

## REXEL PARTICIPATES IN THE *PARIS CLIMAT 2015: MAKE IT WORK* INITIATIVE DRIVEN BY INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY SCIENCES PO

Rexel, a global leader in the professional distribution of products and services for the energy world, strengthens its commitment to a better climate by joining the Sciences Po-led initiative ***Paris Climat 2015: Make It Work***. This program connects communities of students and researchers with key stakeholders in civil society, including companies, both in France and abroad, to address the issues of climate change and related CSR challenges.

The ***Make It Work*** program includes a series of high-level conferences with contributions from experts from around the world (Al Gore, Nicolas Stern, Ban Ki Moon..), an informative and educational blog on climate change ([www.cop21makeitwork.com](http://www.cop21makeitwork.com)) and a student simulation enacted by 200 students at the end of May 2015. This year, Sciences Po has opened up the initiative to other universities across the world, including the Tsinghua University in Beijing, the London School of Economics, Columbia University in NYC, and Leiden University in the Netherlands.

### The simulation, the centerpiece of Make It Work

Over six days, from May 26 to 31, the Nanterre-Amandiers theater and Sciences Po have organized a simulation of the UN Climate Change negotiations with 200 students from across the world, representing 41 delegations. This simulation takes place 6 months ahead of the real summit (COP21) in Paris, in December.

With the help of theater, film and the visual arts, the theater has been transformed into a place of experimentation and innovation, in which artists, researchers and students have been brought together under one roof to envisage and experiment with different approaches to the climate change negotiations.

Prior to the simulation, Rexel organized coaching sessions with its experts for students of the different universities focusing on energy efficiency and its important role in mitigating climate change.

### Rexel's commitment to climate change

Rexel's commitment to tackling climate change is based on the belief that the transition to a low - carbon economy cannot take place without the help of both economic and political leaders, civil society and all citizens. In the run up to the UN Climate Change Conference, to be held in Paris in December 2015, Rexel's contribution began in 2014 and will continue throughout 2015 through:

- its involvement as a founding partner of the initiative Solutions COP 21
- its participation in the Business and Climate Summit at the UNESCO headquarters in May, 200 days before the launch of COP21
- its membership of the Yale Climate Change Dialogue
- its involvement in the "Paris Climat 2015: Make It Work!" program led by Sciences Po University
- the engagement of its employees in the EcoDays internal campaign

Across all Rexel Group countries, the company distributes and promotes the adoption of energy efficient solutions every day in order to convince its partners and customers to manage their energy consumption sustainably and reduce CO2 emissions.



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