

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

WORLD ACTION SUMMIT

Day 2 of the World Climate Action Summit. The summit serves as an important platform for major announcements and is intended to provide momentum and guidance to the remainder of the COP.

Day Lead: Sandy Swanson

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

10.15 - 11.30AM

Spotlighting Local Action: Mainstreaming NBS across a range of Scales with case studies from China, Indonesia and Fiji

Event type: Panel

About the event:

To scale nature-based solutions we need to move beyond 'good ideas' and determine how success is achieved and how it can be replicated. Mainstreaming of NBS is underpinned by our ability to adapt scientific knowledge to biophysical and institutional contexts of project locations. A robust economic valuation of NBS is required to foster co-investments from public and private sectors. The event will explore how we can mainstream NBS across multiple scales using real case studies in China, Indonesia and Fiji. Each of these case studies are unique in their social-economic and technical enabling environments for NBS implementation.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **Tony Wong** - Professor of Sustainable Development, Monash University, Australia Water Envoy COP28
- **Mere Naulumatua** - Urban Planner, Revitalising Informal Settlements and their Environment (RISE)
- Indonesian government
- Fijian government (Representative - TBA)
- World Bank / UNEP (Representative - TBA)

Organisers/Co-Hosts: Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash Art, Design and Architecture, Water Sensitive Cities Australia

11.30AM - 12.15PM

A (Bio)Fireside Chat with Paul Dickinson: A reason for Optimism

Event type: Fireside Chat

About the event:

As COP28 kicks off, we invite Paul to share stories about his 20+ year journey supporting global climate action as the Founding Director of CDP. Paul will also share insights from the award-winning podcast, Outrage + Optimism (O+O) which he co-hosts alongside Cristiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac. Since the launch of O+O in April 2019, the trio have interviewed the brightest and most influential climate leaders of our time – Prince William, David Attenborough, Al Gore, Greta Thunberg, Johan Rockström, and countless others. O + O has been rated No. 10 all-time Podcasts on the Apple UK charts, No. 3 on the Apple Australia charts, No. 15 of the Guardian Best Podcasts of 2019, and it has been selected as the News and Politics Honoree in the 2020 Webby Awards. To round out a busy year, Paul was also recently named a Climate Leader in the inaugural TIME100 Climate List – alongside climate champions such as John Kerry, Billie Eilish and others. This will be a casual chat, with his former colleague and friend, Sandy Swanson – who will ask Paul to share stories from his long career pushing for action on climate and personal insights into what gives him hope.

Speakers/Hosts:

- Paul Dickinson - Founding Director, CDP and co-host of the Outrage+Optimism podcast
- Sandy Swanson - Impact & Engagement Manager, Monash Sustainable Development Institute (Moderator)

Organisers/Co-Hosts: Monash Sustainable Development Institute

12.30 - 1.15PM

The health co-benefits of climate change action: a fireside chat with Jonathan Patz

Event Type: Fireside chat

About the event:

Join a conversation about climate change and health, focusing particularly on the huge potential benefits for health of action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Speakers/hosts:

- **Jonathan Patz** - Vilas Distinguished Professor & John P Holton Chair of Health and the Environment, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- **Angie Bone** - Associate Professor (Practice), Planetary Health, Monash Sustainable Development Institute (Moderator)

1.30 - 2.30PM

Health at the COP28 negotiations with a Small Island Developing State lens

Event type: Panel

About the event:

In 2017, WHO launched a Special Initiative on Climate Change and Health in Small Island Developing States at the COP23 of the UNFCCC in Bonn, in collaboration with UNFCCC and the Fijian Presidency of the COP23. Now at COP28 five years later, there is an opportunity to take stock of the progress on reducing the health risks of climate change and building resilient and environmentally sustainable health systems.

In many ways, Pacific island states have been leading the way on climate change and health actions, but gaps in implementation persist. There is a need for continued dialogue to share lessons, challenges, and best practices to support accelerated and effective implementation.

The panel will discuss and reflect on three topics:

- Importance of health in the climate change debate
- Loss and Damage and the role of health
- Accessing and utilizing climate finance for health

Speakers/hosts:

- **Hon. Dr Ratu Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu** - Minister of Health Fiji
- **Hon. Dr John Still Tari Qetu** - Minister of Health Vanuatu
- **Lily Tangisia Faavae PS Tuvalu**
- **Dr Sally Edwards**, Coordinator Health and the Environment, WHO WPRO
- **Akeem Ali**, Head Asia-Pacific Centre for Environment and Health, WHO
- **Prof Tony Capon**, Monash Sustainable Development Institute (Moderator)

Organiser: World Health Organization and Monash Sustainable Development Institute

2:30 - 3:15PM

Fireside Chat with the Chief Economist of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank - *Event type: Fireside Chat*

About the event:

Join us for an interactive 1:1 Fireside Chat between Professor Rebekah Brown, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) of Monash University, and Erik Berglöf, Chief Economist at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. This event will cover Nature, Health, Inclusion and policies needed to finance an urgent transition.

Speakers/hosts:

- **Erik Berglöf** - Chief Economist at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- **Professor Rebekah Brown** - Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Monash University (Moderator)

Organiser: Monash University

3:30 - 5.00 PM

Funding Solutions: East vs and West Collaborative Philanthropy for Climate Action - Event type: *Discussion*

About the event:

As the world races to identify the funds required to enable a rapid and just transition to a climate-compatible world and to protect people from the worst effects of climate change, eyes have increasingly turned to philanthropy. Monash University and Asia Philanthropy Circle are co-hosting a session to showcase East/West, North/South collaborations which have moved the needle on critical societal issues (including climate action). Approaches to philanthropy across regions have evolved significantly in the last decade despite enduring perceptions of western styles and traditions of giving in the West and East. How different voices have raised different issues to the climate, energy, development agendas as more diverse actors have come to the table over the years – and galvanized new action. In the crucial few years left, how can philanthropy, even if seemingly of different ilk, come together in a range of collaborative models to catalyse the changes we need to see? Can approaches to social impact be guided by universal values and goals? This frank dialogue intends to provide insights into the nuances of working in Asia and how to do collaborative philanthropy to reach 2030 goals.

Speaker/Hosts:

- **Carol Tan**, Deputy CEO, Asia Philanthropy Circle
- **Seema Paul**, Program Director, Sequoia Climate Foundation

Organisation Co-Hosts: Asia Philanthropy Circle, Monash Sustainable Development Institute

5 - 6PM

To be announced

6 - 7PM

High Ambition for the High Seas

Event type: *Commitment and networking - by invitation*

About the event:

The High Seas Treaty marks a significant milestone in global ocean governance, helping to secure greater protection for biodiversity in half the planet that makes up the High Seas and providing a key new tool that will help tackle the climate and biodiversity crises and address ocean and climate justice. Co-hosted by the governments Australia, Palau and Mauritania this event provides an opportunity for countries to demonstrate their commitment to the new UN High Seas Treaty that was agreed in March 2023, through a symbolic declaration of their intent to support swift ratification to ensure the treaty enters into force as soon as possible.

Speaker/Hosts:

- **Rebekah Brown** - Deputy Vice Chancellor Research and Senior Vice-President, Monash University Australia
- Representative of Palau government - TBA
- Representative of Australian government - TBA

Organisation Co-Hosts:

Government of Palau, Government of Australia, Government of Mauritania, Monash University, Monash University, High Seas Alliance, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Natural Resources Defense Council, International Fund for Animal Welfare, EarthEcho International and Global Choices