

COP24 climate summit: what is at stake?

Tuesday 20 November 2018, 8.30am - 1pm

Caisse des Dépôts, 15 Quai Anatole France, Solférino Room

COP24 will be held in Poland in December 2018, three years after the adoption of the Paris Agreement. Has the implementation of the 2015 commitments been up to the climate challenge? How can States raise their ambitions and coordinate efforts for effective and equitable action? These are the challenges for the 24th annual conference on the fight against climate change.

Meanwhile, debates are taking place, commitments are being made and measures are being implemented on closer scales, such as at the level of the European Union (2030 Climate-Energy Package), France (Multiannual Energy Plan, National Low-Carbon Strategy 2050), and local authorities (territorial climate plans). What influence does the Paris Agreement have on these scales? Conversely, in what way do the actions of France and the European Union impact on international dynamics?

IDDRI, I4CE and La Fabrique Ecologique are organizing a conference to decipher the practical issues of international climate negotiations. It is aimed equally at climate action stakeholders at the different scales and also journalists and a wider interested audience.

The conference will be organized around three issues that are key to the negotiations and to climate action at every scale: the coherence between the effective ambition of climate action and the collective objective, the funding of this action, and its support for short-term and medium-term social added value.

Each of these issues will be addressed with a short introduction, a discussion panel involving three key figures at the French, European and international levels, and an exchange with the audience.

Contributions in English will be simultaneously translated into French.

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Programme :

8.30 Welcome - coffee

8.45 Conference opening

Arnaud LEROY, CEO, ADEME

9-10.10 **How can we rapidly reinforce the ambition of climate action to achieve carbon neutrality?**

Preliminary insights:

What is ambitious climate action? What does the objective of carbon neutrality mean? Which Paris Agreement provisions foster the ambition of climate action? Where do we stand?

Michel COLOMBIER, IDDRI Scientific Director

Discussion panel:

France has recently revised its National Low-Carbon Strategy, the European Commission has just proposed a roadmap to 2050 for discussion, while an upward revision of climate contributions is expected by 2020 in the framework of the Paris Agreement. How can we ensure that the potential of Paris is fully realized, that of a dynamic agreement, based on emulation and solidarity?

- **Olivier FONTAN**, Deputy Director for Climate and Environment, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Yvon SLINGENBERG**, Director at DG Clima, European Commission
- **Gillian NELSON**, Policy Manager, We Mean Business
- Moderator: **Lola VALLEJO**, Director of IDDRI's Climate Programme

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10.10-11.20 **How can we finance the transformation and low carbon development of economies?**

Preliminary insights:

Article 2 of the Paris Agreement calls for the redirection of finance flows towards a low-carbon and climate change-resilient trajectory. Multiple public and private initiatives have been announced, and others have been implemented, to ensure that the financial system becomes a “driver” of the low-carbon transition. Actors such as development banks have pledged to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement, such as AFD with its objective of making all its activities compatible with a low-carbon and climate-resilient development. These initiatives are deployed at the international, European and French levels, in a rapidly evolving regulatory and political context. However, much work is still required to achieve the Paris Agreement objective of steering financial flows towards the establishment of a low-carbon economy.

Benoît LEGUET, Managing Director of I4CE

Discussion panel:

How can we scale up to mobilize the huge amounts of funding necessary for the low-carbon transition? How can we increase “green” financing while decreasing “brown” financing? What is the outcome of efforts towards greening investment portfolios? How can we ensure the tangible and transformational impact of initiatives in the financial sector?

- **Marine DE BAZELAIRE**, Head of Sustainability at HSBC France
- **Nick MABEY**, Chief Executive of E3G (Third Generation Environmentalism)
- **Damien NAVIZET**, Head of Climate Division at AFD
- Moderator: **Benoît LEGUET** Managing Director of I4CE

11.20-11.35 Break

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11.35-12.45 **How can we ensure the fairness of the low-carbon transition?**

Preliminary insights:

Risks of job losses linked to the gradual phasing out of fossil fuels and the closure of certain power stations, inequality issues related to the establishment of an ecological tax system, etc.: what are the realities and socio-economic challenges related to the ecological transition? How can we intervene at the territorial level? From the emergence of the just transition concept in international debates, to the creation of the Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition in France, how are these issues being addressed?

Géraud GUIBERT, President of La Fabrique Ecologique

Discussion panel:

The inherent risk of a low-carbon transition is the possibility of winners and losers. Should the deadline be pushed back? How can we ensure the anticipation of transitions to prepare territories and guarantee the support of citizens? What types of tools should be implemented?

- **Bénédicte PEYROL**, Member of Parliament and member of the Finance Committee at the National Assembly
- **Sebastien STORME**, Senior Advisor, Just Transition Centre of the International Trade Union Confederation
- **Sofia FERNADES**, Senior Research Fellow, Jacques Delors Institute
- Moderator: **Géraud GUIBERT**, Président of La Fabrique Ecologique

12.45-1.00 Conference closing

Brune POIRSON, Minister of State, attached to the Ministre d'État, Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition

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