

**Outline of the Statement by Ms. Yvon Slingenberg, DG CLIMA, European Commission**

**COP22 outcomes**

- **COP 22 had a successful outcome. We accomplished the objectives set for Marrakech, i.e. agreement on the work programme and the timeline for reaching a conclusion on the Paris rulebook and a review of progress scheduled for COP23/CMA1 in November 2017.**
- **Importantly we also endorsed the Marrakech Proclamation, whereby the international community reinforced its support to Paris Agreement and its full implementation.**
- **And we saw a very encouraging mobilisation of subnational and non-State actors at the COP.**

**EU ambition and delivery**

- **The EU is in the meantime working hard to establish the legislative and regulatory measures to put us on track to meet our Paris target of reducing economy wide emissions by at least 40% by 2030.**
- **By 2015, we had already reduced our emissions by 22% as compared to 1990, while our GDP grew by 50% over the same period. This is compelling**

**story on decoupling emissions from economic growth.**

- **But we are not complacent – we still have a long way to go. We are determined to lead and share our experience while also learning from the experience of others.**
- **Recent policy proposals from the European Commission include:**
  - **A reform of emissions trading for industrial sectors (July 15), with overall number of emission allowances to decline by 2.2%/yr from 2021 onwards, compared to 1.74% currently**
  - **The EU action plan for the Circular Economy (Dec 15)**
  - **Proposed effort sharing among Member States for buildings, transport, agriculture, etc. (July 16)**
  - **Proposed accounting rules for carbon stock changes in forests and farm soils and "no-debit" commitment (July 16)**
  - **A European strategy for low emission mobility (July 16).**

- **Extra efforts to finance the clean energy transition (Sept 16):**
  - **EFSI 2.0: Around half of the infrastructure and innovation projects approved under Investment Plan for Europe since mid-2015 contribute to climate action. In September, the European Commission has proposed to extend the European Fund for Strategic Investments to mobilise 500bn EUR until 2020 and to focus it even more on furthering the goals of the Paris Agreement.**
  - **EEIP: at the same time, we proposed an European External Investment Plan to mobilise 44 billion EUR of private investments for sustainable development inc. implementation of Paris Agreement in the EU neighbourhood and in Africa**
- **The Clean energy for all Europeans package (Nov 16), which is a set of legislative proposals covering energy efficiency (inc. increasing EE 2030 target from 27% to**

**30%), renewable energy, the design of the electricity market, security of electricity supply and governance rules for the 2030 climate and energy framework.**

- Further proposals expected for the transport sector in 2017**
- And the review of implementation of the EU Adaptation Strategy by 2018.**

#### **Expectations for COP23**

- We are fully committed to a successful outcome at COP23 under Fijian Presidency.**
- We are very glad that a Pacific island state will preside over the COP for the first time, which is testimony to their very important historic role under the Climate Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement.**
- The issues that are on top of our agenda are the Transparency System and the consultations on the 2018 FD.**
- The EU stands ready to work with the COP 23 Presidency as they prepare their priorities for what will be a very busy and challenging period.**
- COP 23 will be a COP of great political and substantive importance by demonstrating that**

**the international community remains committed to Paris.**

- We look to the Fijian Presidency for leadership from their unique perspective as a first small island host of a COP.**
- A signature achievement of COP 23 will be the completion of the design of the FD2018 – the start of the first "ambition cycle" under Paris -- in the form of a joint report by the Fijian and Moroccan Presidencies on their consultations on the FD 2018.**
- We need to find the right balance between the important Action Agenda focussed on non-state actors and the government-driven negotiations.**
- Finally a word of thanks to the ACP Secretariat and our colleagues in DG DEVCO, for preparing an important new climate programme of 70 MEUR under the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF. We in DG CLIMA hope that the preparations proceed well and speedily, and are of course available to give any expert input that you deem appropriate.**