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## **GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM 150 COUNTRIES MEETINGS ON CLIMATE ENERGY IN ABU DHABI**

**16-19 JANUARY AND IRENA ASSEMBLY**

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### **GLOBAL ACTION DAY IN ABU DHABI ON JANUARY 18 UNDER AEGIS OF UNFCCC-----**

In Abu Dhabi Global Action Day. A special high-level event during Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week - Global Action Day - will be held on 18th January to take stock of COP 21 outcomes with a particular focus on identifying pre-2020 actions that can be taken by both the public and private sectors. The event will be attended by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, French Foreign Minister and COP 21 President Laurent Fabius, UAE Minister of State and Special Envoy for Climate Change Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, Ministers from Morocco (host of the upcoming UN Climate Change held a press brief about the implications of COP 21 and the next steps to achieve ratification and full and effective implementation of the agreement. The briefing is the first UNFCCC press conference after the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris. On the same day, Ms. Figueres attended the awards ceremony of the Zayed Future Energy Prize as jury member. The award celebrates achievements that reflect impact, innovation, long-term vision and leadership in renewable energy and sustainability. (UNFCCC).

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