

A new understanding of Paris-compatible climate action: Translating 1.5°C into technological, social, and political examples of transitional change around the world

A side-event hosted by the NewClimate Institute and Greenpeace

05 Dec 2018, 15:00-16:30

Room: Warmia

Context:

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on 1.5°C outlined the transformations and actions we must take to pursue the 1.5°C global warming limit and what missing the goal would entail.

The Climate Change story is not limited to environmental protection but it is at the heart of humanity's fight for basic rights, as well as its possibility to thrive, which is threatened as a result of a warming planet on track to exceed 3°C. We are already living in a +1°C world and the impacts from climate change are more severe than predicted.

In anticipation of decision-makers agreeing to the Paris Agreement Rulebook, and assessing current efforts through the Talanoa Dialogue, NewClimate Institute and Greenpeace International invite you to discuss what being Paris compatible means in the real world, presenting examples of how the transformation in line with the 1.5°C limit is already happening and the imperatives we must act upon as a global society in order to stay within 1.5°C of warming.

Purpose:

Debates on new science & political credibility are relevant to and interlinked with multiple geographic, technical & social challenges. Our side event will discuss what Paris-compatible climate action means for economic sectors, policy, business, law and people, by bringing together experts, practitioners and decision-makers to discuss the implications of the Paris Agreement long term goals.

Agenda:

1. Welcome by the moderators

*By Prof. Dr. Niklas Höhne of NewClimate Institute and
Juan Pablo Osornio of Greenpeace International*

2. What does *non*-alignment with Paris mean?

By Dr Jacob Schewe, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

3. The action plan for 1.5°C.

By Hanna Fekete, NewClimate Institute

4. Real-world examples of transformations:

Awaking the giants in the financial world

By Heidi Finskas, Vice President CR and CG at KLP, Norway's biggest pension fund

Citizens accelerating the transformation through legal action

*Holding governments and fossil fuel companies accountable on 1.5°C
By Happy Khambule of Greenpeace Climate Justice Liability campaign*

Low-cost solar and wind accelerating coal exit

By Manish Ram, Doctoral Researcher (D.Sc. Tech), Solar Economy Group, LUT

5. Discussion with the panelists & audience

6. Closing: Key takeaways summed up by moderators