamentarians (the CVF Global Parliamentary Group). More information is available on the CVF and V20 websites: www.thecvf.org and www.v-20.org.