



## London Climate Action Week: Global Highlights

### UK GOVERNMENT COP26 UNIT EXPLAINER SESSIONS

#### 'COP of Coffee Series'

Every day of LCAW at 10.00-10.40am GMT

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### THE GEOPOLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

#### Aligning the G7/G20/COP26 Pathways for Climate Action in 2021

Fri 20 Nov, 11.30am-12.15pm GMT

More info [here](#)

IAI and E3G, with the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Compagnia di San Paolo (CSP), will convene a high-level panel inviting the Italian G20 and UK G7 Presidencies to set out their priorities for the Gs in 2021, and how they link to the UK-Italy Presidency of COP26 to be hosted in November 2021.

The event will feature:

- Introduction from IAI President Ferdinando Nelli Feroci
- Opening remarks from Italy's Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Manlio Di Stefano
- Italian G7/G20 Sherpa Pietro Benassi and UK G7/G20 Sherpa Jonathan Black setting out their priorities for climate change in the G agendas and the links to COP26
- An audience Q&A moderated by E3G Climate Diplomacy and Geopolitics Senior Policy Advisor, Alexandra Scott

#### To Glasgow and beyond: Building a path towards renewed US climate engagement

Wed 18 Nov, 1-2pm GMT

More info [here](#)

The Atlantic Council Global Energy Center is hosting a virtual event on that will identify avenues for renewed US multilateral climate cooperation in the lead up to COP26 and beyond. The event features an expert panel discussion featuring Claire Healy, Director of E3G's Climate Diplomacy, Risk and Security Program, Ana Unruh Cohen, Staff Director of the House Select Committee on the



Climate Crisis, Katarina Kertysova, Policy Fellow at the European Leadership Network, and Alden Meyer, US Country Lead for the International Climate and Politics Hub. The panel will be moderated by Margaret Jackson, Deputy Director of Climate and Advanced Energy at the Atlantic Council Global Energy Center.

### **All Change? US-China climate politics after the US election**

*Wed 18 Nov, 10-11am GMT*

More info [here](#)

A panel discussion chaired by China Dialogue to examine whether US-China climate cooperation can return after the election. Chaired by Sam Geall (China Dialogue), panellists include: Li Shuo (Greenpeace East Asia), Vance Wagner (Energy Foundation), Alex Wang (UCLA Law) and Bernice Lee (Chatham House).

### **Questions of climate leadership and cooperation: the case of the EU and China**

*Wed 18 Nov, 2-3pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

How far can China and the EU cooperate on climate change? Join China Dialogue for a panel that will examine the differences and potential synergies between the EU Green Deal and EU climate ambition, and China's Ecological Civilisation, its recently announced long term climate targets and the forthcoming 14th Five Year Plan. Panellists include: Jennifer Tollman (E3G), Dong Yue, (Energy Foundation, China), Chen Ji, (RWI China), Nis Grünberg (MERICS), chaired by: Isabel Hilton, China Dialogue.

### **Looking Ahead to COP26: German Perspectives**

*Thu 19 Nov, 9-10.30am GMT*

More info [here](#)

The aim of this German-language event is to frame priorities for driving climate action towards COP26 at the end of the year, particularly in the run-up to the 12th December, the 5th Anniversary of the Paris Agreement. It will take stock of progress made in implementing the Paris Agreement during 2020 (particularly in the context of economic recovery from COVID-19 and calls to 'build back better') and together with experts from politics and civil society discuss options for Germany to maintain momentum throughout 2021 and to help ensure that the critical components necessary for the success of COP26 are addressed.



### **Climate change and security: an opportunity for UK leadership in 2021**

*Fri 20 Nov, 9.30-10.30am GMT*

More info [here](#)

In 2021 the UK is hosting the 26th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) in Glasgow in November. The UK is also presiding over the G7 throughout the year and will chair the UN Security Council in February 2021. This gives the UK an unparalleled opportunity to set the agenda on climate security, trigger global action on climate-related security risks and demonstrate leadership on the world stage. The UK may not have another such opportunity for decades. But Covid-19 has made an already daunting diplomatic task more difficult. What should the UK be aiming to achieve during this period?

## **ROADMAP TO COP26**

### **LCAW 2020 Roadmap to COP26 Closing Event**

*Fri 20 Nov, 2.30-3.30pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

This event will draw from conversations throughout the week of London Climate Action Week to identify priority asks for COP26 and the roadmap to delivering them in this new context. At LCAW 2021 in July next year the LCAW community will collectively take stock of how governments and the whole of society are delivering on these asks, to set up the most ambitious COP26 possible.

### **State of Climate Action: Assessing Progress Toward 2030 and 2050**

*Thurs 19 Nov, 2-3pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

To keep the window open to limit global warming to 1.5 C, countries need to accelerate transformation towards a net-zero emissions future across all sectors at a far faster pace than recent trends, according to a forthcoming report from World Resources Institute and ClimateWorks Foundation, with input from Climate Action Tracker.

Join the launch event for this major report on November 19 to gain insights from experts on progress being made across six key sectors (power, buildings, industry, transport, forests and agriculture) -- and, even more importantly, what we need to achieve by 2030 and 2050 to get on track for a safer, climate-resilient future. This analysis is especially timely as the world prepares to take stock of what was accomplished since the Paris Agreement was adopted five years ago.



## **Sustainable Innovation Forum 2020**

*Multiple dates*

More info [here](#)

In response to the delay of COP, the 11th edition of the Sustainable Innovation Forum, taking place over 5 days from the 16 – 20 November 2020, will be fully virtualized and broadcast live from a London-based studio. Each year, the Forum plays a key role in facilitating the connections that forge the cross sectors partnerships required to address the global climate emergency and accelerate the transition to a net-zero economy. The Forum will take place across 5 days, focusing on 5 different themes: Climate Finance & Policy, Energy Transition, Future Mobility, Industry Transition and Land Use & Agriculture. Register now to hear important calls to action from HRH Prince of Wales, Ban Ki-Moon - 8th UN Secretary General / Deputy Chair United Nations / The Elders, and David Kabua, President of the Marshall Islands.

## **The NDCs We Want: Where We Are and Where We Need to Be**

*Tues 17 Nov, 1-2.30pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

Submitting enhanced NDCs ahead of COP26 must be a key priority for global climate ambition. Using a unique #NDCsWeWant Checklist, WWF has reviewed all new NDCs, and emerging trends + insights will be presented in this webinar. In partnership with Climate Action Network (CAN). Climate Action Tracker, the NDC Partnership and WWF-Chile.

## **Getting to net zero**

*Thu 19 Nov, 1-2pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

Join IEA analysts and a distinguished panel of experts from outside the IEA to explore ways in which the energy sector could transform to help achieve global climate neutrality. The departure point will be the key messages emerging from analysis developed in the World Energy Outlook-2020 on what needs to happen over the coming decade to put us on track towards net zero emissions.

## **Road to COP26: reflecting on five years since Paris**

*Wed 18 Nov, 2-2.45pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

With just under one year until COP26, this panel discussion by Global Counsel will bring together former negotiators in the UNFCCC COP process to look ahead at the road to Glasgow. Izabella Teixeira is a former Environment Minister for Brazil and led Brazil's negotiations of the Paris Agreement. Tom Rivett-Carnac is a political strategist and author who led strategy for the UN leading up to the Paris Agreement and has founded Global Optimism with Christiana Figueres.



### **States and Regions on the Path to Net-Zero**

*Wed 18 Nov, 5-6pm*

More info [here](#)

The Under2 Coalition alone brings together over 220 governments that represent more than 1.3 billion people and 43% of the global economy, committed to ambitious climate action. This event will showcase ambitious target setting and climate action by states and regions, showcasing feasible pathways to net-zero. It will highlight actions across different sectors including energy, industry, and nature-based solutions as well as bring the experience of subnational policy makers around key steps of the race to zero emissions. Speakers will explore, and share insights on, their journey to net-zero through main steps of publicly pledging for a net-zero goal, planning (development of best practice in long-term decarbonization pathways), proceeding (practical actions to implement) and publishing (holding themselves to account against the set targets).

### **Cities are stepping up on climate action**

*Thurs 19 Nov, 10-11am*

More info [here](#)

Hundreds of cities across the globe have been ramping up ambition and disclosing their environmental data via the CDP-ICLEI Unified Reporting System. Now, cities are taking the next step: setting science-based targets to reduce emissions in line with the 1.5 °C mitigation pathway to avoid catastrophic climate change. This event will showcase how cities are rapidly transitioning to a zero-carbon future. Science-based targets (SBTs) for climate, for cities is a new collaboration by CDP, C40, GCoM, ICLEI, WRI and WWF, supported through the Science Based Targets Network (SBTN). The partners have come together to launch a toolbox for cities to help them understand what a science-based target for climate is and how cities can adopt a target. Join this event to learn more about science-based targets for climate for cities and hear from cities from CDP's A List who are leading this transformation.

## **FINANCING THE FUTURE**

### **The role of Multilateral Development Banks to build back better**

*Thu 18 Nov, 2.30-3.30pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

MDBs will have a pivotal part to play to ensure that the global economy will recover in a sustainable, just and fair manner. In short, MDBs have to ensure that we build back better from the crisis. We want to discuss with the panel and you what reforms will be necessary within the MDBs to achieve this high-level goal, what role other public investment (esp. climate finance) can play and what has to happen to make COP26 a success on which to continue our effort for a safe climate for all.



### **E3G Public Bank Climate Tracker Matrix**

*Fri 20 Nov, 2-3pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

In this webinar E3G will showcase how the Multilateral Development Banks need to do more to align with the Paris Agreement on climate change, using its new online interactive tool that translates the technical and the obscure into an easy to understand traffic light system.

### **Avoiding a Zombie Recovery: Public money for clean energy, not for fossil fuels**

*Mon 16 Nov, 2-3.30pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

The EnergyPolicyTracker.Org is a project by over 20 independent research organisations tracking public money commitments for both clean energy and fossil fuels in response to the COVID-19 crisis. As of 14 October 2020, economic sectors responsible for fossil fuels production and consumption got 52% of the public money commitments we tracked in the G20 and seven other countries. In other words, most governments have just continued what they were doing pre-pandemic despite the Paris Agreement commitments: propping up zombie fossil fuel projects that would not be viable without their support. But it's still not too late to tip the balance towards a greener recovery. That's why the Energy Policy Tracker partner organisations and their invitees will run an interactive session to respond to the following questions posed by the moderator:

- Which G20 governments have achieved most progress in phasing out support to fossil fuels, and what made it possible?
- What are the most inspiring green recovery initiatives in the global North and South?
- Do “green strings” work for bailing out fossil fuel projects?
- How can public finance support green recovery in emerging and developing economies?

### **Debt Relief for a Green and Inclusive Recovery**

*Mon 16 Nov, 2-3.30pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

The Debt Relief for Green and Inclusive Recovery initiative puts forth an ambitious proposal for concerted and comprehensive debt relief on a global scale to support sustainable recoveries, economic resilience, and a just transition to a low-carbon economy. Featuring Gordon Brown and Mia Amor Mottley.

### **Building Blocks: Transitioning in a recovering world**

*Multiple dates*

More info [here](#)

The COVID-19 led global economic depression and the associated fiscal stimuli offer a historic opportunity to advance socially, economically and environmentally sustainable development



through a cleaner, greener and better recovery strategy. What is needed more than ever is a well aligned and coordinated effort that delivers financial and technical assistance to developing countries with the goal of mobilizing previously untapped and scaling up private sources of investments. Partnerships between key actors including private and public sector entities, multilateral and bilateral development finance institutions, climate finance delivery vehicles such as the CIF among others, must form the bedrock for implementing such strategies.

### **The Finance in Common Summit: One week on, what next?**

*Thu 19 Nov, 2.30pm-3.45pm*

More info [here](#)

Public Development Banks play a vital part among local stakeholders and can deploy a wide range of powerful instruments, support private sector mobilisation, and promote sustainability. The volume of activity of these institutions amounts to USD 2 trillion annually - a staggering 10 percent of the total amount invested in the world every year by all public and private sources combined. The Finance in Common Summit was a first opportunity to gather the world's 450 Public Development Banks and discuss their role, their ambition, and their challenges and opportunities. Taking place exactly one week after the Finance in Common Summit, this webinar examines the outcomes achieved, the next steps on how public finance can support in bringing them to action in an inclusive manner, and how the whole Public Development Bank community can work together to achieve net-zero by 2050.

### **Climate Change & Sovereign Risk**

*Wed 18 Nov, 2.30-4pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

Taking place during London Climate Action Week, this virtual event will highlight the key findings of a new policy report by SOAS University of London, Asian Development Bank Institute, WWF, and Four Twenty Seven on the impacts of climate-related physical and transition risks on sovereign credit risk and debt sustainability, as well as the public policy and financial governance implications.

## **DEVELOPMENT, ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE**

### **Advancing Resilience: Building Long-term Capacity of Finance Ministries**

*Thu 19 Nov, 1.30-3pm*

More info [here](#)

Increasing ambition and practice of adaptation and resilience requires a whole of economy and society approach. Central ministries, like Finance, play critical roles in this: by systematically integrating climate risk and adaptation considerations into their macroeconomic, fiscal, procurement, and other operations, they set priorities and enable other public and private



institutions to act decisively. Universities, as national centers of excellence, too, have a role in advancing knowledge and practice.

### **Why invest in Locally Led Adaptation in the lead up to COP 26**

*Sun 15 Nov, 2-3pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

ICCCAD aims to host an online discussion event in light of a new initiative Locally Led Adaptation and Resilience Network (LLARN). The network is a platform focused on engaging individuals; institutions from local level; national level; and other countries to support new climate research, partnership and capacity building. At the core the network wants to use the social capital of the network members to help each other.

The event would invite researchers, policymakers and practitioners who are the members of the LLARN to discuss how locally led adaptation measures are crucial to strengthen the vulnerable communities against the adverse effect of climate change. Furthermore, the event will reiterate how ICCCAD is promoting the platform to represent Locally Led Adaptations initiative in Bangladesh as a means to promote south-south-north knowledge exchange.

The output of the program will allow individuals in attendance dive into how the LLARN network will explore developing a platform for members to engage with each other going forward. Additionally, the event will discuss the actions and major milestones set by the network in the lead up to COP 26 next year.

### **Integrating climate, nature and development in a COVID-19 green recovery**

*Tue 17 Nov, 11.30am-1pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

This event will bring together high-level speakers from different sectors of society to articulate the importance of integrated action on climate, nature and development, particularly in the context of a green recovery from COVID-19. This event will consider:

- What are the interdependencies and interlinkages between climate, nature and development? How will society benefit from an integrated approach to addressing this triple agenda?
- What is a green recovery, and what does the recovery from COVID-19 look like when climate, nature and development is at the heart of decision-making?
- Through integrating climate, nature and development, how can we promote a just transition in the recovery from COVID-19 that also includes scaling up finance for locally led initiatives, with equitable governance that draws in indigenous and generational knowledge?





### **Capacity building for climate action and ambition: what have we learned?**

*Wed 18 Nov, 11am-12.15pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

Hosted by IIED and the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), this online event will bring together stakeholders from four climate capacity building initiatives to reflect on experiences and what that means in a post-COVID world. How can we use what we know and have achieved so far to ramp up our climate ambition for COP26? Drawing on lessons learned through capacity building, advocacy, and grassroots action, how can we catalyse a different future?

### **Anchoring Loss and Damage in Enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)**

*Wed 18 Nov, 9.30am-11am GMT*

More info [here](#)

Practical Action and WWF have just produced a guidance document to help national NDC revision processes to consider how loss and damage could be included in the process. This session will explore how and why loss and damage is and isn't at the center of different governments NDC thinking. It will explore different perspective on the inclusion of loss and damage in the enhanced NDCs and share ideas how societies can be supported to think about loss and damage thus resulting in a more holistic and inclusive approach to climate action.

### **Youth Demands for Climate Justice: Action on Loss and Damage**

*Fri 20 Nov, 10.00-11.00am GMT*

More info [here](#)

This event is an open webinar to amplify youth voices, concerns, and ambitions towards global climate justice. Our event is a discussion to highlight how youth from the global south and the global north are already experiencing loss and damage climate change, and what we are doing to hold the system accountable for the next generations. We share stories of loss and damage in our home communities, present our open letter to the UK COP26 presidency demanding action on loss and damage, and launch our action-driven youth coalition.

The event will serve as a launch for the Loss and Damage Youth Coalition (LDYC), an alliance of youth from the global north and south who have come together to demand action on addressing loss and damage caused by climate change. Our members are young climate activists from all over the world who are demanding an ends to the superficial and tokenistic engagement of youth in climate decision-making. It's time for our voices to be heard.



### **Extreme Climate Impacts - ensuring COP26 delivers finance for people affected**

*Tues 17 Nov, 4-5.30pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

United Nations Special Rapporteur for Human Rights and Environment, David Boyd, joins a stellar panel for this stimulating 90 minute speaker event co-organised by ActionAid, Practical Action and the Robin Hood Tax Campaign UK, exploring the lack of global action for people affected by extreme weather, and how London can play its part in turning this around as the UK prepares to host COP26.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA**

#### **Africa's Clean Energy Transition: Scaling Up Local Action**

*Wed 18 Nov, 2-3pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

The "Africa's Clean Energy Transition: Scaling Up Local Action" session convenes a multi-stakeholder group of young thought leaders and innovators from the public sector, private sector, civil society and academia, all working across wind, solar, off-grid and other renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies to promote Africa's energy transition.

This will be a moderated one-hour roundtable conversation between young clean energy pioneers working in Ghana, Kenya and South Africa. This session is organised by the Global Wind Energy Council and REN21, in association with the "REvolutionaries: The Steve Sawyer Memorial Award" program.

#### **How UK investors are accelerating renewable energy access in Africa**

*Thurs 19 Nov, 1-2pm GMT*

More info [here](#)

In this webinar, we'll be exploring how everyday people across the UK are powering the solar energy revolution in sub-Saharan Africa. Investments from just £50 in bonds issued by solar energy companies in Africa are providing low-cost and accessible finance that these organisations need in order to provide and install pay-as-you-go solar systems for families and businesses across sub-Saharan Africa, whilst accelerating achievement of UN SDG 7 - universal renewable energy access for all and at least 9 of the other SDGs including SDG 13 - action on climate change.