

# TRANSCRIPT



## STEVE HOWARD CEO, THE CLIMATE GROUP

Scientists and economists agree we need to more than halve emissions by mid-century. That means every decision, investment decisions, new policies all need to be *low carbon* decisions. Nothing else will do.

World leaders have a great opportunity to show leadership on an unparalleled scale.

We can see the beginnings of a clean industrial revolution:  
We've got more jobs in the US wind industry than there are in the US coal industry.  
We've got innovation with LEDs, electric vehicles, from China to India to Japan.

It's the beginning of our Zero Carbon Age, where we will solve resource constraints and we'll solve pollution problems and we'll create a better world, a cleaner world, a world with great opportunities for economic development – and one that respects the planet.

It's about leadership. That's what will get us there.

So, we need world leaders to do what *only* they can and take the right decision; a historic decision that will protect the lives and enhance the lives of billions of people for generations to come.

The Climate Group has seen, through our leaders in our network of cities, states, regions and businesses across the world, that this is possible. We're dealing with *known* policies and *known* technologies. We can do it in a way that works for the economy, works for the environment and works for jobs.

So, this is not a leap into the dark, this is a leap into the light. This is the time to do it.

Business and civil society, states and regions and cities, stand behind you to make that [decision]. Be brave, we'll be with you, and future generations will thank you for it.

ENDS

*The Climate Group ([www.theclimategroup.org](http://www.theclimategroup.org)) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation working internationally with government and business leaders to advance smart policies and technologies to cut global emissions and accelerate a low carbon economy. Its global coalition of companies, states, regions and cities around the world recognise the economic and environmental imperatives of taking decisive action now. The Climate Group was founded in 2004 and has operations in Australia, China, Europe, India and North America.*

For further information please contact: [www.theclimategroup.org](http://www.theclimategroup.org)

**THE CLIMATE GROUP**