

Seminar: Global Climate Action after Paris

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Abstract

The Paris Agreement established a framework for the nationally determined climate targets put forward by more than 180 countries in the past year, and a new process for revisiting of these targets every five years. In this talk, I will discuss how the process unfolded, starting with the US–China joint announcement. I will highlight and discuss a few notable targets, including that of the United States, and will describe how these targets aggregate over the coming decade. Finally, I will address the question of how we might reach our global climate goals—including keeping warming to no more than 2 or even 1.5C—under the targets and the approach established by Paris, and what that would imply for the global energy system.

Bio

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