



European Union Climate Diplomacy Day

Ready to roll: European film event calls for climate action



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The European Union and its Member States will put on a simultaneous "climate" event in seven major cities throughout Australia.

These events are part of the "European Climate Diplomacy Day" taking place worldwide on the 17th of June 2015 to promote informed debate about climate change in the lead up to this year's decisive meeting at Paris in December.

The French capital will host the United Nations 2015 Conference of Parties which is aiming to limit global temperature rises to below 2 degrees Celsius.

The European Climate Diplomacy Day in Australia will include the screening of "The Climate Blueprint" documentary followed by a panel discussion featuring scientists, politicians and business representatives in cities throughout the country.

European Union Ambassador to Australia Sem Fabrizi said the documentary would also be shown in Greek-Australian Colleges throughout Australia.

"The European Union and its Member States will jointly hold events in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart and Perth," Ambassador Fabrizi said.

The European Union Climate Diplomacy Day initiative is led worldwide by the European Union in cooperation with the French, German and United Kingdom foreign offices.

"In Australia we will also draw on the specific participation of the ambassadors of Belgium, Greece, Ireland and Italy and the missions of all our Member States will help promote the events" Ambassador Fabrizi said.

Norway is also associated to the events.

British High Commissioner Menna Rawlings said global action was required.

"These simultaneous events in seven Australian cities are a great chance to highlight the crucial importance of the Paris negotiations in tackling a problem that affects the whole world," she said.

Ambassador for France Christophe Lecourtier joined the push for a firm response.

"We call upon all countries to set ambitious carbon targets in the months before this crucial meeting in Paris." Ambassador Lecourtier said.

EU Ambassador Sem Fabrizi said the European Union had committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 per cent by 2030 compared to 1990 levels.

Ambassador for Germany, Christoph Mueller, said the Member State's actions sent a clear message.

"This cooperation underlines how serious the European Union is in tackling the problem of climate change," Ambassador Mueller said.

"The Climate Blueprint" documentary was directed by Fran X Rodriguez and Ruth Chao and details the history of past negotiations as well as the main players and, of course, the effects of climate change.

The European Climate Diplomacy Day will also see the launch of the photography exhibition "35 Wonders of the World" on display at the French-Australian School of Canberra / Telopea Park School until 17 July 2015.

This exhibition will be launched at 10:00am by Ambassador Lecourtier and Ambassador Fabrizi, joined by other heads of EU Member States' missions.

To learn more about this event in your city, head to <http://bit.ly/1d8N4T7>

EU Ambassadors recently issued a call for climate action: <http://bit.ly/1cYA2ay>



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