

MEDIA ADVISORY – HIGH-LEVEL EVENT AT COP26

The Leading role of regions in raising ambitions for adaptation and resilience

Date: Monday, 8 November 2021, 2:00 pm - 3.30 pm GMT time

Venue: COP26 Blue Zone - Scottish Events Campus, Multi-level Action Pavilion, Hall 4C

Streaming: Registration and interpretation available [here](#).

Highlights:

- COP26 will be the most important climate conference since the adoption of the Paris Agreement and world leaders must come together to agree on the measures that will get us on track to limit global warming to 1.5°C in the coming decade.
- As UN Parties decide on a new Rulebook to accelerate action across all pillars of the Paris Agreement, non-state actors seek to inspire national governments with their leadership and accountability to fill the ambition gap for the climate agenda.
- As the voice of regional governments for sustainable development, [Regions4](#) will organise a high-level event that catalyses the leadership of regions, bringing at COP26 some of the best practices contributing to the resilience of 300 million people.
- Under the umbrella of [RegionsAdapt](#), 76 regional governments have pledged to the UNFCCC [Race to Resilience](#), which aims to catalyze a step-change in global ambition to build the resilience of 4 billion people by 2030.

GLASGOW, 7 NOVEMBER 2021.- On 8 November 2021, Regions4 will organise the high-level event [The Leading role of regions in raising ambitions for adaptation and resilience](#) which aims to send a strong political signal from regions to deliver for climate.

The event will present the commitments and innovative solutions of regional governments, showcasing concrete impacts in their territories and accountability for the resilience of more than 300 million people.

Involving 12 regional governments and 20 partners, this hybrid event will be held at 2:00pm – 3:30pm GMT as part of the official programme of the LGMA Multi-Level Action Pavillion, within the Regions4 agenda of activities for COP26.

On the occasion, Regions4 will launch the brief report **“Raising ambitions on climate adaptation: lessons learnt and contributions of regional governments”** that looks at 11 leading good practices from 5 years of experiences of the RegionsAdapt initiative, to develop integrated and multisectoral adaptation strategies.

The event will also see the launch a statement of regional governments as an open call for action at COP26 for an effective multi-level partnership with the Parties to the UNFCCC to accelerate efforts on the global climate agenda.



EVENT PROGRAMME

2:00 pm	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator: Dr. Susan Chomba, Global Ambassador of the UNFCCC's Race to Zero and Race to Resilience campaigns
2:05 pm	<p>Regional governments' leadership on adaptation and resilience</p> <p><i>Opening remarks by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz, UN High-Level Climate Action Champion• Rt Hon. Arantxa Tapia, Regions4 President & Minister for Economic Development, Sustainability and Environment, Basque Country• Rt Hon. Màiri McAllan MSP, Minister for Environment and Land Reform, Scotland
2:20 pm	<p>Regional governments' recommendations and expertise to accelerate climate action</p> <p><i>Overview of Regions4 report for COP26 by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Natalia Uribe, Secretary General of Regions4• Ms Maria José Sanz, Director of the Basque Center for Climate Change (BC3) <p><i>High-level panel discussion with:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rt Hon. Zuhair Demir, Minister of Justice and Enforcement, Environment, Energy and Tourism in the Government of Flanders• Rt Hon. Javier Gallegos Barrientos, Governor of Ica & Executive President of Mancomunidad Regional de los Andes• Rt Hon. David Speirs MP, Minister for Environment and Water, South Australia• Rt Hon. Adama Diallo, President of Gossas• Rt Hon. Pablo Jurado Moreno, Prefect of Imbabura & President of CONGOPE• Rt Hon. Pere Aragonès, President of Catalonia• Rt Hon. Secretary Wade Crowfoot, CA Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), California
3:10 pm	<p>Ensuring COP26 delivers on ambitions: contributions and aspirations of regional governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rt Hon. Raffaele Cattaneo, Minister, Environment and Climate Change, Lombardy• Rt Hon. Eduardo Trani, Sub-Secretary of Environment of São Paulo, Brazil• Rt Hon. Arantxa Tapia, Regions4 President & Minister for Economic Development, Sustainability and Environment, Basque Country
3:25 pm	<p>Wrap-up conclusions</p>



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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The event on-site will be accessible to all COP26 accredited media on a first come, first served basis following the room capacity and security protocols of the venue.

It can also be followed online by registering [here](#).

Full programme in English, Spanish and French is available [here](#).

More information on Regions4's activities at COP26 is available [here](#).

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ABOUT REGIONS4:

Since 2002 [Regions4](#) has worked to bring the voice of regional governments to the main global processes and events on sustainable development. Today, our growing network of subnational leaders serves as a major advocacy platform to increase recognition of regional governments, share knowledge, and cooperate to develop transformative solutions to climate change and biodiversity loss, with the 2030 Agenda as our roadmap to ensure a sustainable and resilient future for all.

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Regions4's flagship climate initiative [RegionsAdapt](#), mobilizes ambition and action on climate adaptation by facilitating access to the latest innovations, tools, and best practices at regional level. Through knowledge exchange, capacity building, advocacy, monitoring, and reporting, RegionsAdapt catalyses innovation on adaptation, fosters cooperation, and supports regional governments to improve their resilience. Driven by the governments of Rio de Janeiro and Catalonia, RegionsAdapt was launched at COP 21 in Paris. Regions4 coordinates this initiative which currently encompasses 76 signatory regions from five continents– impacting over 300 million people.

For more information on this project, please visit: www.regions4.org/project/regions-adapt/