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### On Now: Climate Week New York 2021 (20 – 26 September 2021)

Climate Week NYC (CWNYC) is the largest climate event to be held annually, and an important date in the climate calendar for all stakeholders invested in finding collective solutions to climate change.

Hosted by **The Climate Group**, in conjunction with the **United Nations** and **City of New York**, CWNYC is a global opportunity for businesses and civil society to come together and accelerate climate action ahead of COP26.

This year's theme focuses on '**Getting it Done.**' The emphasis is on the necessity of not only fulfilling but enhancing the climate commitments made by governments, businesses and organizations. Topics have been organized into five categories:

- Energy and Transport;
- Finance;
- Built Environment and Industry;
- Emerging Trends and
- Food & Health

This CWNYC aims to have key discussions and collaboration on exactly what needs to happen in the new climate decade.

Now in its fourth year, the Climate Group is hosting **The Hub Live** – which is a series of forums, discussions and workshops that bring together the expertise and influence of public and private sectors. The Hub Live is hosted through an online interactive platform, where attendees can meet, collaborate as well as foster inspiration for a more

climate resilient future. While climate week was virtual during 2020, this year it is being offered in a hybrid format, in order to ensure anyone can engage no matter where they are.

### **How to participate in CWNYC**

If you would like to participate in person, you may attend any of the events where hosts will register you. Participants are encouraged to look at the [events page](#) if you are looking to attend a specific event.

For those attending virtually, events can be live streamed off [CWNYC's Facebook Watch page](#) and you do not need to register to attend online. You can also attend events of interest retrospectively where material is made available online.

If you are a business, organization, community group, non-profit or any other type of organization, you are invited and encouraged to participate in CWNYC events. The registration cost is \$475.

### **Key CWNYC Events 2021**

The NBI has selected a list of not to be missed events which have key speakers in the sustainability space. These include Ursula von der Leyen, the European Commission president.

#### **Noteworthy events to attend are as follows:**

- **Road to COP26: Getting Finance Fit For Net Zero on Thursday, 23 September (15:00-18:00 SAST):** The financial industry and capital markets will be essential enablers in the shift towards a greener and resilient economy. Join leading experts from Moody's and the international community to discuss how carbon transition risks will shape credit quality across the most exposed industries, why it is critical to improve transparency around the implications of climate commitments, as well as the role of sustainable debt markets in financing net zero strategies.
- **Building a Just Climate Future- Centering Equity in Climate Solutions on Thursday, 23 September 2021 (19:00-20:00 SAST):** This event is presented by Earth Justice and showcases what it takes to build a just climate future, while rebuilding from our current crises, the focus is on how to build a more sustainable and just future.
- **The Road Ahead for the Electric Vehicle Market- Priorities, Challenges and Insights on Thursday, 23 September 2021 (21:00-22:00 SAST):** The Center on Global Energy Policy will share their perspectives on how we can reduce our emissions from transportation to respond to the ongoing climate crisis.
- **How Far Are We From Net-Zero Buildings on Friday, 24 September 2021 (15:00-18:00 SAST):** The Built Environment represents close to 40% of global energy-related carbon emissions. To reach the climate targets set out in the Paris Agreement, the construction industry needs to adopt a whole-life cycle approach to assessing the GHG emissions from buildings

**Visit the [Climate Week New York 2021 website](#) for more information on how to attend these events. For more information on the lineup of events, access the programme [here](#).**



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