Nigel Topping was appointed by the UK Government as its High Level Climate Action Champion in January 2020.

High Level Climate Action Champion role is the bridge between the Presidency and the Parties (national governments) and non state actors - businesses, investors, cities and other sub national governments, and civil society. The High Level Climate Action Champion has a global remit and has established the Race to Zero campaign to get all actors to commit to net zero.

The Champion role was created in 2015 at the climate talks in Paris and is held for two years. Mr Topping is working alongside the Chilean COP25 High Level Climate Action Champion, Gonzalo Muñoz.

Mr Topping was most recently CEO of We Mean Business, and brings valuable expertise from 18 years in the private sector, having worked across the world in emerging markets and manufacturing.