

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

ENERGY, INDUSTRY/JUST

TRANSITION/INDIGENOUS

PEOPLES

Day lead: Shreejan Pandey

This day focuses on levers and pathways for rapid decarbonization, job growth, and economic opportunity and just transition across the full energy and industrial value chains. While accelerating economic opportunity and job growth taking a holistic view of the just transition and the socio-economic considerations across all sectors, including energy. Indigenous Peoples Day will recognize the importance of Indigenous Peoples' intergenerational knowledge, practices, and leadership in climate action and in stewarding planetary health, as well as mechanisms to improve their direct access to finance.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9.15 - 10AM

Networking with Net Zero Campuses

Event type: Networking

About the event:

Over 1,000 universities have joined the [UN's Race to Zero for Universities and Colleges](#), supported by resources like the [Net Zero on Campus](#) guide along with the initiative's accompanying online toolkit and a community of practice. This is a networking event for those engaged or interested in this space.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **Nicole Iseppi** - Director of Energy Innovation, Bezos Earth Fund
- **Maurie McInnis** - Stony Brook University President
- **Prof. Jeffrey Sachs** - UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network President
- **Elena Crete** - Head of Climate and Energy, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- **Shreejan Pandey** - Director, Strategic Initiatives, Monash Energy Institute

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10 - 10.45AM

Key challenges and opportunities to financing the pathway to net zero campuses.

Event type: Panel

About the event:

Universities, akin to small cities, significantly contribute to greenhouse emissions but can quickly transition to net-zero due to campus control. They can excel in climate action through innovation, cross-sector partnerships, and an engaged staff and student body. This event provides three Stakeholder perspectives from each of University Leadership, Philanthropy and Private Sector Finance.

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10.45 - 11.30AM

Achieving Net Zero on Campus: Unlocking Finance with SDSN

Event type: Facilitated workshop

About the event:

This event provides an opportunity to create an improved understanding among financiers and philanthropies of universities' challenges across different regions whilst increasing Universities' awareness of emerging climate financing options. In so doing, it aims to identify solutions that promote targeted and innovative financing mechanism(s) for universities, with the hope to create avenues for joint efforts to address the gap between the commitment and ambition of universities and the financial resources needed to fund the transition.

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11.30AM - 12.30PM

A holistic approach to Just Energy Transition

Event type: Panel

About the event:

As the world is working together to achieve the climate goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement, just transition rhetoric increasingly plays a central role in the interface between curbing emissions and the socio-economic disruptions of climate action.

This event will call for a holistic approach to just energy transition by discussing the key drivers and barriers to tackle socio - economic disruptions while accelerating the energy transition across different areas including: investment, skills and education and empowerment of women and girls.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **John Thwaites** - Chair, Monash Sustainable Development Institute and Climateworks Centre (Welcome Remarks)
- **Megan Argyriou** - Board Chair, 1 Million Women
- **Paul Butar** - Deputy Head, Indonesia's JETP Secretariat
- **Shreejan Pandey** - General Manager, Monash Energy Institute
- Investor Group Climate Change/ Asian Investor Group on Climate Change
- **Trang Nguyen** - Southeast Asia Lead - Climateworks Centre (moderator)

Organisation Co-Hosts: Climateworks Centre

12.30 - 1.30PM

Empowering Youth in Energy: Innovations and Insight from APAC

Event type: Panel Audience Discussion

About the event:

This panel discussion offers a platform for young professionals across the Asia-Pacific region to share their groundbreaking work and innovative ideas in the energy sector. Attendees will witness a dynamic exchange of projects and ideas, fostering collaboration and providing a glimpse into the diverse perspectives shaping the future of energy. Join us to be part of this engaging session and connect with the next generation driving positive change in the industry.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **Jitsai Santaputra** - Youth for Energy Southeast Asia
- **Fogamomi Nicc Moeono** - Internation Youth Climate Delegate
- **Kaaviyansiri Pathmasiri** - Monash Energy Club
- **Asmanee Chesuemea** - UNICEF's Young People Advisory Board for Environment and Climate Change
- **Sho Hayashi** - Sustainability Specialist for Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/649HK15CBhAsYzs89>

Organisation Co-Hosts: Monash Energy Club

1.30 - 2.30PM

Common challenges, shared opportunities: Collaboration between California and Australia on energy and climate - *Event type: Panel*

About the event:

On 16 August 2023 the Australian Government and the State of California signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate collaboration on energy and climate matters. The MOU highlighted common challenges, such as wildfires and drought, and also significant opportunities for shared effort in areas such as adaptation, offshore wind, energy efficiency and demand management and zero emissions vehicles. This session will explore how California is tackling the climate challenge, the strong synergies with Australia's efforts in this space, especially in terms of the energy transition, and the opportunities for working together to accelerate momentum in both jurisdictions.

Speakers/Hosts:

- David Hochschild - Chair, California Energy Commission
- Kristin Tilley - Ambassador for Climate Change, Australian Government
- Luke Menzel - CEO, Energy Efficiency Council

Organisation (Co) Hosts:

Monash University and Energy Efficiency Council

3.30 - 5PM

Global Indigenous Voices: Navigating Success, Confronting Challenges and the Role of Institutions in Just Transitions

Event type: Networking/Workshop

About the event:

Now, more than ever, we must listen to global Indigenous voices to facilitate sustainable transitions. Ensuring this process is inclusive of diverse Indigenous perspectives is essential for the future of our planet. This workshop aims to enhance the focus on the Indigenous community within the imperative shift towards a sustainable future. It offers a platform for global Indigenous leaders to share insights on the challenges and successes in the Just Transition space. The discussions will question the role of major institutions across various sectors, examining their responsibility to eliminate colonial barriers and elevate Indigenous leadership in climate action and participation in the Just Transition process.

Speakers/Hosts:

- Tristan Kennedy, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) - Monash University
- Jessica Walters, Project Coordinator - Monash Sustainable Development Institute
- Ariadne Gorring, Co-CEO, Pollination Foundation
- Francis Nona, Queensland University of Technology
- Bama Athreya, Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID
- Marama Royal, Chair, Ngati Whatua Orakei

Link Registration: <https://forms.gle/ZJDZeeb9VsZpt2QP7>

Organisation Co-Hosts: Monash University

5 - 7PM

An Evening for fostering connections for Asia Pacific with the Monash Sustainable Development Institute and Climateworks

Event type: Networking (by invitation)

About the event:

As we approach the end of Week 1 at COP28, this private event invites guests to gather informally, but with intention, to briefly showcase regional contributions and solutions to global climate challenges. More importantly, by bringing together key actors and thought leaders from across Asia Pacific (of which Australia and NZ are part), the evening will seek to foster greater and more personal connections and discuss how, through accelerating partnerships, we can catalyse urgent action to avert a worsening climate crisis in our region.

Speakers/Hosts:

- **John Thwaites** - Chair of Monash Sustainable Development Institute and Climateworks Center

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