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Dr Jane Goodall named as a COP26 Advocate with 100 days to go until crucial UN climate change summit

Sub-heading:

Dr Jane Goodall, DBE, Founder – the Jane Goodall Institute, and UN Messenger of Peace named COP26 Advocate

- Environmentalist and expert in the study of animal behaviour Dr Jane Goodall joins COP26 as an Advocate
- Over her 60 year research career, Dr Goodall has redefined the relationship between humans and animals
- For COP26, she will speak about forests, biodiversity and nature-based solutions in the run up to the climate change summit in Glasgow

World-renowned environmentalist Dr Jane Goodall has today been announced as a COP26 Advocate, marking 100 days to go until the crucial climate change summit in Glasgow.

As COP26 Advocate, Dr Goodall will help bring the world's attention to the importance of tackling climate change and COP26 – the most important international climate meeting since the signing of the Paris Agreement.

Dr Goodall will help raise awareness of climate change to audiences about the importance for climate action globally, highlighting the work that needs to be done to protect the planet for future generations.

She will do this by speaking to leaders and groups around the world in the run up to COP26 on this vital relationship between nature and climate.

Protecting and restoring natural habitats and ecosystems is a key focus for the UK as COP26 hosts and will be crucial to preserve the planet's biodiversity, absorb emissions, and improve our health and wellbeing.

One of the world's leading voices in conservation, Dr Goodall's writings and public speeches emphasise the connection of all living things and the collective power of individual action.

Dr Goodall has developed a breakthrough approach to species conservation that improves the lives of people, animals and the environment, by highlighting how they are connected to each other.

COP26 President-Designate Alok Sharma said:

“It is a great pleasure to welcome Dr Jane Goodall as a COP26 Advocate.

“At the heart of Dr Goodall's incredible career is showing why the protection of the natural environment and species matters to people and the planet.

“This focus on protecting communities and natural habitats is a key goal for COP26 and so I am delighted Dr Goodall will be working with us and sharing her expertise as we head into the crucial 100 days before Glasgow.”

COP26 Advocate Dr Jane Goodall said:

“I am honoured to be given the title of COP26 Advocate. We have come to a turning point in our relationship with the natural world.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that we must change our ways.

“In my 87 years, I have seen the ice melting in Greenland and the glaciers vanishing on Mount Kilimanjaro and around the world. Forests are disappearing – deforestation means we are losing one of the lungs of the world.

“In 100 days, it is crucial that world leaders come together at COP26 to take urgent action to protect our planet.”

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Notes to editors:

1. **Also strictly embargoed until 0001 on Friday 23 July 2021:** a video message from Dr Jane Goodall is available here.
2. Dr Goodall has also pioneered educational initiatives, founding her youth programme Roots & Shoots in 1991 with a group of Tanzanian students. The programme now reaches young people of all ages in more than 60 countries.
3. This year, the UK will host the UN climate change conference COP26, in Glasgow with our partners, Italy. This will provide an opportunity for the world to come together and commit to urgent action.
4. As hosts of COP26, the UK is leading by example during this unprecedented time. Guided by science, we are investing in a green recovery which creates sustainable jobs and addresses the urgent and linked challenges of public health, climate change, and biodiversity loss.
5. The UK is committed to working with all countries and joining forces with civil society, companies and people on the frontline of climate change to inspire action ahead of COP26.

About Dr. Jane Goodall

- Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace is a world renowned ethologist and activist inspiring greater understanding and action on behalf of the natural world every single day.
- Dr. Goodall is best known for groundbreaking studies of wild chimpanzees in Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania, transformative research that continues to this day as the longest running wild chimpanzee study in the world.
- Dr. Goodall is the founder of the Jane Goodall Institute, a global conservation, advocacy, animal welfare, research, and youth empowerment organization, including her global Roots & Shoots programme.

- Jane has worked extensively on climate action, human rights, conservation and animal welfare issues for decades, and continues to be a central voice in the work to advance environmental progress.

About the Jane Goodall Institute

- The Jane Goodall Institute is a global community-centered conservation organization that advances the vision and work of Dr. Jane Goodall.
- By protecting chimpanzees and other great apes through collaboration with local communities, best in class animal welfare standards and the innovative use of science and technology, we improve the lives of people, other animals and the natural world we all share.
- Founded in 1977 by Dr. Goodall, JGI inspires hope through collective action, and is growing the next generation of compassionate changemakers through our Roots & Shoots youth programme, now active in over 60 countries around the world.
- www.janegoodall.org.uk; [Www.rootnsnshoots.org.uk](http://www.rootnsnshoots.org.uk)