Summary

Second global High-Level Meeting of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) hosted by the Ghana Presidency of the CVF, and chaired by H.E. Mr. Harold Adlai Agyeman, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations in New York. Participants would include Permanent Representatives from Member States and Observer States, and other partners.

- The primary purpose is 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 with key Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives.

- Meeting outcome would be to adopt a CVF High-Level Communiqué, articulating the interests, efforts, and expectations of the CVF members for COP28 and beyond, as prepared by half a year of regional and global consultations and dialogue among CVF members and partners involving over 60 governments.

- At the event, CVF members will, moreover, highlight all they aim to achieve with their national climate prosperity plans, to drive investment into ambitious adaptation, nature-based and renewable energy efforts on the ground across the member nations.

Overview

Shaped by the outcomes of each of the four 2023 CVF Regional Consultations held in Asia, Pacific, Africa and the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean and followed by the Global Senior Officials Meeting on 13 July 2023, held under Ghana's Chairmanship, the CVF High Level Leaders’ Meeting in NYC will be the supreme proceeding of the Forum during Ghana's Presidency. The CVF Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives attending, and where not possible joining virtually, the CVF Troika (immediate past and future presidencies, including the Marshall Islands, Bangladesh, and Ghana), United Nations Secretary-General, together with CVF leaders from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Pacific, and
partner states’ leaders and heads of organizations have been invited to join.

The meeting will consider the entire work of the Forum and deliver a "CVF High-Level Communiqué", articulating the interests, efforts, and expectations of the members from COP28 and beyond. It will, moreover, cover the full spectrum of the CVF’s fields of activity, from national implementation priorities to internal CVF business. Notably, the meeting will also consider new membership nominations, building on the interest of the numerous observers participating in preceding CVF sessions throughout 2023.

Format

A 1.5-hour (90-minute) meeting is proposed within the United Nations premises conference in New York City at the level of Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives, inclusive of both CVF member and observer states and heads of key partner organizations.
## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

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| 10:00 am - 10:20 am | Welcome Remarks H.E. Mr. Harold Adlai Agyeman, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations in New York  
Opening Remarks by Mr. Selwin Charles Hart, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Climate Action and Just Transition, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG)  
Remarks on behalf of COP28 Presidency by H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, United Arab Emirates (tbc)  
Video Statement by Nakeeyat Dramani Sam, CVF Thematic Ambassador for Youth (tbc) |
| **Main Session** |                                                                                                                                              |
| 10:20 am - 11:00 am | High Level Dialogue  
Session moderated by H.E. Mr. Harold Adlai Agyeman, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations in New York City  
Interventions by Permanent Representatives of CVF Member States  
Intervention by Permanent Representatives of CVF Observers States |
| **Closing** |                                                                                                                                              |
| 11:00 am - 11:30 am | Adoption of CVF High-Level Communiqué  
Background

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.

Current CVF Membership


*As UN non-member observer state