

Windows of opportunity for swift action

COP26 Briefing on 26 October at the Federal Foreign Office

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and the German Climate Consortium are pleased to invite you to a briefing in the run-up to COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland:

Tuesday, 26 October, 14.00 to 17.00 (CEST)

Online

Registration:

<https://www.deutsches-klima-konsortium.de/registration>

The 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) in Glasgow will be organised by the United Kingdom in partnership with Italy. It will focus on treading bolder national paths to lower CO₂ emissions (Nationally Determined Contributions, NDCs).

Effective climate protection is more within reach than it has been for a long time. The Leaders Summit on Climate hosted by the United States was only one indicator of how the race to climate neutrality is picking up speed. More and more policies are being put in place to reach the new goals: the end of international coal subsidies is imminent, the International Energy Agency is demanding an immediate end to the fossil fuel era, the EU is taking ambitious action to achieve its tougher climate targets, and the G7 countries are looking to accelerate international climate financing and funding for climate change mitigation.

COP26 in Glasgow has both the duty and the opportunity to harness broad international support for enhanced climate action and to turn this energy into real progress with a view to implementing the Paris Agreement.

Pressure from corporations that have understood how their business models depend on a climate-neutral world can help further boost these efforts. More than ever, political actors are called on to put guard rails in place that will bring on board the countries of the Global South. Because, if there is one thing we are learning from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is that only global policies can truly end the crisis.

What precisely will need to be done, and who can do it, will be the focus of our discussions with high-ranking academic, political, business, and civil-society representatives.

We kindly request that you register using the following link only:

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We look forward to your presence at the briefing.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Karsten Sach

Director-General for International and European Policy, Climate Policy at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Ambassador Michael Klor-Berchtold

Director-General for Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development, Federal Foreign Office

Marie-Luise Beck

Managing Director, German Climate Consortium

Agenda

13.45 Log-in

Moderation

Conny Czymoch, journalist and international conference moderator

14.00

Welcome and introduction

Miguel Berger, State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office

Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Urgent action is needed: policy responses

14.15

Video message from the COP Presidency

Jill Gallard, British Ambassador to Germany

14.20

Findings of the new IPCC Assessment Report

Prof. Astrid Kiendler-Scharr, IPCC Lead Author and Chairwoman of the German Climate Consortium, Forschungszentrum Jülich

14.30

Panel 1: Urgent action is needed: policy responses

- Nick Bridge, UK Special Representative for Climate Change
- Ambassador Dr Hinrich Thoenen, Director for International Climate and Energy Policy and Digital Transformation, Federal Foreign Office
- Dr Karsten Sach, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- Prof. Astrid Kiendler-Scharr, IPCC Lead Author and Chairwoman of the German Climate Consortium, Forschungszentrum Jülich

15.30

Break

Urgent action is needed: answers from the business community and civil society

15.50

Lead-in business presentation: The road to climate neutrality in industry

Dr Melanie Maas-Brunner, Member of the Board of Executive Directors of BASF SE

16.00

Interview

Rabea Koss, spokesperson of the citizens' climate council

16.10

Panel 2: Urgent action is needed: answers from business and finance

- Dr Melanie Maas-Brunner, Member of the Board of Executive Directors of BASF SE
- Prof. Karen Pittel, Co-Chair of the German Advisory Council on Global Change and Director of the ifo Center for Energy, Climate, and Resources
- Dr Patrick Graichen, Executive Director of Agora Energiewende
- Henner Asche, Deputy Head of the Central Markets Division at the Bundesbank

17.00

End

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the

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