

Opening Day Agenda

Agenda – Monday, September 20

10.00 - 12.00 Climate Week NYC Opening Ceremony

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At the launch of Climate Week NYC we bring together our most senior stakeholders to celebrate climate action and announce new work and achievements. It's widely accepted that the world needs to reach net zero by 2050. To do that, we know that we need to halve emissions in the 2020s, which is why the Climate Group has dubbed it the Climate Decade. But what do we need to see happen in the following days, weeks and months? Our speakers will explore what the 2020s needs to look like for us to deliver for 2030.

In addition, in the last two years, we've seen businesses and governments take up the language of a just transition – but what definitions are they using, and how are they delivering against it? Leaders in the space will share their thoughts and research.

Speakers

- **Helen Clarkson**, CEO, Climate Group
- **Ambroise Fayolle**, Vice-President, European Investment Bank
- **H.E. Yasmine Fouad**, Minister of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- **Nicolas Hieronimus**, CEO, L'Oréal Group
- **Kathy Hochul**, Governor of New York
- **Caroline Hyde**, Co-host, Bloomberg Television
- **Badar Khan**, President, National Grid, US
- **Nancy Mahon**, SVP, Global Corporate Citizenship & Sustainability, The Estée Lauder Companies
- **Gina McCarthy**, National Climate Advisor
- **Alexandra Palt**, Corporate Responsibility Officer, L'Oréal & Executive VP, Fondation L'Oréal
- **John Pettigrew**, CEO, National Grid
- **Dickon Pinner**, Senior Partner & Global Leader, Sustainability Practice, McKinsey Sustainability
- **Dr Ursula von der Leyen**, President, European Commission
- **Gloria Walton**, CEO & President, The Solutions Project
- **Vivienne Yeda Apopo**, Director General, East African Development Bank (EADB)

12.00 - 12.30 Networking Break

12.30 - 1.45 Race to Zero and Race to Resilience - Delivering on the Promise Of Paris: Every fraction counts

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Ahead of Glasgow, the COP26 Presidency, the High-Level Climate Champions and global leaders assess the transition from ambition to implementation in the race to a cleaner, healthier, more resilient world.

The world is racing to a net zero emissions world. Since launching on World Environment Day 2020, over 4,500 companies, cities, regions, financial, educational, and healthcare institutions have joined the Race to Zero through leading Partner initiatives and committed to reducing emissions across all scopes swiftly and fairly in line with the Paris Agreement, with transparent action plans and robust near-term targets. This accelerating growth in ambition on mitigation has been met with a groundswell of support for building climate resilience. Since January this year, over 1,500 companies, cities, regions, and financial institutions from over 80 countries have joined the Race to Resilience with robust efforts to build resilience in communities vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

The growing momentum and progress amongst non-state actors has been matched by greater government ambition, with 59 countries having already submitted enhanced NDCs in the lead up to COP26 in a bid to keep 1.5C within reach. With only 40 days to go until the pivotal climate conference in Glasgow in November, this event will explore the immediate actions required to halve global emissions by 2030 and deliver the promise of the Paris Agreement. Global leaders will come together to highlight the role of radical collaboration in driving the twin goals of reducing emissions and building resilience within the critical "decade of delivery" ahead of 2030, and discuss how to accelerate the transition already underway within different sectors of the real economy.

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- **Dr Susan Chomba**, Director, Vital Landscapes, Africa at the World Resources Institute (WRI)
- **Harry Bowcott**, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company
- **Mark Carney**, UN Special Envoy on Climate Action & Finance
- **Patricia Espinosa**, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- **Fernando Gonzalez**, CEO, Cemex
- **Al Gore**, Former Vice President of the United States, The Climate Reality Project
- **Kara Hurst**, VP of Worldwide Sustainability, Amazon
- **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Coordinator, Association of Peul Women & Autochthonous Peoples of Chad
- **Roberto Marques**, Executive Chairman & Group CEO, Natura &Co.
- **Bob Moritz**, Global Chairman, PwC
- **Gonzalo Muñoz**, UN High Level Climate Action Champion, COP25
- **Ruth Porat**, CFO, Alphabet and Google
- **Alok Sharma**, COP26 President
- **Nigel Topping**, UN High Level Climate Action Champion
- **Dame Emma Walmsley**, CEO, GlaxoSmithKline
- **Elizabeth Wanjiru Wathuti**, Environment & Climate Activist, Founder, Green Generation Initiative