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VIRTUAL PANEL

SCIENCE EUROPE & UK RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (UKRI)

EMPOWERING POLICY MAKERS WITH INFORMED SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE CRISIS

When

Day	10/11/2021
CET	11.00–12.30
GMT	10.00–11.30

Where

Online event

Register

Please register for the event via:

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Background

UKRI and Science Europe are convening this international panel of senior government officials and eminent scientists to discover how lessons from the COVID19 pandemic can help us to address the climate crisis, especially in the context of the UK Presidency COP26 campaign areas.

A panel of this type will bring home the value of international collaboration as well as the importance of drawing on local, regional, national and international expertise. It will highlight the need to increase global cooperation between the research community and policy makers and explore how research and innovation can most effectively inform decision-making on climate change. Coming so soon after the pandemic, it underlines the importance of policy makers and researchers working together in an exchange of objectives and knowledge in a timely way.

The panel's deliberations will help to ensure that the right structures are in place to leverage expertise, capabilities and any new knowledge that can contribute to both practice and policy in times of crisis. Collectively, this working relationship underpins action taken at national and multi-national level at both COP26 and beyond.

The panel will discuss how best to mobilise scientific communities across the world in response to climate change. It will seek to accelerate action and encourage 'political ambitions, tools, finance and coordination' through debate. Finding solutions through shared best practice will enable rapid, robust, decisive, yet deliverable, action. Joining and funding organisations to ecological, economic and social sustainability. For this reason, we joined forces and co-organise this symposium in the fringe of COP26.

Programme

Wednesday 10 November 2021

- 10.00–10.10 (GMT) **Opening of Workshop**
- 11.00–11.10 (CET) **Professor Melanie Welham**, Executive Chair Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) and Governing Board Member of Science Europe
- 10.10–10.20 (GMT) **Welcome and Keynote Introduction**
- 11.10–11.20 (CET) **Professor Dame Jane Francis** (Panel Moderator), Director British Antarctic Survey
- 10.20–10.30 (GMT) **Keynote speech**
- 11.20–11.30 (CET) **Manuel Heitor**, Portuguese Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education
- 10.30–10.50 (GMT) **Panel Session**
- 11.30–11.50 (CET) **Professor Sir Robert Watson**, former IPCC Chair and IPBES Chair
- Professor Christian Apfelbacher**, member of the Coordinating Group of the German Network Public Health for COVID-19
- Professor Karin Bäckstrand**, Stockholm University, Researcher at the Institute for Future Studies (IFFS), and member of Swedish Climate Policy Council
- Professor Zbigniew Władysław Kundzewicz**, Professor of Earth Sciences at Polish Academy of Sciences
- 10.50–11.30 (GMT) **Open plenary debate**
- 11.50–12.30 (CET) Chaired by **Professor Dame Jane Francis**, Director British Antarctic Survey
- 12.30 (GMT) **End of event**
- 13.30 (CET) **Dr Lidia Borrell-Damián**, Secretary General of Science Europe