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World must tackle climate change

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Young Soo-gil, former chairman of the Presidential Committee on Green Growth, said on Monday that governments must tackle problems associated with climate change in order to pursue sustainable growth.

"The world is dangerously off course in mitigating human-induced climate change," he said in a speech at the Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum), a two-day event that began Monday at the Sheraton Grande Walkerhill Hotel in Seoul. "Progress in de-carbonizing the world's energy systems remains frustratingly slow. The situation is far more perilous today."

But he emphasized that policies for green growth should be properly discussed with the public as their understanding is critical.

"In order for sustainability of green growth policies themselves, they should be embedded in the larger framework of the sustainable development paradigm, to ensure that the benefits of green growth are seen to be shared widely within society," he said.

In this regard, he criticized the four-river refurbishment project by the previous administration, because it was done without building support from the public.

Yang, co-chairman and director of UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)-Korea Forum, was invited to the conference as a keynote speaker along with other representatives from environmental organizations and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and renowned international experts on sustainable development.

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