**High-Level Opening**

**Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo**
President of the Republic of Ghana

Born in Swalaba, Accra, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo was raised in Accra, Ghana’s capital. After graduating as with a Bachelor’s in Economics, he went on to read law in the UK and was called to the English Bar (Middle Temple) in July 1971 and the Ghana Bar in 1975.

He served as Attorney General from 2001 to 2003 and as Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2003 to 2007 before being elected President of Ghana in 2017.

**Mohammed Adjei Sowah**
Mayor of Accra

Mohammed Sowah holds an MSc in Local Economic Development from the Institute of Local Government Studies, Ghana and a BSc in Public Administration from the University of Ghana, Legon.

He serves on the Advisory Board of The Beyond Aid Project, a social enterprise that builds capacity for young vulnerable women in rural and urban low income communities to add value to locally available raw materials for their economic empowerment.

**Michał Kurtyka**
COP 24 President

Michał Kurtyka is a trained physicist and a specialist in international negotiations. He is an expert in the field of energy and the authority of the government programme for the development of electromobility.

As the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Energy of Poland, he is directly responsible for the technological development and introduction of innovations to the energy sector, implementation of climate and energy policy in the fuel and gas sector, conducting international relations with states and international organizations. He represents Poland in the International Energy Agency.
Patricia Espinosa
UNFCCC Executive Secretary

Ambassador of Mexico to Germany since 2012 and from 2001 to 2002, Patricia Espinosa was Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico from 2006 to 2012, bringing more than 30 years of experience at highest levels in international relations, specialized in climate change, global governance, sustainable development, gender equality and protection of human rights.

She has postgraduate studies in International Law from the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales in Geneva and is holder of a Degree in International Relations from El Colegio de Mexico.

Joselyn Dumas
TV Host, Actress, Producer

Joselyn Dumas holds a degree in Administrative Law. She was a practicing as a paralegal until she relocated to Ghana where she made her debut on Television as the host of Charter House’s Rhythmz, an entertainment show.

She established The Joselyn Canfor-Dumas Foundation (JCDF) to help address the needs of vulnerable children from all backgrounds and regions of Ghana. The JCD foundation is currently undertaking a project with focus on Autism.