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THE ROAD TO COP26. THE VIEW FROM INDIA: BUILDING A CLIMATE RESILIENT ECONOMY.

Monday September 13, 2021 | 10:30 – 11:30AM CET Brussels (GMT+2)

Speaker

Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, founder-CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)

Moderator

Ambassador, Dr. Len Ishmael, Global Affairs, Brussels Diplomatic Academy, Senior Fellow Policy Center for the New South.

Details: Join the Embassy of India, the Policy Center for the New South and the Brussels Diplomatic Academy and our guest, Dr. Arunabha Ghosh for a wide-ranging webinar on September 13, 2021 on the topic: *The Road to COP26. The View from India. Building a Climate Resilient Economy*. The webinar is part of a series of important public diplomacy events in celebration of the 75th anniversary of India's Independence. Around the world,

preparations are well underway by all parties to the UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 26 now scheduled to take place from 1-12 November 2021, in Glasgow, UK) towards finalizations of national plans and positions on the various items on the conference's agenda. Climate change is widespread, rapid and intensifying, and some trends are now irreversible, at least during the current time frame. Human induced climate change is already affecting many weather and climate extremes in every region across the globe. The webinar explores a series of vital questions including India's approach to the climate change crisis, and more specifically, the agenda for discussion at COP26 in terms of India's nationally determined contributions, mitigation efforts, and contribution to discussions on the matter of renewable energy, adaptation, climate change finance, loss and damage and implementation.

Location

The webinar will be broadcast live on the Policy Center for the New South's social media platforms: YouTube: <https://youtu.be/MlexCS6bPCO>

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BIO: Dr. Arunabha Ghosh

Dr Arunabha Ghosh is a public policy professional, adviser, author, columnist, and institution builder. As the founder-CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), he has led CEEW to the top ranks as one of Asia's leading policy research institutions and among the world's 20 best climate think-tanks. Arunabha advises governments, industry, civil society and international organisations, including India's Prime Minister's Office. He was actively involved in conceptualising and designing the International Solar Alliance and is a founding board member of the Clean Energy Access Network. In 2015, he was invited by France, as a *Personnalité d'Avenir*, to advise on the COP21 climate negotiations; and advised extensively on HFC negotiations for the Kigali Amendment. In 2018, Dr Ghosh was nominated to the UN's *Committee for Development Policy*. In 2020, the Government of India appointed him as the Co-Chair of the energy, environment and climate change track for India's *Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP2020)*. He is

the Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Clean Air, is a member of the international high-level panel of the *Environment of Peace initiative*, and serves on the Board of Directors of Climate Works Foundation.

His monthly columns are widely read, he is regularly interviewed on national and international television, and has hosted or featured in documentaries on water, energy and climate change. His 2019 *TED Talk* on air quality (Mission 80-80-80) has crossed over 245,000 views. He is the co-author/editor of four books, dozens of papers, and is the lead author of *Jobs, Growth and Sustainability: A New Social Contract for India's Recovery* (CEEW, 2020). He has previously worked at Princeton, Oxford, UNDP (New York), and WTO (Geneva), and has experience in 45 countries. He holds a D.Phil. from Oxford and topped Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

BIO: Ambassador Dr. Len Ishmael

Dr. Ishmael is the Advisor Global Affairs of the Brussels Diplomatic Academy of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). She is a Commissioner on the Lancet Commission for Covid-19. Dr. Ishmael is a German Marshall Fund Fellow and Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South and a visiting Professor at the Mohammed 6 University, Morocco as well as at the VUB. She is the former Ambassador of the Eastern Caribbean States to the Kingdom of Belgium and EU and past President of the 79-member African, Caribbean & Pacific (ACP) Committee of Ambassadors in Brussels. She was the Director & Head of the Regional Headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America & the Caribbean; Director General of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Alternate Governor of the World Bank and Director for the Foundation: Leadership for Environment & Development of the Rockefeller Foundation in New York City. She is the Fletcher School's Tufts University GMAP Endowment Fellow and member of The Fletcher School's GMAP Advisory Council. She was an expert witness at the House of Lord's inquiry into Commonwealth efforts post Brexit to lift countries out of poverty through trade.

She is the author of several publications on global politics and international relations. Dr. Ishmael was conferred a Doctoral Degree in Development Planning from the University of Pennsylvania, a Global Master of Arts from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Master of Arts in Urban Planning from City University of New York and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of the West Indies. She was bestowed the Order of Merit of the Kingdom of Spain by HM King Carlos for her efforts in building the Spanish-Caribbean relationship.

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