



1 December 2014. The UN Climate Change Conference in Lima has kicked off amid hopes that it will lay the foundation for an effective new, universal climate change agreement in Paris in 2015.

“We can be confident we will have a productive meeting in Lima, which will lead to an effective outcome in Paris next year,” says Christiana Figueres, the head of UNFCCC, the UN Climate Convention.

A new universal treaty on climate change will be adopted at a Climate Conference that will take place in December 2015 in Paris, France.

The meeting in Lima (1-12 December) brings together the 196 Parties to the UNFCCC, which is the parent treaty of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. Over the course of the next two weeks, delegates will attempt to hammer out the new universal treaty, which would enter force by 2020.

In Lima, governments need to define the scope and the type of contributions they will provide to the Paris agreement, along with clarity on how finance, technology and capacity building will be handled.

The UNFCCC’s Christina Figueres welcomed the leadership of the EU, the US and China, who have publically announced their post-2020 climate targets and visions.

“It is hugely encouraging that well ahead of next year’s first quarter deadline, countries have already been outlining what they intend to contribute to the Paris agreement. This is also a clear sign that countries are determined to find common ground and maximize the potential of international cooperation,” Ms. Figueres said.

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