Shifting Systems in the Climate Decade

Climate Group’s COP26 Roundtable Series

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Overview

As COP26 approaches, the world is living with the impacts of climate change. Our climate and environmental boundaries are being tested and our systems are changing faster than we expected.

With world leaders set for critical climate negotiations in Glasgow, Climate Group presents the Shifting systems roundtable series designed to unite and connect leaders in policy, business, finance, and advocacy to share, support and shift systems and realise net zero futures. Each roundtable brings together critical stakeholders from across Climate Group’s networks to co-create a series of recommendations for short term action that will start to shift critical elements within key emitting systems, towards a net zero future.

Systems change for a net zero future requires radical collaboration which is only possible if these stakeholders work together and utilise their influence in specific areas. This series asks participants to share best practice, lessons learnt, and the challenges they face to support the development of key recommendations for short term action that can shift key systems towards a net zero future.

Aims:

• **Share** cross sector and cross industry learnings to support systems shifts.

• **Support** the development of key action areas to shift systems in the short and long term.

• **Shift** critical elements and understand the levers that can result in shifting systems.

Objectives:

• **Prioritise**: Understand what must be prioritised to create systems change for the short, medium and longer term from different perspectives.

• **Prepare**: Learn from different stakeholders on how to prepare your organisation to have an impact and what you can do to contribute to shifting systems.

• **Pathways**: Develop a set of recommendations for business, governments, NGOs, and financers to take real short-term actions and help shift the system being discussed.
Shifting systems roundtable
Asia energy: Funding the phase out of coal

Justice: Embedding environmental and social justice

Industry: A net zero materials revolution

Finance: Banking on systems change

Supply chains: Leading Scope 3 emissions collaboration
Shifting systems – justice:
Embedding social and environmental justice

Overview:
As businesses plan and transition to become net zero, adopt and deploy clean technologies and solutions, and as governments lay out climate policies and net zero pathway plans, environmental and social justice must be embedded, not an afterthought.

We know solutions and sectoral pathways must be deployed at pace and scale to halve emission by 2030 – from energy transition to sustainable agriculture, electric vehicle adoption to industrial transition – but they must also be solutions and pathways that create positive benefits and opportunities for all communities. Reaching net zero must be an inclusive and just transition.

Bringing together Climate Group members and our wider network, this roundtable will discuss how organisations and policy makers are approaching social and environmental justice when planning to become net zero and how they can embed social and environmental justice principles into transition planning and net zero strategies.

Aims:

Business: How can businesses meaningfully engage with and on social and environmental justice principles and embed these principles into decision making and net zero transition planning?

Policy: What are policy makers doing to include the principles of social and environmental justice in climate, environmental and development legislations and regulation?

Financing: How can financiers and investors take better consideration of environmental and social justice aspects when developing their ESG metrics?

Outcomes:
Create a set of recommendations that decision makers must consider when developing transition plans and net zero strategies to ensure environmental and social justice is embedded in the decision-making process.
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