

## THE CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT ANNOUNCES 24-HOUR GLOBAL BROADCAST FOCUSED ON SOLUTIONS IN 24 LARGEST CO<sub>2</sub> EMITTING COUNTRIES

One month after the Paris Agreement enters into force, former US Vice President Al Gore will host 24 Hours of Reality: The Road Forward, a star-studded, 24-hour broadcast focused on making solutions to the climate crisis a reality across the globe.

In recognition of the landmark Paris Agreement entering into force today, Vice President Al Gore and The Climate Reality Project announced the sixth-annual 24 Hours of Reality broadcast – a star-studded, 24-hour live event focused on climate solutions watched by millions of viewers around the world. *24 Hours of Reality: The Road Forward* – will focus on the 24 largest CO<sub>2</sub>-emitting countries, beginning at 6:00 PM EST on December 5, 2016.

The Indian segment of 24 Hours of Reality will be aired from 3:30PM IST onwards on 6<sup>th</sup> December and will look at both the challenges and the potential presented by India's electricity sector. The hour will also focus on the country's massive new commitments to boosting wind and solar generation and how India's role in the International Solar Alliance is driving the reduction of solar costs around the world. Climate Reality India along with climate leaders have planned many watch parties around the country where the program will be aired.

In 2015, Climate Reality's *Road to Paris* initiative helped build planet-wide support for a strong agreement that included global commitments and cooperation by all countries to curb greenhouse gas emissions and reverse the tide of climate change. The result was the Paris Agreement—the world's first truly global agreement to address climate change. This year, *24 Hours of Reality: The Road Forward* will examine what happens next, including the steps these 24 countries must take to ensure the Paris Agreement is a success at home and around the world.

Each hour of the broadcast will explore the climate landscape in one of the 24 largest CO<sub>2</sub>-emitting countries, delving into its commitments to the climate fight, the region's unique challenges related to climate change, and most importantly, how each country can do its part to make the goals of the Paris Agreement a reality. As with the previous years' programs that

have raised awareness about climate change on a global scale and rallied millions to demand action, this year's broadcast will feature interviews with celebrated thought leaders, policymakers, scientists, and experts as well as compelling stories of clean energy solutions on the ground and special guest appearances by today's marquee artists.

“The Paris Agreement has fundamentally and permanently altered what the world thought was possible in terms of addressing the climate crisis,” said Al Gore. “The conversation no longer hinges on *if* we can do something to address climate change. Instead, world leaders, environmental activists, and ordinary citizens are asking *what* we can do to solve this crisis and *how* we can work together to do it. This year's 24 Hours of Reality will help the global community envision the Paris Agreement coming to life, as we look at the elected officials, business leaders and activists that are making climate action a reality in countries around the world.”

“*24 Hours of Reality: The Road Forward* is a celebration of how far we have come in the year since COP 21, but also a reminder of the hard work that lies ahead,” said Ken Berlin, president and CEO of The Climate Reality Project. “Ensuring global access to clean and affordable energy and climate-resilient infrastructure for people around the world will not be an easy task, but the Paris Agreement has provided us with the first step in the right direction. We're excited to share stories of climate action and progress from the 24 largest-emitting nations on Earth, and we hope to inspire people to take up the mantle of climate action within their own communities.”

Past 24 Hours of Reality events have each focused on a different theme, including *The World is Watching* in 2015, *24 Reasons for Hope* in 2014, *The Cost of Carbon* in 2013, *The Dirty Weather Report* in 2012, and the inaugural *24 Hours of Reality* in 2011.

## **ABOUT THE CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT**

Founded by Nobel Laureate and former US Vice President Al Gore, The Climate Reality Project is one of the world's leading organizations dedicated to mobilizing action on climate change. With a global movement more than 5 million strong and a grassroots network of trained Climate Reality Leader activists, we are spreading the truth about the climate crisis

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