**Dublin climate conference calls for radical ambition at COP26**

Global voices combine in Dublin to issue a Declaration for an accelerated transition to zero emissions to avoid a climate emergency

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The Dublin Climate Dialogues (May 19-20), a free virtual event, which will bring together leading thinkers, innovators and politicians to influence the outcomes of COP26 have issued a call to action to all governments ahead of the two-day event.

While many countries are committing to zero emissions and are advancing plans to decarbonise their economies overall ‘the pace is too slow’, say the organisers of the Dublin Climate Dialogues. ‘2021 is our last chance to set a new course for the planet. This has to start with global commitments that meet a 1.5c temperature trajectory, if we are to have any hope of avoiding catastrophic warming this century.’

Over two days attendees at the Dublin Climate Dialogues will hear from experts in the fields of climate change, green finance, energy and technology on how individual countries and the global community can accelerate the transition to NetZero ahead of COP26 in Glasgow this November.

Chaired by Pat Cox, the former President of the European Parliament the line-up of speakers confirmed to date includes; John Kerry, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, Lord Deben, Chairman of the UK Committee on Climate Change, Mary Robinson, Adjunct Professor for Climate Justice Trinity College Dublin and Chair of the Elders, Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All, Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency, Philip Lane, former governor of the Central Bank of Ireland and Member of the ECBs executive board, Mike Hayes, Global Lead Renewables and Decarbonisation, KPMG and Liping Jiang, Vice President of State Grid Energy Research Institute (SGERI), China, who will be joined by Ireland’s Foreign, Finance and Energy and Climate Ministers over the two day event.

Speaking in advance of the conference Pat Cox said ‘*Since the signing of the Paris Accord over 36 gigatonnes of CO2 has been added to the atmosphere each year. In addition, the toxic effects arising from the burning of fossil fuels cost USD 2.9 trillion per year in lost productivity and account directly for 4.5 million premature deaths annually. We are not on track to meet the necessary 2ºC pathway, let alone a 1.5ºC pathway, to a sustainable global future*.’

The discussions at the Dialogues will focus on the urgency of dealing with the issue of climate change and will propose a set of key actions in the form of a Declaration that will be delivered to Ambassador John Murton, the UK’s Special Envoy to the COP Presidency at the conclusion of the conference.

*‘In my opinion, we will solve the climate crises by focusing on three key areas – policy, capital and technology. At this conference, we will be making specific recommendations on the key actions for each of these areas that need to be considered at COP26’* Mike Hayes, KPMG.

*[Conference Chairman, Pat Cox is available for interview, etc]*

The Dublin Climate Dialogues is free to attend but places are limited. Register today on [www.dublinclimatedialogues.com](http://www.dublinclimatedialogues.com)

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