



## **BLCCJ – Webinar on Climate Change**

**“From Warning to Action: Harnessing the IPCC Report for Sustainable Industry Solutions”**

### **SPEAKERS**

1) Bart Rymen, Belgian IPCC focal point, Belspo

Bart, who holds a Ph.D. in biotechnology from Ghent University, possesses a broad expertise in plant biology research. His career includes notable positions such as Manager at KU Leuven Plant Institute, as well as serving as a Postdoctoral Researcher at CNRS in France and RIKEN in Japan. Currently, Bart serves as the national focal point, acting as the primary communication link between the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Belgian government. In this crucial role, he plays a pivotal part in shaping the national position on climate change and coordinates the contribution of Belgian experts and stakeholders in the IPCC process.

[https://www.belspo.be/belspo/coordination/extra\\_euCoor\\_ipcc\\_en.stm](https://www.belspo.be/belspo/coordination/extra_euCoor_ipcc_en.stm)

2) Joeri Rogelj, Director of Research at the Grantham Institute and IPCC author, Imperial College London



Joeri is a prominent Belgian climate scientist with a Ph.D. in climate science from ETH Zurich, Switzerland. His extensive research on international climate agreements, carbon budgets, emission pathways, and global net-zero targets has had a profound impact on the global conversation surrounding climate change. Joeri's work has been instrumental in advancing the discussion on the feasibility of limiting global warming to 1.5°C, particularly in the context of the UN Paris Agreement. Moreover, he has emphasized the crucial intersection between climate, sustainable development, and climate justice, fostering a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and pathways to a more sustainable future. Through his publications and advocacy, Joeri continues to inspire and guide policymakers, researchers, and advocates worldwide.

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### 3) Valérie Trouet, Paleoclimatologist and Scientific Director, Belgian Climate Centre



Valerie, a native of Belgium, earned her Ph.D. in Bioscience Engineering from KULeuven in 2004. As a highly regarded paleoclimate scientist, she has conducted pioneering research at renowned institutions including PennState University, various Swiss research centers, and as a professor at the University of Arizona. In 2020, Valerie made a significant contribution to the field with her influential book, "Tree Story," (available in Japanese), which delves into the captivating realm of trees and their historical significance in unraveling climate dynamics. At the Belgian Climate Centre, Valerie is passionately committed to advancing climate research and offering innovative solutions for decision-makers and society at large. The center operates with three core objectives: consolidating and strengthening climate research resources, fostering

collaborative structures with universities and research centers, and developing tailored climatological services and solutions to address the unique needs of decision-makers and society. Through its holistic approach, the Belgian Climate Centre will play a pivotal role in driving progress and promoting sustainable practices to tackle the challenges posed by climate change.

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