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Speaker 1:	The urgent need to first to tackle the climate crisis.
Jens Nielsen:	Yes. So it's really a crucial decade.
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Speaker 1:	The climate crisis is the world's most critical challenge right now.

And helping us continue this important conversation today is our fantastic guest who is live with us here today at COP26. And we delighted you to welcome Jennifer Lenhart global cities lead with WWF. Hi Jennifer.

- Jennifer Lenhar...: Hello. It's a great pleasure to be here with you.
- Speaker 5: Thank you for joining us.
- Jennifer Lenhar...: Thank you.
- Speaker 4: Hi, Jennifer. Could you provide us with a short introduction on your role, reason for being here in a brief synopsis of how that relates to this year's key issues at COP and what's at stake.
- Jennifer Lenhar...: Yes. Well, firstly, it's a great pleasure to be here. So thank you so much. My name is Jennifer Lenhardt and I am the global lead for cities at WWF. And why cities? Why is cities important to this COP, and the wider climate agenda. Well, cities are responsible for roughly 70% of carbon emissions and they're home to 55% of global population.

And they're also key in order for really going to get the investment in innovation opportunities that are possible. One will perform as the test beds. We need them to be. So when it comes to the UN climate conference, COP26 cities and the wider non-state actor agenda.

So that's the role of cities, businesses, investors, universities, youth are making a stronger and stronger push. So we see that this is really a positive momentum

So that I think that the collaboration aspect is essential. We often refer to cities

So this is really about the NDCs or the nationally determined contributions. It's also about the national adaptation plan, and seeing that ambition is continuing to accelerate. We're pleasantly surprised with what we've seen here, but it's still not enough. So we do think that we're moving in the right direction, but knowing how urgent the science is and knowing what's at stake, we need to go faster and further and we need to do it together.

We also, when it comes to the actur

Jennifer Lenhar:	Yes.
Speaker 5:	Like that really exciting example you just gave with the mayor of Monterey. Like-
Jennifer Lenhar:	Absolutely.
Speaker 5:	how do you as a role, as a convene or perhaps like what comes next?
Jennifer Lenhar:	Definitely. I mean, convening is sort of our trademark. Our motto is Together Possible and we see that we're not going to get there unless we work together. So within WWF, we are located in about a hundred different countries. We work often very closely with national governments and investors and CDs on the ground. And then we work across our network.
	So for example, myself as the global cities lead, I work with all of my different colleagues in order to know what they're talking to, the different cities that they're working with on the ground. And certainly we have colleagues working on finance with businesses trying to build that momentum. We have something called the Alliance Climate action, which is national alliances to demonstrate commitment on climate action in order to put that positive pressure on national governments.
	To say, "Yes, we can take stronger commitments. It is possible." So, I think for us, and then to see all these commitments that were made in the last week of COP and that certainly this week is really about getting down to if a national leader can come and make a big pledge. Now the work starts on how is that actually going to be implemented.
	So we have a big role to make sure that these pledges are accountable. They are transparent, that the data is there and that the financing, the financing is there. So that if these countries say they can do it. How are they going to pay for it and who is going to pay for it? So there's going to be a lot of conversation on that. And our role is to really push the momentum forward.
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people marching on Saturday for the private March here in Glasgow, in the rain and the youth March to the day-

- Speaker 5: It rains every day in Glasgow. So they have to do it rain or shine.
- Jennifer Lenhar...: Exactly. So they were prepared, lots of rain jackets and umbrellas, the youth March the day before we're not doing enough, but we are moving in the direction. So let's say, okay, here are what we are doing. So we know what we can grasp on in order to continue dimbing forward.
- Speaker 4: Yeah. And how do we invest the next five 10 years?
- Jennifer Lenhar...: Well for myself, and I think this I'm going to take down to the local level because 579eW*DBeW8.0

this shouldn't be just about Copenhagen or Amsterdam or Stockholm. This should be about multiple cities around the world.

I just moved back from Santiago to Chile, to Stockholm. And I'm very happy to say that I've seen more investment in local nature based solutions with climate resilient plants and exponential growth in cycling. Not enough yet, but in COVID even helped that to see really the expansion of places for people, new methods of mobility.

So these things are happening and they're growing at momentum. We're seeing at least in the cities that we're working with, a lot of countries in Latin America, where their cities are also saying, we need to reconnect to nature. Cities are, when we humans settled down, we settled down and the places that had the best soils.

The best access to water, because we needed to grow our food. We needed good places for shelter. So now we need to reconnect cities to their natural landscapes. And there is a lot of positive momentum. And there's certainly, as we look forward on technology and investment, we also need to learn from the past. And I think the synergy between that will be quite exciting.

Speaker 5: Excellent. Thank you so much, Jennifer. We're going to have to leave it there, unfortunately. Because there's a lot more to do in here today at COP26. Thank you so much for joining us and sharing your expertise and experience. It's been an absolute pleasure to have you as our guest.

And we hope you enjoyed yourself here as well at the event and to all the wonderful listeners. We hope you enjoyed the live episode from wherever you are in the world. We'd love to hear how you are Collaborating. Acting and Committing to real change, take care. And we look forward to seeing you in our final episode. Bye for now.