



MEDIA TIP
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How can the next global climate change talks be successful?

Media are invited to meet with BC Environment Minister Mary Polak, Vancouver City Mayor Gregor Robertson and the Ambassador of France to Canada, Nicolas Chapuis, ahead of their appearance at a [public discussion](#) in Vancouver this Thursday (March 26) on how to best support the crucial United Nations climate talks in Paris later this year.

Each are panelists for the high-level public discussion, entitled "*From Local to Global Challenges, What Needs to Be Done for a Successful Climate Conference in Paris 2015? A Political Discussion on the Road to the COP21.*" The event is co-hosted by the **Consulate General of France**, **Carbon Talks** and the **Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions** (PICS), and is part of a series of [free public events](#) organized by the French Consulate in Vancouver in the lead-up to the Paris talks. Michael Small, executive director of Renewable Cities and Carbon Talks will moderate the panel.

The UN Conference of the Parties (COP21) in December 2015 is a vitally important international climate conference that represents society's best chance for creating a universal binding agreement between nations, both developed and developing. The stakes are high: growing evidence suggests that average global surface temperatures in the next three to four decades will rise past two degrees Celsius (from pre-industrial times), the threshold beyond which scientists believe dangerous climate change will occur.

The three panelists, as well as Michael Small and PICS executive director Tom Pedersen, will be available to meet with the media from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the SFU Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Boardroom 430 prior to the public discussion being held in the same venue's Asia Pacific Hall from 5 p.m.—6:30 p.m. A reception at the Contemporary Art Gallery in downtown Vancouver after the conference is another opportunity for networking.

WHAT: Media can meet with Minister Polak, Mayor Robertson and Ambassador Chapuis
WHEN: 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., Thursday, March 26
WHERE: Boardroom 430, Wosk Centre for Dialogue, 580 W Hastings Street, Vancouver

Editors note: media are also welcome to attend the public panel discussion from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. The event can be watched on a live webcast at <http://www.sfu.ca/webcast/index.html>

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