

UK to host COP26, but can they meet 2050 carbonization goals?

With the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) set to meet in Glasgow on 1 – 12 November, all eyes are on this year's host, the UK, which recently published its vision for a prosperous, low carbon UK industrial sector in 2050.

While the UK's Industrial decarbonization strategy is the first strategy published by a major economy to set out how industry can decarbonize in line with net zero, while remaining competitive and without pushing emissions abroad, some have questioned whether the overall timeline is realistic, including Emma Howard Boyd (pictured, right), who is Chair of the UK's Environment Agency.



Emma Howard Boyd
Source: www.gov.uk

Citing a recent decision by Germany's constitutional court, which said the country's 2019 climate law is inadequate because the largest share of decarbonization needed for its 2050 climate goals won't be met until after 2030, Howard Boyd wondered if the UK Government should reconsider its approach to ensure that all stakeholders truly understand how capital is deployed as well as the risks that climate change represents.

Howard Boyd, who recently spoke at the Transition Pathway Initiative event at the London Stock Exchange in May said "The UK Government should be applauded for its leadership in setting a 2050 date, but to achieve success, everyone in the public and private sectors needs a clearer understanding of how capital is deployed - right now - to manage the transition to net zero, prepare for climate shocks, and restore nature."

Howard Boyd also mentioned that four years ago, the Church of England National Investing Bodies and the Environment Agency Pension Fund set up the Transition Pathway Initiative. Every year, the TPI reviews the progress made by the world's highest-emitting public companies. This year, the TPI report finds that no sector is reducing emissions fast enough to meet the UK's 2050 target.

Last November, the UK announced its intention to make Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures-aligned disclosures (TCFD) mandatory across the economy by 2025, with a significant portion of mandatory requirements in place by 2023. This would make the UK the first major economy to legislate for and enforce recommendations of the TCFD.

To learn more about the UK's goals to combat climate change and COP26, please click [here](#).

Regulations & Standards

In the US, the [SEC](#) is seeking public input on climate change disclosures, deadline June 14, 2021.

- Public input on the Commission's disclosure rules and guidance as they apply to climate change disclosures, and whether and how they should be modified, can include comments on existing disclosure requirements in Regulation S-K and Regulation S-X (or, for foreign private issuers, Form 20-F), potential new Commission disclosure requirements, and potential new disclosure frameworks that the Commission might adopt or incorporate in its disclosure rules.

Fund specific news

Global Sustainable Fund Flows: Q1 2021 in Review



Key takeaways:

- Continued interest in environmental, social, and governance issues drives global sustainable fund assets 19% higher to shy of USD 2 trillion at the end of the first quarter of 2021 compared to Q4 2020.
- Global sustainable flows reach all-time highs for the fourth quarter in a row. Continuing to dominate the space, Europe accounted for over 79% of these flows, while the U.S. accounted for 11.6% of it.
- Flows in the rest of the world clocked in at USD 17 billion for Canada, Australia and New Zealand, Japan, and Asia combined.
- Product development in the first quarter hit 169 new offerings, including an all-time high of 47 launches in countries outside of Europe and the United States.

Source: [Morningstar](#), April 2021

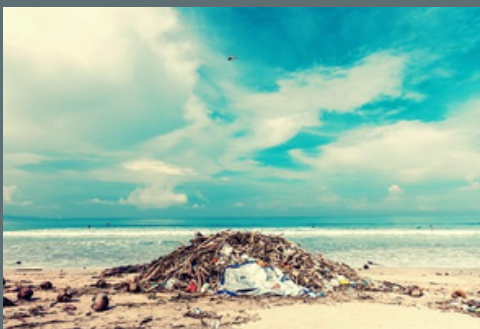
Other news and upcoming events

According to analysis recently undertaken and published by the [Green Finance Institute](#), with support from KPMG's Future Mobility Team, they estimate that more than £150 billion of gross capital investment may be required to decarbonise the UK road transport sector between 2021 and 2030, requiring a significant acceleration in the rate of investment into zero-carbon transport solutions.

Source: [Green Finance Institute](#), May 2021

- Not sure where or how to start or approach your ESG journey? INDOS Financial's Head of ESG Services, [Victoria Gillespie](#), and Head of Business Development, [Jon Masters](#), will be addressing this topic at [AIMA's inaugural event dedicated exclusively to ESG](#) on June 8th. *Registration is complimentary to AIMA members.*
- Celebrate World Ocean Day on June 8th by visiting [WorldOceanDay.org](#) to learn how we can all protect 30% of our blue planet by 2030.

INDOS pick of the month



According to [Plastic Bank](#), a Vancouver, Canada-based company focused on addressing the root causes of ocean pollution and global poverty, they have recycled 22 million kg of plastics (18 million kg last year), all while improving the lives of their "collectors," who are paid a premium for the materials they collect to help them provide basic family necessities such as groceries, school tuition, and health insurance.

Through this model, Plastic Bank believes they are turning plastic into gold by revolutionizing the world's recycling systems to create a regenerative, inclusive, and circular plastic economy. They currently have operations in Haiti, Brazil, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Egypt.

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