



## **Launch of Statement: Action to Face the Urgent Realities of Climate Change**

**Date/time:** 18 June, 2pm to 5pm (followed by reception)  
**Location:** Auditorio da Financiadora de Estudos e Projetos (FINEP)  
Armazem 3, Av. Rodrigues Alves sem No. 10  
Centro de Exposições/Conferências, Armazens do Porto  
Rio de Janeiro (Peir Maua) [map](#)

The Climate Change Task Force (CCTF), which has been convened by [President Mikhail Gorbachev](#), will release its first Statement on Action to Face the Urgent Realities of Climate Change and urge world leaders and delegates of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) to take action against climate change as a pre-condition to achieving progress towards sustainable economic and social development.

### **Agenda**

- 2pm:** Registration
- 2.30pm:** Welcoming address by Glauco Arbix, President, Brazilian Agency for Innovation/Financiadora de Estudos e Projetos (FINEP)
- 2.35pm:** Opening statement by [Alexander Likhotal](#), President, Green Cross International.
- 2.45pm:** Video address by Mikhail Gorbachev, convener, Climate Change Task Force.
- 2.50pm:** Overview of the Statement by [Martin Lees](#), Rector Emeritus, UN University for Peace, former UN Assistant Secretary-General for Science and Technology.
- 3pm:** Address by [Rajendra Pachauri](#), Chairperson Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change
- 3.10pm:** Statements by Climate Change Task Force members and supporters:
- [Jean-Michel Cousteau](#), oceans expert;
  - [Bill Becker](#), energy, climate and sustainable development expert, architect of the [Future We Want](#) campaign;

- [Mohan Munasinghe](#), Chairman, [Munasinghe Institute of Development](#), former Vice-Chairman, [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#);
- [Fabio Leite](#), representing Hamadoun I. Touré, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union;
- [Ashok Khosla](#), President, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

**3.40pm:** ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability – response to CCTF Call to Action with launch of GreenClimateCities initiative.  
*Speakers:* [Martha Delgado](#), Minister of Environment, Mexico City, representing [Marcelo Ebrard](#), Mayor of Mexico City and Chair of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change; [David Cadman](#), President, ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability, and Mayor of Vancouver.

**3.50pm:** Youth representatives respond to CCTF Call to Action.

**4pm:** Audience Q&As.

**4.30pm:** Press/media opportunity.

**5pm:** Reception

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