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United States Special Envoy for Climate Change Travels to Abuja

United States Special Envoy for Climate Change Dr. Jonathan Pershing will travel to Abuja September 6-7 for meetings with Nigerian government officials, business leaders, and civil society members to discuss opportunities for leadership by Nigeria and other nations in Africa in implementing the Paris Climate Change Agreement as well as the importance of climate and clean energy cooperation in the US-Nigeria relationship.

The international community came together last year to make the Paris Agreement a success and now has a number of opportunities to continue that cooperation and progress, and work to make Paris, and its ambitious goals, a reality. Dozens of countries have already either joined the Agreement or have committed to joining this year, with entry into force before the end of the year as a goal.

Special Envoy Pershing is an internationally renowned climate change and energy expert. He most recently served at the U.S. Department of Energy as the Senior Climate Change Adviser to Secretary Moniz and Principal Deputy Director of the Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis. In this capacity, among other responsibilities, he was actively involved in the design and implementation of U.S. climate and clean energy policy, including the clean power plan. His mission is innovation, and USG work on climate resilience. Prior to joining the Department of Energy, Dr. Pershing worked at the U.S. Department of State, where he served as the Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change and the lead negotiator representing the United States at meetings of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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