

Media Release

## Speakers Announced for Climate Bonds Conference21

**The must-attend event features global leaders who play a part in mobilising global debt capital markets to finance climate, green and transition investment**

**LONDON: 02/08/2021 09:00 GMT+1:** The Climate Bonds Initiative has announced the speakers for the sixth annual Climate Bonds Conference, including industry and thought leaders from around the globe. Climate Bonds Conference21 will be held on 6-10th September 2021, with a theme of “The 2030 Green Window - Framing a Sustainable Future.” The theme reflects the conference’s focus on the narrow window of opportunity for the world to act in the face of the climate emergency and meet 2030 decarbonisation targets.

The **Climate Bonds Conference21** will feature speakers from across the green finance sector, including industry leaders, regulators, and policy experts. [The full speaker line-up is available online now.](#) Events include panel discussions, interviews, and keynote addresses from the foremost leaders in green finance.

Featured speakers at **Climate Bonds Conference21** include:

### **Nigel Topping**

Nigel Topping is the UK's High-Level Climate Action Champion, appointed by the UK Prime Minister in January 2020. Nigel works alongside the Chilean High-Level Climate Action Champion, Gonzalo Muñoz. The role of the high-level champions is to strengthen collaboration and drive action from businesses, investors, organisations, cities, and regions on climate change, and coordinate this work with governments and parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

### **Chris Hohn**

Christopher Hohn is the founder of a hedge fund called The Children's Investment Fund based in London. Through donation of the hedge fund's profits he endowed the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), which today has over \$6 billion in assets. CIFF is focused on improving the lives of children in poverty in sub-Saharan Africa and India. Key areas of focus include climate change, family planning, malnutrition, neglected tropical diseases and anti-human trafficking work. He has an MBA (high distinction) from Harvard Business School.

### **Ma Jun**

Ma's incredible CV includes roles at the IMF, World Bank, Deutsche Bank and the PBOC. His impressive green finance portfolio includes chairing the G20 Green Finance Study Group and working on China’s national green finance policy framework.

**And many more!**

The **Climate Bonds Conference21** will be held entirely online and span across 5 days, the largest event we have ever hosted. The event will be conducted in English, and live translation will be available in Spanish, Portuguese and Mandarin.

[Registration for the sessions is now open.](#)

Since 2016, the Climate Bonds Annual Conference has grown into pivotal event for mobilising global debt capital markets to finance climate, green and transition investment. Through a forward oriented agenda focused on building green and sustainable investment flows via debt capital markets the Climate Bonds Conference has built engagement and action between private and public sectors, aligning policy and market actors to create momentum towards trillions in investment.

The **Climate Bonds Conference21** is a continuation of this direction.

Discounts are available for participants from the Emerging Markets.

**Marc Badrichani, Head of Global Sales & Research, JP Morgan:**

“Our collaboration with Climate Bonds Initiative is an important part of J.P. Morgan’s response to climate change and we are a proud sponsor of the Conference21 for the second year in a row,” said Marc Badrichani, Head of Global Sales & Research, J.P. Morgan. “We support Climate Bonds Initiative’s ambition to catalyse global debt capital markets to finance and prioritize much needed sustainable development.”

**Philip Brown, Head of Sustainable Debt Capital Markets, Citi:**

“The Climate Bonds Annual Conference is one of the most important events in the global sustainable finance calendar, with tremendous participation and content from climate experts and leaders in the field of environmental finance. We are delighted to sponsor this year’s event, which gives the financial sector, investors and the public sector a truly global platform to come together and continue the dialogue on tackling climate change, which is at the top of the agenda for Citi’s clients around the world.”

**Patrick Mispagel, Managing Director, Sustainable Finance, Moody's ESG Solutions:**

“We are delighted to partner with CBI yet again on this important discussion about the pressing need to mobilise capital for climate action. Sustainable investing and the role of the financial sector will continue to grow and support a renewed sense of collective purpose and ambition in tackling some of the most significant sustainable development challenges in the world today. As a Climate Bonds Initiative partner since 2017 and a Climate Bonds Standard Approved Verifier, we support CBI’s work in advancing the growth and development of a global market to deliver climate solutions.”

**Marisa Drew, Chief Sustainability Officer & Global Head Sustainability Strategy, Advisory and Finance, Credit Suisse:**

“The banking industry has been moving at pace to play its part to address the climate crisis – by helping to underwrite and deploy capital in greener solutions, fund needed technological innovations, support client transitions, and by collaborating with industry partners to share best practice and tackle hurdles. We all have a role to play in transitioning to a more sustainable way of life. Our work with Climate Bonds Initiative to develop a transition framework for defining ambitious pathways is one such collaboration that can support the sustainable markets to scale.”

**Chi Kit Chai, Head of Capital Markets & CIO, Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong):**

"Green has become an imperative for the transition and development of the Chinese economy following China’s landmark commitment on the decarbonisation goals. As one of the earliest Chinese firms to pledge to the UNPRI, Ping An has implemented high standards of ESG targets within our own organization, and also leveraged our expertise on ESG opportunities for our clients. We believe one dollar spent on green investment in China has much bigger impact than a dollar spent elsewhere. It’s time for all of us to act and mobilise capital for the green future"

**Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative:**

“The challenge before our natural world is monumental, requiring a fast and thorough reimagination of the relationship between economy and environment. We need serious ambition from governments to investors, to industry leaders, and the Climate Bonds annual conferences have long provided the necessary platform for cooperation and thought leadership from these key stakeholders.”

Visit [www.climatebonds.net/conference](http://www.climatebonds.net/conference) or follow [#CBconf21](https://twitter.com/CBconf21) [#2030greenwindow](https://twitter.com/2030greenwindow) to receive regular updates and keep up to date with **Climate Bonds Conference21**.

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### **Notes for Journalists:**

#### **Conference Agenda:**

Mon - 6 <sup>th</sup> September:	Learning for Change
Tues - 7 <sup>th</sup> September:	Beyond the Trillion Dollar Challenge
Wed - 8 <sup>th</sup> September:	Preparing for the Coming Boom
Thurs - 9 <sup>th</sup> September:	The 2030 Green Window
Fri - 10 <sup>th</sup> September:	Transition & The 2030 Targets

The full agenda is available on the [Climate Bonds website](http://www.climatebonds.net).

Registrations are now open at [www.climatebonds.net/conference](http://www.climatebonds.net/conference)

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