



Wilton Park

Programme

The nexus of international development and climate action

Tuesday 25 – Thursday 27 January 2022 | WP2026

Context and key policy issues

Wilton Park is hosting a series of dialogues, bringing together stakeholders from across the development and climate sectors to reimagine the future of development assistance and climate action to 2030 and beyond. Today's global development challenges are increasingly complex, severe, and inter-connected and call for closer collaboration and coordination with national systems and support from international partners. The pathways to achieving international development and climate action are inextricably linked, yet the development and climate communities continue to work in silos. From the global to the local level, greater emphasis is needed on the intersection between climate and development, and the mutually reinforcing pathways that can achieve development outcomes and climate action.

This dialogue, the second in the series, will provide a space to bring the climate, development, and humanitarian communities together to consider strategically, yet practically what changes are needed to systems and process that will enable closer alignment and ultimately great impact.

"If we fail on climate, there is no development."

Wilton Park Dialogue, September 2021

All times are GMT

Tuesday 25 January – afternoon sessions

*Speakers to be confirmed ^expected to participate but not yet confirmed in this role

1600-1700

Arrival and tea/coffee available for those joining in person at Wiston House

1650

Zoom line opens

1700-1715

1. Welcome, introductions and scene setting

Robin Hart

Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park

Jamie Drummond

Co-Founder, ONE; Founder, Sharing Strategies

1715-1820

2. International development and climate action: What is climate finance?

This session will look at the nature of finance for climate and development, including the following questions: What is the historic notion and purpose of climate finance? What should be the notion of climate finance post COP26? How do climate and development finance differ? Where does, and should climate finance flow from and to?

Clare Shakya

Director Climate Change research group, IIED

Saliem Fakir

Executive Director, Africa Climate Foundation

1820-1900

3. Development and climate - two sides of the same coin?

International development and climate action have been described as “two sides of the same coin” with the pathways to achieving development and climate outcomes inextricably linked. Yet, the global and national systems for development and climate are distinct, including the way in which finance is mobilised, accessed, utilised and monitored. What will development and climate finance look like in the future? What lessons from the past?

Myles Wickstead in conversation with:

Mark Malloch Brown

President, Open Society Foundations

GMT

Wednesday 26 January – morning sessions

0900-0930

4. Reflections on the climate and development nexus

With developing countries simultaneously needing to meet their nationally determined contributions (NDC), adapt to a climate changing world and achieve development outcomes, the lines between development and climate finance are often blurred. Reflections on what this means for the future, including key insights from the discussions on the opening day for those unable to join.

Henry Mark

Consultant Programme Director, Wilton Park

Shehnaaz Moosa

Director of the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), SouthSouthNorth

Maarten van Aalst

Director, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

0930-1200

5. Maximising climate and development finance to address national priorities

This session will explore the needs of countries at the forefront of the fight against climate change and whether the current systems and architecture are meeting those needs, including the following questions: How can development and climate finance be better aligned internationally to address national priorities? Where are the blind spots for climate and development finance? What other sources of finance can be leveraged and amplified to achieve climate and development goals?

Saleemul Huq

Director, ICCCAD, Bangladesh

Sara Jane Ahmed

Finance Advisor, V20

To include a short break.

GMT

Wednesday 26 January – afternoon sessions

1500-1530

6. Envisaging a new global economy

Transforming economies and managing transition to net-zero and to meeting the SDGs. How to manage the trade-offs between economic development and decarbonisation?

Andrew Steer

President & CEO, BezosEarthFund

1530-1645

7. New development models and instruments

Climate change has wide-reaching implications for achieving development outcomes, while the approaches taken to achieve development goals can have positive or detrimental impacts on climate change. In choosing development pathways decision makers balance political, economic, social, and environmental considerations. This session will explore the new models that promote development and address climate change including addressing the following questions: what does a climate lens on development mean in practice? What are the new development models that meet the needs of a climate changed world? How can the critical trade-offs and conflicts between development goals and climate action be addressed?

Vera Songwe

USG and Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Ulrike Modeer

Assistant Secretary-General and Director of Bureau for External Relations and Advocacy, UNDP

1645-1715

Break.

1715-1830

8. Financial instruments, innovation and risk

Climate finance instruments and innovations: what are the financing innovations and instruments to meet the needs of countries, including improving the quality of available finance? What are the risks donor agencies will be willing to take?

Vivek Pathak
Director & Global Head for Climate Business, IFC

Amal-Lee Amin
Director of Climate Change, CDC

GMT

Thursday 27 January

0900-1030

9. Driving the global agenda for climate action and development

Today's climate and development challenges are increasingly complex and interconnected requiring closer collaboration and coordination across national and international systems and amongst diverse sectors and disciplines. Building upon the earlier discussions, this session will explore the opportunities and challenges within the international system to maximise climate and development finance in the years ahead. Some questions to be explored are: How can the international agenda in 2022, including the G20 and COP27, and beyond address the challenges? What is the role of the SDGs in guiding the global agenda? What do shifting geopolitical realities mean for the future of development and climate?

Susanna Moorehead
Chair, Development Assistance Committee

Woochong Um
Managing Director General, Asian Development Bank

Danny Alexander
Vice President, Policy and Strategy, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

1030-1100

Break.

1100-1215

10. UK leadership and value proposition

The UK has a long history of leadership in international development and has taken a leading global role in climate discussions, most recently through the COP26 Presidency. This final session will explore the UK leadership within the climate and development arena in the coming years, including the questions: What is the UK's value proposition across the climate and development nexus post COP26? How can the UK government work best with other climate and development actors and maximise its leadership and financial support? What private sector and third-sector capabilities does the UK have and how can these be better leveraged?

Theo Clarke
Member of UK Parliament; Member of International Development Committee

Moazzam Malik
Director General, Africa and climate Finance, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, London

1215-1300

11. Reflections, actions and next steps

1300-1400

Lunch and depart for those at Wiston House

This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.

Participation is by invitation only.

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