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Tasmania plays its part in European Union's Climate Diplomacy Day events

The Delegation of the European Union to Australia and New Zealand, the French Embassy, the Belgian Embassy, the German Embassy, the Spanish Embassy and the British High Commission have jointly organised a major climate change event simultaneously in nine cities in Australia and New Zealand TODAY, June 17, including in Hobart, Tasmania.

The University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies and the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre (ACE CRC) will host "Climate Diplomacy Day" at the IMAS Waterfront building, Battery Pt, Hobart, as part of a global effort by the European Union to raise awareness of climate change issues and to encourage informed debate in view of the United Nation's climate change conference, taking place in Paris at the end of the year.

The event will start with the Australian premiere screening of the documentary "The Climate Blueprint" in the Aurora Lecture Theatre at 6pm TONIGHT (both the theatre and overflow rooms have booked out), a film which retraces the history of climate negotiations, outlines what's at stake and the main actors, and is a strong call for action to reach a global, fair and ambitious climate deal in Paris.

Click here to watch the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wizcGpKbltY>

The documentary will serve as a basis for an expert panel discussion and the topics will include:

- What is the latest science on climate change?
- What initiatives already underway at the community, industry and policy level?
- How can we engage the community in the transition to a renewables-based economy?
- How will Tasmania be impacted?

Panelists include:

- Professor Nathan Bindoff, climate scientist and IPCC lead author
- Thomas Biedermann, Embassy of France in Australia
- Peter Boyer, climate science writer

- Dr Rohan Church, Doctors for the Environment Australia
- Jess Lerch, Wilderness Society, National Climate Change Campaigner.
- Linda Sams, Head of Sustainability and Fish Health at TASSAL

Moderator will be Peter Boyer from IMAS.

The discussions will be Livestreamed and can be viewed here: <http://ow.ly/OmWRI>

For more information, please visit:

Article: <http://www.ambafrance-au.org/On-Wednesday-17-June-2015-the-European-Union-celebrates-its-Climate-Diplomacy>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Ambafrancecanberra/posts/999786730053722>

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