



AGENDA 2026

State of *Climate Politics* Forum

09:45 *Registration & networking*

10:30 *Introduction & welcome address*

Speaker:

- ▶ Clarence Edwards, Executive Director, E3G US
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10:35 **OPENING KEYNOTE:**

Responding to the climate emergency

Reflecting on the state of climate risks and the imperative for renewed ambition, this opening anchors the day in connecting multilateralism and politics of urgency to the local level in key areas such as policies to transition away from fossil fuels, climate change adaptation and political courage to address increasing public priorities and backlash to climate action.

Speaker:

- ▶ Ramón Méndez Galain, President of REN21 & Former Energy Secretary of Uruguay
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10:45 **PANEL:**

Connecting the dots on geopolitics and climate action

As the global order rapidly shifts, climate action is both increasingly at the centre of geopolitics and has to contend with other major pressing global crises. This panel brings together leaders to explore what this new reality means for cooperation, competition, and the world in flux, and how climate is being integrated across foreign policy, development, economic, and security priorities.

Speakers:

- ▶ **Ana Toni**, CEO, COP30, Brazil
- ▶ **Dr. Dino Patti Djalal**, Founder, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia
- ▶ **Romina Kurshid Alam**, Pakistan's Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change
- ▶ **Surangel S. Whipps Jr**, President of Palau
- ▶ **H.E. Dr Gedion Timothewos**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia

Moderated by Jurei Yada, Director of Strategic Member State Engagement, & Head of EU Sustainable Finance, E3G

11:15 **FIRESIDE CHAT:**

A new generation of climate leadership

A conversation between two leading youth voices shaping climate diplomacy and future generation priorities of climate action in view of the evolving international cooperation landscape.

Speakers:

- ▶ **Marcele Oliveira**, COP30 Youth Climate Champion, COP30 Presidency
- ▶ **Sally Higgins**, COP31 Youth Climate Champion, COP31 Presidency

Moderated by Camilla Born, CEO, Electrify Britain

11:35 **PANEL:**

Reframing climate action in the face of divided politics

Rising challenges such as weakened economic growth, fiscal pressures, economic inequality, information manipulation, and declining trust in institutions and governments have contributed to fragmented consensus on critical political agendas, including climate action. This panel will examine strategic approaches to strengthening public support for the energy transition by articulating everyday concerns and priorities in political discussions and policies.

Speakers:

- ▶ **Agnes Dasewicz**, Chief Investment Officer, Global Energy Alliance
- ▶ **Jennie King**, Non-Resident Fellow at Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) and Center for Climate and Security (CCS)
- ▶ **Barbara Buffaloe**, Mayor of Columbia, Missouri, US.
- ▶ **Dorah Modise**, Executive Director, Presidential Climate Commission, South Africa
- ▶ **Sir Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo**, President-Designate, GLOBE Legislators; Sponsor of Nigeria's Climate Change Act 2021

Moderated by Karla Hill, Chief Programme Officer, E3G

12:15 **CLOSING KEYNOTE**

A new path forward

This closing keynote sets out what renewed cooperation could look like in the second half of this decade: multipolar, integrated, and agile, with the political leadership and policy tools to bridge ruptures and rebuild consensus.

Speakers:

- ▶ **Nick Mabey OBE**, Founder and CEO, E3G
 - ▶ **Teresa Ribera**, EVP for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, European Commission
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12:45 **NETWORKING & LIGHT LUNCH**