

UNFCCC COP22:Debrief and Next Steps

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In 2015 at COP21 the historical Paris Agreement was agreed upon, which outlines a legally binding global climate target, which was agreed upon by all 196 member parties. The Paris Agreement entered into force on the 4 November 2016 only a few days before COP22 convened in Marrakech, Morocco from the 7-18 November 2016. COP22 therefore represented the first COP where the pathways of the Paris Agreement were first identified providing a platform for cross sector stakeholders to come together.

A twelve-strong delegation of MEPs participated at the COP with the aim of working towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement i.e. on agreeing specific rules and delivering on the commitments made, by focusing on issues of finance and on how to share the efforts needed to keep climate warming well below 2 degrees.

This meeting will bring together MEPs who were a part of the European Parliament's delegation as well as the European Commission, and stakeholders to debrief on its most important outcomes and to discuss the way forward as the implementation process of the Paris Agreement continues.

AGENDA

12.00-12.30	Networking Lunch
12.30-12.40	Welcome and introduction by Julie Girling MEP
12.40-12.50	Jacob Werksman, Principal Adviser to the Director General of DG CLIMA, European Commission
12.50-13.10	Contributions from members of the EP Delegation to COP22 in Marrakech: - Giovanni La Via MEP (EPP, Italy), Chair of the EP Delegation to COP22 - Jo Leinen MEP (S&D, Germany), Vice-Chair of the EP Delegation to COP22
13.10-13.20	Ulf Björnholm , Head of the United Nations Environment Programme's Brussels Office
13.20-13.30	Luc Bas , Director of the European Regional Office, IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature
13.30-14.20	Questions and discussion with the audience
14.20-14.30	Concluding remarks by Julie Girling MEP

