



**ChangeNOW 2026 unveils its program:
accelerating solutions in the face of planetary boundaries
30 March–1 April 2026 - Grand Palais, Paris**

PARIS - February 16, 2026 - ChangeNOW unveils the [program](#) for its 2026 edition, to be held from March 30 to April 1 at the Grand Palais in Paris. With **40,000 participants** expected, **10,000 companies** engaged, **1,200 investors**, **1,000 high-impact solutions** and 140 countries represented, ChangeNOW is the largest global event dedicated to solutions for the planet.

As the overshoot of planetary boundaries reshapes the framework for economic and public decision-making, one question arises: how can we organize the shift to action? ChangeNOW 2026 will bring science, businesses and public authorities into dialogue to accelerate the implementation of concrete solutions for the planet.

PRESS ACCREDITATION

Science under pressure: what decisions in a constrained world?

At a time when political polarization and climate disinformation are weakening public debate, ChangeNOW 2026 places **science at the heart of its program**. Confirmed speakers include: **Johan Rockström**, Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and theorist of planetary boundaries; **Diana Ürge-Vorsatz**, Vice-Chair of the IPCC; **Kate Raworth**, economist and co-founder of Doughnut Economics; and **Jean-Marc Jancovici**, co-founder of Carbone 4.

Their analyses will shed light on the consequences of planetary boundaries overshoot and will inform discussions with business leaders such as **Paul Polman**, former CEO of Unilever; **Isabelle Spiegel**, Vice President for Environment at VINCI; **David Kennedy**, CEO of the SBTi; and **Sébastien Bazin**, Chairman and CEO of Accor, on organizations' ability to balance short-term performance with long-term resilience.

The program will also address climate disinformation and its impact on public decision-making, notably with **Melissa Fleming**, Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications at the United Nations, and **Thibaut Bruttin**, Director General of Reporters Without Borders.

Transforming the economy: from decision-making to solution deployment

ChangeNOW 2026 brings together **companies, investors and public decision-makers** to work on aligning corporate strategies and financing with planetary boundaries.

As part of this framework, the Grand Palais will become a global **showcase of innovations serving the transition**. An international selection of companies from more than **50 countries** will cover key sectors such as energy, the circular economy, sustainable mobility, and biodiversity. **330 companies** will exhibit on site and **150 will pitch** before an audience of investors and decision-makers. From prototype stage to high-growth companies, these players will present solutions that are already operational and seeking large-scale deployment.

Business leaders and financial decision-makers, including **Marcel Zuidam**, CEO of Triodos Bank; **Nadia Nikolova**, Chair of ResponsAbility, Co-founder and Chair of WaterEquity; and **Isabelle Combarel**, CEO of Arkéa Capital, will examine the evolution of business models and the integration of climate risks into governance and investment criteria.

The summit will also welcome impact funds participating in the “Funds for Change” program. To date, the participating General Partners (GPs) collectively represent **\$26 billion** in assets under management. The program organizes curated meetings between these funds and solution providers to help facilitate investment decisions aligned with social and environmental priorities.

In parallel, around **fifteen Action Groups** will bring together companies, investors, think tanks and institutional partners around shared roadmaps. In 2025, this work notably led to the launch of a carbon charter aligned with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, signed by 17 companies.

Governing the ecological transition: international cooperation and European sovereignty

In a context of geopolitical tensions and a reconfiguration of global power dynamics, ChangeNOW 2026 will examine the capacity of European and global institutions to advance coherent climate governance. Political leaders and international cooperation actors, including **Christiana Figueres**, former Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC; **Laurence Tubiana**, CEO of the European Climate Foundation; **Laurent Fabius**, President of COP21; as well as representatives of COP30 and COP31, will review the next steps of the international climate agenda.

This ambition will also unfold at the European level: **Benjamin Haddad**, Minister Delegate for Europe; **Victor Negrescu**, Vice-President of the European Parliament; and **Sandrine Dixson-Declève**, Honorary President of the Club of Rome and Executive Chair of Earth4All, will debate the European Union's capacity to combine climate ambition, industrial sovereignty and economic stability.

It will also be embodied in a strengthened international presence: **40 international delegations** will take part in structured meetings and bilateral exchanges aimed at coordinating public action and economic strategies. The **dedicated cities program** will bring together representatives from major European capitals including London, Amsterdam, The Hague, Copenhagen to work on implementing climate commitments under the European Mission "100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030."

ChangeNOW 2026 also features **11 dedicated programs** bringing together communities engaged in the transition: women leaders in impact, athletes mobilized for the climate, young people from priority neighborhoods, and entrepreneurs from the African innovation ecosystem.

Practical information and press accreditation

 **Date:** Monday 30 March to Wednesday 1 April 2026

 **Venue:** Grand Palais, Paris

 **Press accreditation:**

<https://changenow2026.eventmaker.io/en/registration/67f4386687fe7719e3e37d81>

Program:

https://www.changenow-summit.com/2026/timetable/?_gl=18bjby7_gcl_au*MTIxNDM2NDc0Mi4xNzY1Mjg4NTE5

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About ChangeNOW

ChangeNOW's mission is to accelerate the ecological and social transition through the deployment of concrete actions addressing major environmental and social urgencies. Each year, ChangeNOW organises the world's largest event dedicated to solutions for the planet. The summit brings together entrepreneurs, investors, change leaders, policymakers and the general public from around the world in an inspiring, action-oriented format. ChangeNOW 2026 is made possible thanks to the support of partners including Kering, Moët Hennessy, AXA, Saint-Gobain, KPMG as well as ecosystem partners including Climate Reality Project, B Lab, Climate KIC, Earth4All, CNRS, Club of Rome, Doughnut Economics Action Lab, Jane Goodall Institute, IUCN, Cleantech Open, WHO CAREs!?, Chronicles, The Earthshot Prize.

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