

Concept Note

Joint United Nations-European Parliament meeting:

Accelerating Action to Reduce Climate-Related Disasters – The Road to COP27

Following the release of the recent IPCC Working Group II Report, it is clear that we are not on the right track to address the climate emergency with the level of urgency needed. The report finds that around 3.3 - 3.6 billion people, or around 40% of the world's population, are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. We need to prepare for a world warmer than 1.5° - a world characterized by an exponential increase in magnitude, intensity and frequency of extreme events fuelled by climate change.

How can we prepare for a more climate-extreme world, while building a resilient society leaving no-one behind? Join the discussion on “Accelerating Action to Reduce Climate-Related Disasters – The Road to COP27”, an exchange with between policy-makers and resilience experts ahead of the 27th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Date and time: **Tuesday, 17 May 2022, 16.30-17.45**

Agenda:

- Welcome Message (5min):
 - **Roberta Metsola**, President of the European Parliament
- Scene Setting Speeches (10min):
 - **Mami Mizutori**, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, and Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR);
 - **Sonja Leighton-Kone**, Acting Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Key Note Speech (5min):
 - **Elina Bardram**, Acting Director for International Affairs and Climate Finance, Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA), European Commission
- Panel 1 “Leaving no one behind” (25min)
 - **Loretta Hieber Girardet**, Chief, Risk Knowledge, Monitoring and Capacity-Development Branch, UNDRR
 - **Javi López**, Co-rapporteur of the COP27 resolution, S&D
 - **Dragoș Pîslaru**, Chair, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, RENEW
 - **Kira Peter-Hansen**, Member, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Greens/EFA
- Panel 2 “Implementing adaptation to climate change” (25min)
 - **Veronika Hunt Safrankova**, Head of Brussels Office, UNEP
 - **Peter Liese**, Member, Committee on Environment, Public Health & Food Safety, EPP (TBC)
 - **Barry Andrews**, Chair, SDG Alliance, RENEW
 - **Lídia Pereira**, Co-rapporteur of the COP27 resolution, EPP
- Closing remarks (5min)
 - **Bas Eickhout**, Vice-Chair, Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Greens/EFA (TBC)

