

NEWS RELEASE

NYU-Poly Celebrates "Climate Week NY°C" with a Panel Discussion, "New York City's Built Environment: Opportunities, Incentives, and the Carbon Challenge," Sept. 22

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The panel discussion will bring together experts who are helping create a future that begins to improve the link between energy and environment for the well-being of New York.

Panelists include:

- **Mathis Wackernagel**, executive director of Global Footprint Network, an international think tank working to assess sustainability through use of a resource accounting tool.
- **Imke Oster**, vice president of New York City's Economic Development Corporation, who will

address existing city incentives and programs which are targeted at energy efficiency and innovations in the building sector.

- **Anthony Sblendorio**, CEO of Ecological, LLC., which monitors, assesses and improves sustainability performance for real estate assets on a portfolio level.
- **Panel moderator: Kurt Becker**, NYU-Polys associate provost for research and science.

The evening is hosted by Polytechnic Institute of New York University's New York City Accelerator for a Clean and Renewable Economy (NYC ACRE). The NYC ACRE initiative is seeded by a grant from the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority. The Climate Group, dedicated to a low carbon, prosperous future, is collaborating with NYU-Poly on this effort.

For more details on Climate Week NY°C please visit www.climateweeknyc.org. For more information on climate change, the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, the UN framework, and the negotiation process, please visit the [COP 15 website](#).

