

Our New Website

Climate Strategies is proudly announcing the launch of the new website. We have completely redesigned its layout with simplicity, ease of use, and accessibility in mind. The website serves as resource for climate policy knowledge and presents our past and ongoing projects and initiatives.

Please send us your feedback on the new website but above all visit it regularly!

www.climatestrategies.org



Climate Policy Journal

Climate Strategies continues its long-standing relationship with *Climate Policy*, the peer-reviewed journal published by Taylor & Francis.

We would like to invite all researchers interested in affecting climate policy to submit their papers to the Climate Policy journal.

WEBSITE: <http://climatestrategies.org/climate-policy-journal/>

INVITATION: In 2015 the Climate Policy journal will be publishing a Special Issue on Chinese climate policies. It will be guest-edited by ZhongXiang Zhang from Fudan University. The issue will be discussed at a joint side event, co-hosted by CS with CCS and GEI: Lima, Peru, 11.12.2014, 15:00 – 16:30 Room: Maranga

Side events at COP20 in Lima – (co-) hosted by Climate Strategies or related to CS projects

Event	Date	Time	Location
POLIMP: Enhancing the Knowledge Base for Climate Change Policy Making	6.12 (Sat)	11.30	UNFCCC Room: Maranga
EU 2030 climate and energy package – enough contribution to global climate agreement?	9.12 (Tue)	18.00	EU Pavilion Room: Roma
Global Climate Interface 2015. Strengthening the Research-Policy interface in the international climate negotiations	10.12 (Wed)	15.30	EU Pavilion Room: Roma
International Insight on China & Supporting Chinese Subnational Governments to Achieve Carbon Targets	11.12 (Thu)	15.00	UNFCCC Room: Maranga
Planetary Economics: presentation of the book by Michael Grubb	12.12 (Fri)	13.00	EU Pavilion Room: Roma

If you wish to be informed about the forthcoming issues, please sign up for alerts: bit.ly/CPJ-Lima

BLOG: Read Climate Strategies reports and Climate Policy journal and share your comments and views here: <http://climatestrategies.wordpress.com/>

Selected articles from the most recent issues include:

- Triggering transformative change: a development path approach to climate change response in communities
- Why the EU ETS needs reforming: an empirical analysis of the impact on company investments
- EU 20-20-20 energy policy as a model for global climate mitigation
- Muddling through with climate change targets: a multi-level governance perspective on the transport sector
- Designing policy for deployment of CCS in industry

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Newsletter
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Dear Partners, Future Partners and Friends

Welcome to the latest edition of our biannual newsletter. Let me update you on the relevant developments at Climate Strategies since June 2014.

Firstly – we have just launched our new website; the look is new, the interface is more user-friendly and above all – it allows for a much easier access to our reports. Be a frequent visitor to www.climatestrategies.org!

Secondly – I am happy to announce the launch of a major new Climate Strategies project – the Global Climate Policy Interface Climate 2015. Its aim is to define and help to crack the most difficult issues likely to be blocking the road at COP 21 in Paris. As part of this project we are going to host our second Global Climate Policy Conference in India in April 2015 and input into the Paris Scientific Conference 'Our Common Future under Climate Change'.

Thirdly – I invite you to browse through our most recent reports on EU climate policy. They present our take on, and vision for the EU 2030 package, as well as look into competitiveness issues in the cement and steel sectors.

Finally – I would like to invite you to interact with us on existing projects as well as on future research ideas, including here in Lima where we are hosting numerous side-events and staging an exhibit. Many of you have a deep practical knowledge of climate policy – we highly value and appreciate your insights!

Happy reading!

With best regards,

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RESEARCH ON THE ROAD TO PARIS

During the coming weeks in Lima, and the following year on the road to Paris, will see many decision-makers looking for information, new insights, alternative framing and relevant data around climate change. Their needs will vary greatly, and are to a considerable degree hard to predict at this point. The IPCC, through its synthesis report, has made its mark and told us again that going beyond two degrees is likely to lead to havoc, and the earlier climate action is taken, the better. The Emissions Gap report again told us that current commitments are insufficient to achieve the two degrees target.

The IPCC and the UNEP Emissions Gap report are acting on the border of research and policy. They play useful roles in providing consistent and robust information on issues that are institutionalised information needs. The information, research and data needs that are country-specific, or that negotiators may not even suspect to have, are unlikely to be supplied by the mainstream information channels. This challenge is where organisations like Climate Strategies come in.

The new team at Climate Strategies is even more focussed than before on filling what seems to us to be a crucial gap in the response to climate change: providing independent, digestible, and

timely analysis of the key policy issues inside the UNFCCC negotiations and for other climate policy. Our aim is to give negotiators and other stakeholders clear, balanced, up-to-date and relevant information, derived from academically rigorous analysis, on the issues that matter today. Climate Strategies' main asset is its ability to connect research with policymakers and negotiators in climate policy using both our membership and the experience of the Climate Strategies secretariat in the climate negotiations.

Our members are distinguished researchers, some well connected with decision-makers, others at more distance, but all with a drive to be policy relevant and with knowledge that matters and is ready to put to use. They come from a variety of countries and backgrounds, and we are currently pushing to diversify our membership further. We are making an effort, in our workshops and Global Climate Policy Conference, to bring out the most useful of research for the benefit of the negotiations. We invite you all to take notice, and even more: participate!

Heleen de Coninck,
Radboud University and Chair
of the Board, Climate Strategies



GLOBAL RESEARCH-POLICY INTERFACE CLIMATE 2015

Strengthening the Research-Policy interface in the international climate negotiations

This project, delivered in partnership with The Stanley Foundation, brings some neutral, fact-based research and analysis into the climate negotiations. With a series of engagement activities we plan to establish a platform where academia and policy makers can interact to contribute to the following output:

- Identifying key questions behind the most likely roadblocks for the Paris COP;
- Collecting, developing and communicating analysis of the main realistic options for answers, injecting short analytical pieces into the Paris process;
- Creating an 'Exploratorium' for new ideas that could help with negotiations.
- Defining the issues and what analysis tells us, in a clear document for negotiators and stakeholders

Ideas presented throughout the Global Interface project will be taken to the Paris Scientific Conference (July 2015).

We invite you to send us your expression of interest to participate and ideas for topics to be discussed throughout the project.

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More information will be released shortly.

WEBSITE:

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Kick-off Workshop (side-event): Lima, Peru, 10 December 2014, 15:30-17:30 pm, EU Pavilion room Roma
- Global Climate Policy Conference 2015: New Delhi, India, 30 April and 1 May 2015



HIGHLIGHTS ON PROJECTS AND RECENT REPORTS

Follow: [@climatestrat](https://twitter.com/climatestrat) for updates on events and reports

The Way Forward in International Climate Policy

This report discusses 'Key Issues and New Ideas 2014' and is a follow up to the Global Climate Policy Conference 2014. Topics range from the creation of climate 'club goods' through the role of green investment vehicles to technology and innovation in supporting mitigation and adaptation activities. The report also explores the issue of CBDR and equity, also through the lenses of social psychology and communication.

WEBSITE: <http://climatestrategies.org/publication/the-way-forward-in-international-climate-policy/>

Expert Roundtable:

Can Green Growth be a New Narrative to Unblock a Climate Deal?

With a year left to deliver a global climate agreement in Paris in 2015 (COP 21), we took a closer look, together with Konrad Adenauer Foundation, at a narrative so prominently present in various, particularly high level fora – the green growth. This Roundtable explored if green growth could bridge the gap between country positions under the UNFCCC, and if yes – how could it be implemented? The conceptual discussion was made more real by examples of green growth policies on the ground – in Brazil, India and Colombia.

WEBSITE: <http://climatestrategies.org/green-growth-workshop/>

Carbon emission mitigation by Consumption-based Accounting and Policy (Carbon-CAP)

We hosted the first stakeholder meeting in Cambridge, UK on the 7 & 8 October 2014.

On day 1 we discussed topics such as: exploring the robustness of models, providing insights into different climate policy objectives, monitoring of consumption-based emissions, environmental implications of consumption-based policies, application of those policies to the business and consumer community. On day 2 we held an interactive session to help the experts in the room define the key drivers and uncertainties related to future climate policies and the political and economic spheres.

WEBSITE: www.carboncap.eu/index.php/events/side-events

UPCOMING EVENTS: We intend to organise our second stakeholder workshop in Geneva in October 2015. You are all very welcome to join!

The EU 2030 Framework for Climate Change Policy

The objective of this project is to provide robust policy analysis of the European Union's 2030 climate and energy policy. In 2014 we hosted numerous stakeholder consultations in London, Warsaw, Brussels and Berlin.

PUBLICATIONS & WEBSITE: In late September 2014 we published two reports: – Energy Security in the context of the EU 2030 discussions; – EU2030 Climate and Energy Framework Principals Paper providing initial vision for the 2030 package. We will soon be publishing a new paper reflecting on the European Council agreement.

PROJECT PAGE: <http://goo.gl/dijUDI>

UPCOMING EVENT: Lima, Peru, 9 December 2014, 18:00-20:00 pm, EU Pavilion room Roma (side-event)

Informing the options for improving the EU ETS

This project is a study on the quantitative cross-evaluation of EU ETS allowance supply adjustment mechanisms for the 2030 Climate and Energy Package. Climate Strategies brought together a world class research consortium to undertake this model comparison study.

WEBSITE: <http://climatestrategies.org/projects/informing-the-eu-ets-options/>

Carbon Control Post 2020 in Energy Intensive Industries in the EU

This project investigates impacts of EU carbon pricing policies on energy intensive sectors in Europe. We combined research with interviews with senior executives of largest companies and have so far looked into the cement and steel sectors.

WEBSITE: <http://climatestrategies.org/projects/project-name-one/>

Mobilizing and transferring knowledge on post-2012 climate policy (POLIMP)

As part of the stakeholder consultations we hosted a workshop on 'Financing Renewable Energy in Europe' in London on 16th October 2014. The workshop presented the current status of renewable energy in Europe, focusing on the most recent developments in the financial and policy environments that facilitate its deployment.

WEBSITE: polimp.eu/events