

MONDAY, DEC 4

FINANCE/TRADE/GENDER

EQUALITY/ACCOUNTABILITY

Day lead: Kris Kathiravel

This thematic day at COP28 will focus on three key aspects: scaling up efforts, improving access, and enhancing affordability. This will involve reforms to the international financial system, the delivery of enhanced concessional support, the development of sustainable finance markets, and strengthening voluntary carbon markets. Additionally, COP28 will introduce trade as a means for climate-smart, equitable growth, including supply chain decarbonization, transition, and resilience. We must also address the challenges that hinder financial support for women, girls, and marginalized groups. This includes ensuring a fair transition and finding solutions to broaden access to finance. The program will also examine accountability mechanisms to turn promises and ambition into tangible results.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8.30 - 9.15AM

Coffee & Croissants - Women in Climate Change (speed dating)

Event type: Networking event

About the event: This is a networking event for Women in Climate Change

Organisation Co-Hosts: Carbon Market Institute, Monash University

9:15 - 10AM

Fireside chat with Prof Nick Watts and A/Prof Angie Bone: net zero healthcare

Event type: Fireside chat

About the event:

Join a conversation with Prof. Nick Watts and A/Prof. Angie Bone about their experiences transitioning the English health system towards net zero and how this is being applied in other health systems.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **Nick Watts** - Director of Sustainable Medicine, University of Singapore
- **Angie Bone** - Associate Professor (Practice), Planetary Health at Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash University

Organisation Co-Hosts: University of Singapore, Monash University

10 - 11AM

'Fan First' Cooling - a low carbon way to improve heat health resilience in a changing climate. *Event type: Panel*

About the event:

This event aims to increase knowledge of low-cost, low carbon methods of keeping people cool as an alternative or addition to air conditioning. This event will be of interest to people and organisations responsible for protecting people from the health impacts of extreme heat; building design, construction, retrofitting, and regulation; energy transition, resilience, and justice; and financing rapidly deployable and effective solutions to reduce and respond to the impacts of climate change.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **Aditya Vyas** - COP28 Presidency Health Program, Deputy Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Climate Change and Health Impact Assessment, Curtin University, Lancet Countdown Oceania Fellow, University of Sydney
- **Ollie Jay** - Professor of Heat and Health and Director of the Heat and Health Research Incubator and Thermal Ergonomics Laboratory, University of Sydney
- **Angie Bone** - Associate Professor (Practice), Planetary Health at Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash University
- Global Heat Health Information Network
- **Mili Majumdar** - Secretary, Global Buildings Performance Network and Vice-President, U.S. Green Building Council

Organisation Co-Hosts: COP28 Presidency Health Program, University of Sydney, Monash University

11 - 11:45AM

'Is your plan credible? Catalysing transition in developed and developing economies. *Event type: Panel*

About the event:

This event brings together global and regional experts, from both developed and emerging economies, to explore credible transition plans (CTPs) and what is needed in terms of pace, ambition and choice of pathway. This session will also explore the importance of CTPs in the Indo-Pacific region's broader drive to harmonise sustainable finance approaches with the aim of promoting enhanced low-carbon investment.

Speakers/Hosts:

- Amir Sokolowski, CDP
- Eugene Wong, SFIA
- Helga Birgden, Global Chair of Sustainable Investment, Mercer
- Datuk Muhamad Umar Swift, CEO, Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (BURSA Malaysia Bhd)
- Michaela Morris, Climateworks (Moderator)

Organisation Co-Hosts: MSDI, Climateworks, Monash University

12 - 12.45PM

Philanthropy collectives - the power to accelerate the transition to a net zero, 1.5°C aligned future. *Event type: Panel*

About the event:

This panel discussion will be both a showcase of the world's leading alliances from different regions, and a thought starter exploring 'where to next' for opportunities and collaborative solutions in climate financing and philanthropy. The discussion will consider how philanthropy can play a catalytic role - either in the public or through private partnerships - to galvanise a movement towards a net zero world, aligned to 1.5°C.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **Sharon Koh** - Director, Philanthropy Asia Alliance Carol Tan - Deputy CEO, Asia Philanthropy Circle
- **Stefan Schurig** - Secretary General, Foundations 20
- **Aditi Thorat** - Director of Fundraising, Global Commons Alliance
- **Liz Ee** - Climateworks Centre (moderator)

Organisation Co-Hosts: Philanthropy Asia Alliance, Asia Philanthropy Circle, Climateworks Centre

1 - 1:45PM

Investing in Southeast Asia's green economy – have we done enough?

Event type: Panel

About the event:

Catalysing green investment to the region will help to achieve dual goals: increasing regional prosperity while accelerating climate actions. This event will help catalyse actions by bringing together different stakeholders to discuss the untapped potential for low carbon investment in Southeast Asia and the key drivers and barriers for investing in regional green growth.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **Dr. Cate Rogers** - Assistant Secretary for Climate Resilience and Finance in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade,
- **Keith Lin** - Director, Sustainability (Public Affairs and Ecosperity), Temasek
- **Winfried Wicklein** - Director-General, Asian Development Bank
- **Ian Learmonth** - CEO, Australia's Clean Energy Finance Corporation
- **Prof. Yuen Yoong Leong** - Sunway University, Director of Sustainability Studies, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)
- **Trang Nguyen** - Southeast Asia Lead, Climateworks Centre (moderator)

Organisation Co-Hosts: Climateworks Centre, Monash University

2 - 2:45PM

Climate Accounting in the Pacific. Event type: Panel

About the event:

The Government of Fiji (a pioneering influencer on climate change policy discourse) will provide insights on the global climate change policy from a climate accounting viewpoint. This event will provide a voice on climate accounting—which matters to business (SMEs) sustainability and consumer welfare—giving Pacific Island Countries greater visibility in our efforts to contribute to policy on climate change. It will inform Fiji Government's strategic funding negotiations for climate financing under the SME pool of funds.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **Nicolas J.A. Buchoud** - Senior Advisor to Dean- Asian Development Bank Institute
- **Prashant Chandra** - Manager, Climate Change Unit, Office of the Prime Minister, Fiji
- **Seungju Baek** - Deputy Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute)
- **Joel Abraham** - CEO, Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission
- **Kushaal Raj** - Conservation International
- **Paresh Narayan** - Professor, Monash Business School (Moderator)

Organisation Co-Hosts: Monash University

3 - 3:45PM

Women at the forefront of climate change: A lunchtime session on female-led creative practices. Event type: Creative Practice/Art

About the event:

This event is a call to action, fostering awareness and dialogue to inspire change. By uniting the expressive power of art with the rigour of academia, the event will catalyse innovative solutions and promote dialogue around the need for inclusivity, equity, and justice in the face of a changing climate.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **Gabriela Fernando** - Assistant Professor, Public Health, Monash Indonesia
- **Parneet Kaur** - Founder, Poetry for Planet
- **PLAN international** - Representatives - TBA
- **UNICEF** - Representatives - TBA
- **AYFICE** - Representatives - TBA
- **Isabelle Zhu-Maguire** - Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Amplify (Moderator)

Organisation Co-Hosts: Monash University

Sowing the seeds of change for a climate resilient future

Event type: TEDTalk tool taster marketplace style

About the event:

Locally-led water-climate solutions require strong gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI) approaches in programs and organisations. A more climate-resilient future calls for transformation of norms to leave no one behind and ensure that everyone is part of the solution. This event explores how application of these approaches facilitates more equitable and sustainable outcomes in water resource management (WRM), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and climate programs.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **Turea Wickham** - Program Manager, Australian Government Water for Women Fund, World Vision Papua New Guinea
- **Manohara Khadka** - International Water Management Institute
- **Anna Mutta** - Country Director, SNV in Lao PDR
- **Sarah Ransom** - General Manager, Australian Water Partnership
- **Leslie (Phil) Duncan** - Professor at the Centre for Applied Water Science, National Environmental Science Program
- **Juliet Willets** - Professor at University of Technology Sydney - Institute for Sustainable Futures
- **Tony Wong** - Professor at Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash University
- **Alison Baker** - Fund Manager, Australian Government Water for Women Fund, GHD (Moderator)

Organisation Co-Hosts: GHD, Monash University