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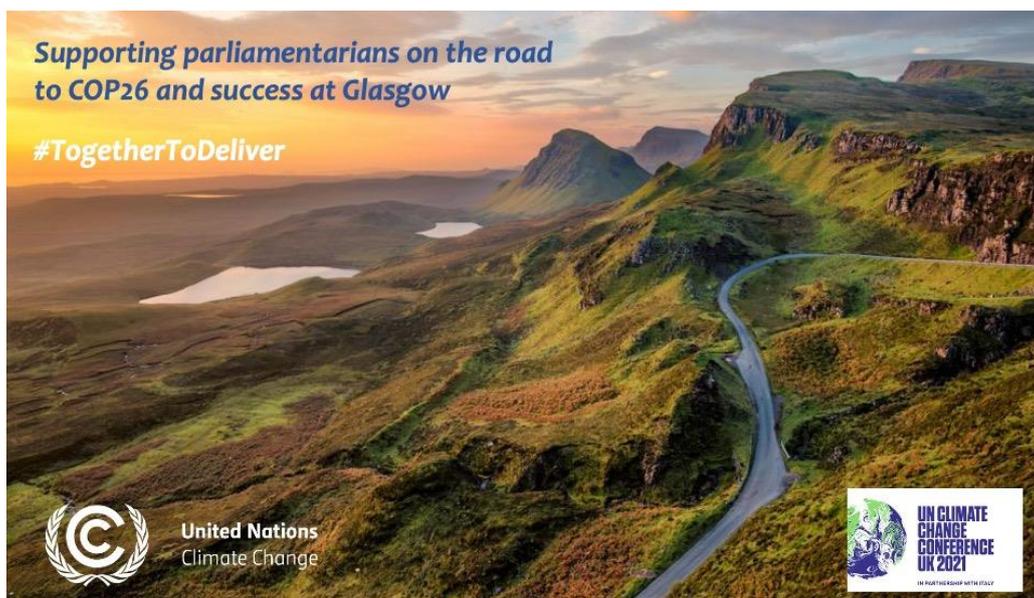
NEWSLETTER

Parliamentarians @ COP26



Fortnightly newsletter prepared by GLOBE International, serving as the UNFCCC Focal Point for the Parliamentary Group. Supporting the community to stay abreast of developments and prepare the ground for success at COP26

“Now is the time to transform humankind’s relationship with the natural world – and with each other. And we must do so together. Solidarity is humanity. Solidarity is survival.” — António Guterres



Major News/Announcements

How Developed Countries Will Meet Climate Finance Goals

The UK COP26 Presidency on Monday, October 25, 2021, unveiled a Climate Finance Delivery Plan which reveals how developed countries will meet up with the USD100billion climate finance goal.

Putin and Xi to Snub COP26

Russia’s **President Vladimir Putin** has opted out of COP26. This was announced by the Kremlin on October 20, 2021. Putin’s absence for the most important climate change event is coming amidst increasing speculations that President Xi Jinping of China will also not attend. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/30TC9LD>

Saudi Arabia Sets Net Zero Date

The world's biggest oil exporter, Saudi Arabia, has announced on Saturday, October 23, 2021, that it will reach net zero emissions by 2060. The country's Crown Prince, Mohammed Bin Salman said the country will do this through its "circular carbon economy approach in line with the kingdom's development plans." Read more here: <https://bit.ly/2ZpMGO3>.

India's Prime Minister Modi to Attend COP26



Photo credit: India Today

India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, will attend COP26. This comes as a major boost, considering that India is the world's third largest emitter. Prime Minister Modi will launch the Green Grid Initiative's One Sun One World One Grid project on November 2, 2021, during the World Leaders' Summit at the Blue Zone.

China to Commit USD233million to Biodiversity.

China is set to commit 1.5b Yuan (USD233m) to biodiversity. This was announced by President Xi Jinping during a keynote address sent through video link at the leaders' summit of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) which held in Kunming, Southwest China's Yunnan province, on October 12, 2021. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/2ZbInpp>

Israel to Enact Climate Change Law



Photo credit: DW

The **Israeli** Prime Minister's Office, the Environmental Protection Ministry, the National Security Council and the Defense Ministry are currently drafting a national climate emergency declaration. The Israeli Parliament is also working to pass a climate change law. The law and the declaration combined will help the country in its fight against climate change. More here: <https://bit.ly/2XAJj62>

Kunming Declaration Adopted

Participants at the Part One of the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) which held in Kunming, China, between October 11-15 have adopted the Kunming Declaration. The declaration sets the stage for a post-2020 effective global biodiversity framework. Read more <https://bit.ly/3nmkzar> .



Photo credit: CBD

The Second Part of COP15 will hold at Kunming, China from 25 April to 8 May 2022.

Health Organisations Call for Increased Climate Action by World Leaders

In the build up to COP26, more than 400 international health organisations and professionals have called on world leaders and politicians to pay attention to the health benefits of climate action. They made the call in an open letter. The health professionals pointed out that the world records about 7 million premature deaths annually because of pollution and food shortages due to variations in weather. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3G4UGVg>

Updates from the COP 26 UK Presidency

The UK's path to net zero has been set out in landmark strategy unveiled on October 19, 2021, by the UK Government. The plan which will help the United Kingdom attain net zero emission by 2050 will attract £90 billion of private investment by 2030, and support 440,000 well-paid jobs in green industries in 2030.

The UK-Singapore COP26 Universities Network has released policy reports highlighting climate change in Southeast Asia. The reports are: COP26 Universities Network-Singapore Policy Report: Adaptation and Resilience; COP26 Universities Network - Singapore Policy Report: Green Finance; COP26 Universities Network-Singapore Policy Reports: Nature-based Climate Solutions.

"Responsibility rests with each and every country ... because on climate, the world will succeed, or fail as one." -- COP26 President-Designate Alok Sharma

The United Kingdom has unveiled its Presidency Programme to drive global climate ambition at COP26. About 50 events have been organised by the UK COP26 Presidency for the Glasgow Summit. Access the programme here. You can also access the programme for Green Zone events here: <https://bit.ly/3jtqvxl>.

On October 19, 2021, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the British Embassy in Turkmenistan held a Development Partners Climate Group Coordination meeting in Ashgabat. The meeting focused on Turkmenistan's preparations for Glasgow, the development of the country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and efforts/initiatives aimed at addressing the country's climate change challenges.

Making good on the Paris Agreement from Glasgow to Geneva

As the build up to COP26 continues, the United Kingdom's Permanent Representative in Geneva, Simon Manley, has convened a meeting of leaders of the international community to discuss how the Paris goal of 1.5 degrees can be achieved. You can see details of the event and access the recordings here

The British Ambassador to Guatemala, Nick Wittingham, has visited Petén where he participated in the delivery ceremony of three Community Concession Extension Contracts for 25 years in the Maya Biosphere Reserve (RBM). The extension of the contracts is part of efforts for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

UK's Approach to COP26 Centered Around Four Goals--Vicki Treadell

The British High Commissioner to Australia, Vicki Treadell CMG, MVO, has stated that the UK's approach towards ensuring that COP26 delivers on the 1.5 degrees promise of Paris is anchored around four core goals viz: mitigation; adaptation, finance, and collaboration. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3Ehpr7X>

The UK government has released information on exemptions from managed quarantine for compassionate reasons. Read through.

Parliaments in the News

EU Parliament Calls for New Law



Photo credit: DW

The European Parliament on October 21, 2021, charged the European Union to adopt a law which ensures that companies fix methane leaks while imposing binding targets on countries to set targets on cutting down methane emissions. Read more: <https://reut.rs/3vDipqS>

National Assembly of Nigeria Launches Studies on Nature-Based Solutions



Three diagnostics studies on the institutional and legal frameworks for REDD+, Natural Capital Accounting, and Great Green Wall Initiative implementation has been launched by the **Speaker of the House of Representatives in Nigeria**. The studies were carried out by GLOBE International. Access the reports here: <https://bit.ly/3Gci976>

U.S Congress Pushes for Forest Act



Democrats in the U.S Congress have introduced the "FOREST Act of 2021" Bill. The Bill seeks to check deforestation globally by restricting trade in certain agricultural products. The Bill was introduced by Democratic Senator Brian Schatz and Representative Earl Blumenauer. Read more here: <https://reut.rs/3pwmQCL> .

Developed Countries Must Deliver on Climate Finance--MEPs



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MEPs have said that developed countries must deliver on their promise to raise at least \$100bn in climate finance per year for developing countries. They also called on the European Union to lead the fight against climate change. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3jtRhWs>

Calendar of Upcoming Parliamentary Climate Events

CPA to Hold Webinar on Climate Seminar

On Thursday, October 28, 2021, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) will be holding a webinar on Climate Security, in partnership with E3G. Register via this [link](#).

*“Adults keep saying we owe it to the young people, to give them hope, but I don’t want your hope. I don’t want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. I want you to act. I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if the house is on fire, because it is.” --
Greta Thunberg*

The Moment

Friday 29 October 2021



A special day of climate dialogue between children, young people & their elected representatives across Scotland



Map adapted from: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Flag_map_of_Scotland.svg

Ahead of COP26, GLOBE will be working with partners to promote dialogue between young people and parliamentarians on how to solve the climate crisis. These will take the form of Student-MP Climate Surgeries in London, and across Scotland with MSPs and MPs, on Friday 29 October. It is intended as a means of improving political understanding and supporting informed engagement on a critical issue for young people. The dialogues, billed as "The Moment", will take place across Scotland with the support of Scotland's Children and Youth Parliaments.

World Leaders’ Summit Breakthrough Event “Accelerating Clean Technology Innovation and Deployment” organised by Climate Parliament and GGI will hold in the Blue Zone, between 14:15 to 16:15 GMT, on November 2, 2021. The event will witness the launch of One Sun One World One Grid initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India. There will also be a Climate Parliament Global Event to coincide with the launch of the Green Grids Initiative. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3m1W0Aj>

Climate Parliament to Launch GGI-OSOWOG Workplan

On November 4, 2021, at 13:00GMT, Climate Parliament and the GGI will be launching the GGI-OSOWOG high level workplan and showcase the GGI

ecosystem (working groups, partner initiatives). The vent will hold at Clydeside Distillery, 100 Stobcross Road, Glasgow G3 8QQ.

GLOBE Legislators Summit



During the COP26 events, GLOBE International shall be hosting a cross-party Legislators' Summit at the Scottish Parliament Edinburgh on November 5-6, 2021. The Summit which will have 150 participants physically present is expected to have an additional 5,000 participants join virtually. It will provide a platform for legislators to network, share ideas on innovative actions to be taken to address the issues of Climate Change and sustainable development.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3k2vc1L>

GLOBE Parliamentarians @COP26 Webinar

 A graphic for the GLOBE Parliamentarians @COP26 Webinar Series. It features logos for GLOBE, UN Climate Change Conference UN 2021, and The Scottish Parliament. The main title is "GLOBE Parliamentarians @COP26 Webinar Series". Below the title are five sessions listed in a row:

WHAT IS 'THE GLASGOW PACKAGE'?	WHAT NEXT ON CLIMATE FINANCE?	BRIEFING FROM COP LEADERS' SESSION	BRIEFING FROM WEEK 2	WHAT HAPPENED? COP26 OUTCOME EXPLAINED
Tuesday 19 October 12:30 – 13:30 London	Tuesday 26 October 12:30 – 13:30 London	Tuesday 2 November 12:30 – 13:30 London	Tuesday 9 November 12:30 – 13:30 London	Tuesday 16 November 12:30 – 13:30 London

 At the bottom of the graphic, it says "Register now for weekly insights on COP26 with leading experts".

You can still register for the GLOBE Parliamentarians @COP26 Webinar. Click here <https://bit.ly/2Yy6eiq> to register for the remaining four sessions. The second session holds on Tuesday, October 25, 2021. See details below:

Unpacking Climate Finance & COP26
Join us for the second webinar in GLOBE's **Parliamentarians@COP26** Webinar Series



Chair: Malini Mehra CEO, GLOBE	Lorena González Senior Associate, UN Climate Finance, WRI	Sandra Guzmán Climate Policy Initiative	Iskander Erzini Vernoit Policy Advisor, E3G	Prof. Okereke Centre for Climate & Development, AEFUNAI
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Tuesday 26 October 12:30 – 13:30 GMT+1 London time




In partnership with




Centre-Right Climate Action Declaration to be Launched

On November 8, 2021, the **Conservative Environment Network** will be launching its Centre-Right Climate Action Declaration at The Corinthian, Glasgow. The event will start at 6p.m UK Time.

CEN to Host Global Conservative Climate Summit

The Global Conservative Climate Summit hosted by Conservative Environment Network will hold on November 10-11, 2021, at Sherbrooke Castle Hotel, Glasgow. Get more information here <https://bit.ly/3GcIylo>

WFD to Hold ACE and Clean Energy Transition Event

Westminster Foundation for Democracy's "ACE and the Clean Energy Transition" will hold on November 12, 2021, at Tower Base North, Glasgow.

Have you signed up for the hybrid **GLOBE COP26 LEGISLATORS SUMMIT** at the Scottish Parliament from Friday 5 - Saturday 6 November 2021? Check out the high-profile programme headlined by GLOBE International co-founder and President **US Special Climate Envoy John Kerry**. Programme and registration details [here](#).

Twenty-five years ago people could be excused for not knowing much, or doing much, about climate change. Today we have no excuse." --

***Desmond Tutu,
Former Archbishop of
Cape Town***

INTER-PARES to Hold Peer-to-Peer Parliamentary Strengthening Seminar

Parliamentary Development Community of Practice – Online Seminar

**Session 1:
Peer-to-Peer
Parliamentary Strengthening**

**17 November 2021,
15.00-18.00 CEST**





INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership
EU Global Project to Strengthen the Capacity of Parliaments

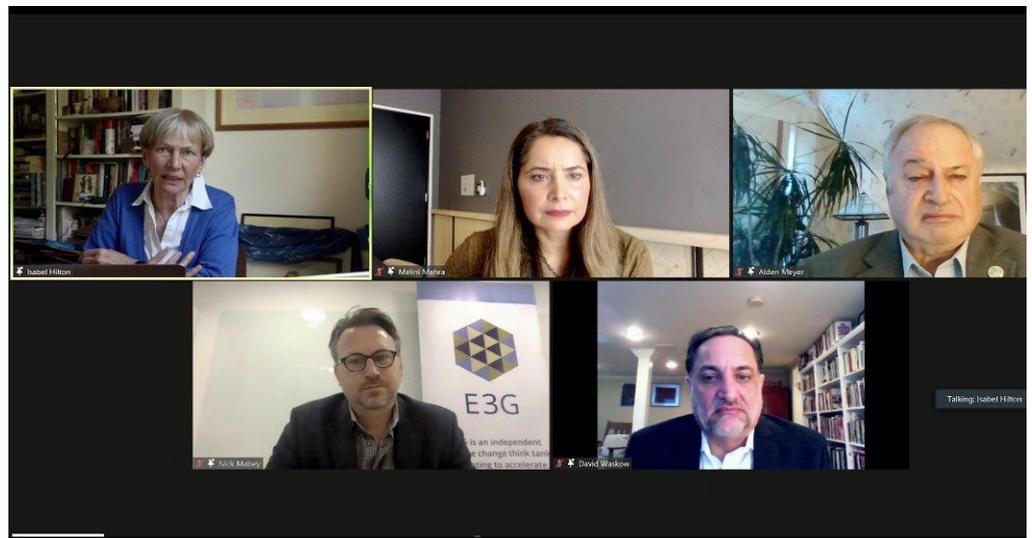


Deutscher Bundestag


INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership – EU Global Project to Strengthen the Capacity of Parliaments and the German Bundestag will be holding a ‘**Peer-to-Peer Parliamentary Strengthening**’ online seminar, the first in a series of events organized by the AGORA global knowledge platform on parliamentary development. The event will take place on Wednesday, 17 November 2021, from 15:00 to 18:00 CET (Brussels time).

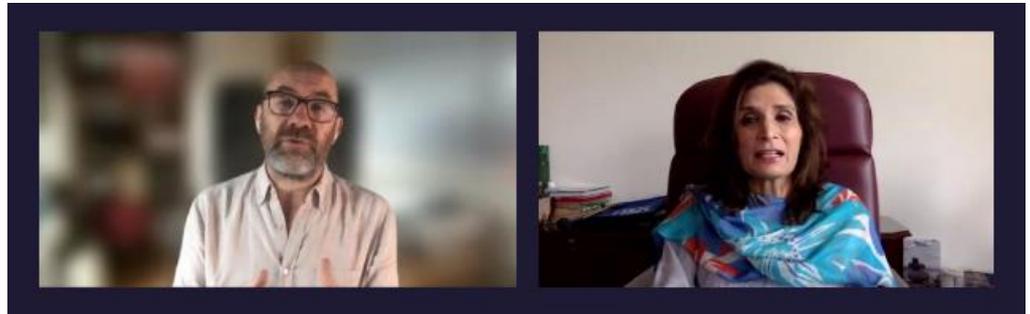
**We are still calling for information on what parliaments within your area are doing as we build up to COP26. Please share with us through focalpoint@globelegislators.org.*

Relevant Reports & Briefings



The first of the **GLOBE PARLIAMENTARIANS @COP26 WEBINAR SERIES** held on October 19, 2021. The webinar which examined “The

Glasgow Package” featured power-packed presentations by Nick Mabey (CEO and Co-Founder of E3G), Alden Meyer (Senior Associate, E3G), David Waskow (Director, International Climate Initiative, World Resources Institute), and Isabel Hilton (Founder, China Dialogue). Watch the webinar here: <https://bit.ly/30KILM5>



The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA UK) on September 30, 2021, held a “Youth as Agents for Change: Climate Advocacy Workshop”. The virtual event, aimed at strengthening youth engagement for climate action featured 35 parliamentarians and youth advocates from over 16 territories. Read more: <https://bit.ly/2ZlczP1>



On October 15, 2021, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) held its workshop on "Climate Change Governance & the Challenge of Multi-Level Action." You can access the discussion paper here: <https://bit.ly/3GpA4aH> .

CPA UK has launched its **Strengthening Democracy Oversight and Sustainability project (2020-2021)**. The project seeks to “strengthen good governance, parliamentary oversight and accountability across the Commonwealth.”

Calendar of Parliamentary Activities

GLOBE International as the Focal Point of the UNFCCC Parliamentary Group is developing a Calendar of Parliamentary activities during COP26. Kindly send in details of your activities to focalpoint@globelegislators.org.

"[I]t's not only easy, it's lucrative and it's right to be green..."-- British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson

Travel Advisory

Are you planning to be at the UK for COP 26? Access the updated Travel Advisory here: <https://bit.ly/3DnRe62>

COP26 Accommodation: The COP26 Homestay Network has been created. The network matches hosts with guests coming for COP26. Guests' and hosts' profiles are verified, and pairing is based on circumstances and interests. Join the "human hotel" as a guest or host, here: <https://bit.ly/3lscdOT>

How you been to a Red List country? Access the [How to quarantine and test at home if you've been in a red list country and have permission to quarantine at home](#) information.

Contact Us

Do you have opinions/insights or views on how Parliaments can help scale up climate ambitions? Is there any pre-COP event for parliamentarians happening around you? Kindly share your thoughts with us through focalpoint@globelegislators.org.

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