

Scientists run a 12-hour long lecture in front of the COP-27 Climate Conference in Bonn to protest against inaction on climate change



On the 11th of June, Scientist Rebellion organizes a 12-hour long series of lectures in front of the COP27 Climate Change Conference in Bonn. Scientists want to protest against inertia by governments and business leaders in reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) worldwide. Experts fear that many ecosystems around the world are close to breakdown due to temperature increase, which, in the words of climate scientist Prof. Will Steffen, will cause the collapse of civilization as we know it.

From 9am to 9pm, lectures will cover the physics of climate change, the impact of climate change on nature and societies with a focus on Africa, the linkages between climate change and the economic, political, psychological, and social domains, with a focus on gender. The lectures will also summarise the recommendations of the International Panel on Climate Change and of the Tyndall Centre on how to embrace environmentally sustainable pathways of change. They will also introduce civil disobedience as an indispensable tool of social action. Lectures will be held in English and German.

The COP27 is an international conference where representatives from most governments in the world discuss and negotiate their countries' climate policies. Last year's COP26 conference in Glasgow failed to achieve reductions in greenhouse gases emissions compatible with the goal of keeping temperature increases below the safety level of 1.5°C. It also failed to set up the "Damage and Loss Fund", which should guarantee financial help and compensation to low-income countries most vulnerable to climate disasters, whose institution had been promised since 2009. For these reasons, the United Nations have exceptionally decided to also devote the COP27 conference to discuss national commitments to emission reductions. The conference in Bonn prepares the main COP27 conference to be held in Egypt in November.

“Even if we cannot be sure of which level of temperature increase is absolutely safe, we know that the more temperatures rise, the more the risk of collapse of ecosystems and, with them, of civilization increases”, says Dr Gianluca Grimalda, researcher in social psychology at a German research institute”. “The latest IPCC report estimates that half of the world population will be exposed to life-threatening events in the course of this century. Like passengers of the Titanic, we are sleepwalking towards disaster. I am participating in this event to remind COP27 delegates the truth about climate science, and to urge them to act now, not in 2030 or 2050, to avert the looming catastrophe”.

[Scientist Rebellion](#) is an international movement of scientists, researchers, students and supporters that practice non-violent civil disobedience to respond to the urgency of climate emergency. The event is organized in collaboration with [Extinction Rebellion Germany](#) and [Last Generation Germany](#), movements that also support the use of non-violent civil action to prompt social change toward sustainability.

- Even the most prudent scientific estimates suggest that the world average temperature will permanently exceed 1.5°C from pre-industrial levels in the course of the 2030 decade.
- Current pledges by governments would still lead to temperature increases of 2.7°C (best estimate; uncertainty range 2°C-3.6°C) by 2100, according to [Carbon Brief](#).
- In the first week of April, Scientist Rebellion mobilized more than 1000 scientists, researchers and supporters in 28 countries around the world in actions of civil disobedience and public lectures, on the occasion of the release of the third part of the 6th International Panel on Climate Change Report.

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