

The United Nations and Time for Equality present the
LUXEMBOURG CITY FILM FESTIVAL
screening of

THANK YOU FOR THE RAIN

A documentary film by Julia Dahr addressing a range of issues linked to climate change, including climate justice, urbanization, gender equality, education, access to water, and climate refugees.

Welcome by Morgan Minchin, UNRIC and opening remarks by Nick Nuttall, Director of Communications and Outreach at UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change).

Following the screening Dr. Christopher Lilyblad will moderate a dialogue with Carole Dieschbourg, Luxembourg Minister for the Environment and Nick Nuttall.



NICK NUTTALL

Nick Nuttall is the Head of Communications and Outreach and Spokesperson for the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) headquartered in Bonn. The ultimate aim of the UNFCCC is preventing “dangerous” human interference with the climate system. Nick was an active member of the COP21 Paris agreement. His initial role in the UN was with UNEP where he is credited with inspiring several landmark reports including the 2009 Climate Change Science Compendium; the Natural Fix The Role of Ecosystems in Climate Mitigation and the Dead Planet, Living Planet: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration for Sustainable Development.



CAROLE DIESCHBOURG

Carole Dieschbourg is a Luxembourg politician representing the Green Party in the government coalition. Since December 2013, she has been Minister for the Environment. Previously she was a Council member for the Commune of Echternach and a member of the management of the family business, Moulin J.P. Dieschbourg. She has represented Luxembourg at the COP Climate Change Conferences. In January 2018 the Minister outlined the country's climate protection strategy which is aligned on three main axis; international solidarity, cooperation with communes and sector measures.



CHRISTOPHER LILYBLAD

Christopher Lilyblad is a Clarendon Scholar in International Development, University of Oxford. He has been a member of the EU *International Cooperation and Development* commission to Cape Verde. Christopher is also a Council member of the Commune of Betzdorf.

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Luxembourg leads the fight

On 12 December 2017, the **Prime Minister, Xavier Bettel, and the Minister of the Environment, Carole Dieschbourg**, went to the **One Planet Summit in Paris**, organised by the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, in conjunction with the United Nations and the World Bank. The summit brought together political and economic decision-makers in order to address the issue of **financing climate protection initiatives**.

Luxembourg presented its initiatives to achieve the third objective outlined in the 2015 international climate agreement. Namely, to align cash flows with developing low greenhouse gas emissions:

- a **platform** aimed at making investments available for high impact projects in the fight against climate change. This platform is the result of a collaboration between the **Luxembourg government and the European Investment Bank (EIB) - €30 million** will be invested for this purpose;
- the **Green Cornerstone Bond Fund**, an investment fund targeting green bonds issued by banks in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Eastern Europe has been launched in partnership with the World Bank International Finance Corporation;
- the **Climate Finance Accelerator**, which aims to professionalise fund managers in the field of green finance.

These initiatives are part of Luxembourg's strategy to combat climate change in the field of international finance. **Luxembourg Green Exchange (LGX)**, founded in September 2016, is the first platform entirely dedicated to green, social and sustainable financial instruments. With 133 green bonds of an accumulated value of €63 billion, the new green section of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is the world leader on the market with almost half of all listed green bonds.

A shared commitment that will not go unheeded

The summit was part of the process of implementing the Paris Agreement and addressed in particular the issue of financing climate actions and aligning cash flows to achieve the Paris Agreement's objectives - both in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting populations from the effects of climate change.

In 2015, 195 countries gathered at the Paris Climate Change Conference (COP21) and agreed on an international climate agreement. The goal was clearly defined: to limit global warming to between 1.5°C and 2°C by 2100.

(Source: press release of the Ministry of State)

Luxembourg Climate Protection Strategy

Luxembourg's environment ministry has outlined the country's climate protection strategy which aims to achieve an emission reduction of 40% by 2030.

The target is set in comparison with 2005 emission figures and the latest review adds to the development of the national climate plan. Within the context of international climate support Luxembourg has committed to invest €120 million from 2014 to 2020. Around €100 million has already been allocated, including €12 million earmarked for non-governmental organisations (NGO). All of Luxembourg's communes are members of the country's climate pact and more than €30 million was distributed to communes in grants between 2013 and 2017 and a further €23.7 million was awarded through the Environmental Protection Fund for energy projects.

Luxembourg has also made subsidies available and put measures in place to encourage sustainable projects. Property owners have access to a housing premium for high-energy constructions or renovations. Between 2014 and 2017 more than 16,000 projects were subsidised under the PRIME House scheme, totalling €87 million in three years. Sustainable mobility tax measures have seen the number of newly-registered electric vehicles increase from 139 in 2016 to 386 in 2017 and plug-in hybrids have gone from 170 in 2016 to 714 in 2017. *(excerpt from Luxembourg Times article January 2018)*