



Statement by staff for the 23 September UN Climate Change Summit

The staff federations of CCISUA and UNISERV, representing 90,000 personnel from every country of the world hereby express our full support to the goals and objectives of the Secretary-General's UN Climate Change Summit to be held at the General Assembly in New York on 23 September 2019.

The international community has been engaged in sustained efforts to curb global warming since the Rio Summit in 1992, as well as the subsequent annual UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) conference of Parties, including the Paris Summit.

However, these efforts have not been enough. Recent years have brought us extreme weather and climate events that have had devastating effects on vulnerable communities around the world. Scientific reports have also shown that human activity on our planet has dramatic consequences, which as we cross the 1°C warming point, will include accelerated degradation of land and marine ecosystems, loss of ice, acidification of sea waters, exponential exposure to deadly heat, population displacement, conflicts on water and resources, resurgence of hunger and food insecurity.

The personnel of the UN Common System that we represent are fully ready to deliver on the mandate provided by member states and take all necessary actions in order to address this climate emergency, including:

- fully supporting the implementation of the agreements made at the Climate Summit;
- volunteering to actively and urgently implement the institutional climate action frameworks, in cooperation with governments, academia, public and private sectors, media and NGOs;
- mobilizing efforts to promote greening our planet individually and collectively; and
- identifying opportunities to serve as catalysts for urgent action, including by supporting individual and collective staff-led action.

We will support the UN Secretary-General as necessary and appropriate in his efforts to urgently progress on climate action.

We will encourage our respective organizations to take the lead in greening their operations, fully aware of the importance of leading by example.

Finally, we will encourage all our personnel to take measures in their personal lives to address the important challenges our planet faces.

As international civil servants, and mindful of our critical role, we need to lead by example. The time for action is now.

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