

‘Arctic Alarm’ UNGA press briefing

Ahead of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly high-level climate summit on September 24th, a group of expert Arctic scientists will be joined by Nigel Topping, UK Climate Champion, to explain the science of Arctic ice loss and how it’s driving a world of worsening climate impacts.

The briefing takes place at the end of Arctic summer, where right now the summer sea ice is at a near record-breaking low extent.

Briefing info:

- Tuesday 22 September
- 7-8am US Eastern / 12-1pm UK BST / 9pm Japan time

Register by 5pm US Eastern / 10pm UK BST / 6am Japan time Monday 21 September to attend: Media@ArcticBasecamp.org

One year on from the IPCC’s [Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate](#), we see extreme stories of fire and ice, as California wildfires burn a path of destruction and part of the Greenland ice sheet breaks apart in the same week. This is on top of unprecedentedly high temperatures in Siberia, Arctic wildfires that released a never before seen amount of carbon dioxide (244 megatonnes, up 35% from 2019), a near-record minimum sea-ice extent, the loss of the last intact Canadian ice shelf earlier in the summer, as well as a worryingly active Atlantic hurricane season.

The experts will explain how these seemingly unrelated events are connected and how saving as much of the Arctic sea ice and ice sheets as possible, gives us all the best chance for the future. What should the governments, businesses, investors and citizens of the biggest emitting countries do, and what future extreme events might we experience as the Arctic sea ice continues to melt?

The panel includes:

- Professor Gail Whiteman, University of Exeter Business School and Founder of Arctic Basecamp
- Dr. Jennifer Francis, Woodwell Climate Research Center
- Professor Julianne Stroeve, University of Manitoba & University College London
- Nigel Topping, UK High Level Climate Action Champion for COP26
- Facilitated by Zoe Tcholak-Antitch, Campaign Collective / Mission 2020

If you cannot attend the briefing, it will be recorded and shared at www.ArcticBasecamp.org/Media promptly to help those journalists covering UNGA and Climate Week NYC.

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