

Addressing Climate Overshoot: Policy recommendations and Africa-Europe perspectives

LUNCH DEBATE

PROGRAMME

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Schedule

12.00 - 12.30	Arrival and registration (Square de Meeûs 5-6, Brussels)
12.30 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 13.40	<p>Welcome remarks and debate moderation:</p> <p>Holy Ranaivozanany, Deputy Executive Director of the Africa-Europe Foundation</p> <p>Speaker interventions:</p> <p>Pascal Lamy, Chair of the Climate Overshoot Commission</p> <p>Michael Obersteiner, Director of the Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford and Science Advisor of the Climate Overshoot Commission</p> <p>Hanne Knaepen, Head of Climate action and green transition, European Centre for Development Policy Management</p> <p>The Climate Overshoot Commission was convened as an independent body of 13 global leaders to propose strategies to mitigate risks should global warming exceed the 1.5 °C target. Every extra tenth of a degree and every extra decade of overshoot matter. Greater warming adds to the serious negative impacts on human health, food security, water availability, social stability, and ecosystems.</p> <p>Climate policy and action have brought significant progress but have fallen short, particularly in the orderly phase out of fossil fuels – the primary reason for climate change and risk of overshoot. In order to combat climate change and prevent overshoot, political will, global cooperation and innovative approaches are needed, ensuring inclusive engagement at all community levels.</p> <p>In this context, the Climate Overshoot Commission promotes an integrated strategy for managing the risks brought about by climate change – i.e. the CARE agenda (Cut emissions; Adapt; Remove carbon dioxide; carefully Explore solar radiation modification) whereas the Africa-Europe Foundation advocates for greater partnership opportunities between Africa and Europe that sit at the nexus of climate, health and development.</p>
13.40 - 14.30	Open exchanges*

*Please note that the debate is not under Chatham House rules



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The Commission is the first high-level group of experts developing an integrated governance strategy to reduce the risks of a warming climate in a holistic, integrated manner, free from conventional political constraints. Members include former heads of government, national ministers, directors of intergovernmental organizations, leaders of environmental groups, and academic experts.

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