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Welcome to the monthly Parliamentarians@COP28 newsletter of 2023 prepared by [GLOBE INTERNATIONAL](#) serving as the [UNFCCC Focal Point](#) for the Parliamentary Group, supporting legislators to prepare for and engage effectively at COP28.

COP28 is now just three days away and in this final Issue before the curtain goes up in Dubai, we provide updates on climate change actions across the globe; what Parliaments are doing to drive climate action; updates from the COP28 Presidency; and importantly what to expect at COP28 itself.

We highlight the first-ever **Parliamentary Pavilion** and **Parliament Day** at COP28, along with [COP28 resources](#) being launched by GLOBE today such as the [COP28 Parliamentary Calendar](#); the [Parliamentary Pavilion programme](#); the COP28 Travel Advisory, the [Rest Day Excursion](#) planned for parliamentarians at COP28 and more.

UN Updates

COP28 Begins in UAE



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The 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) will take place from 30 November to 12 December 2023. Representatives of governments, private sector, civil society, youth, women, indigenous people, multinationals, etc. will converge in the United Arab Emirates to discuss climate action and sustainable growth in formal negotiations, side events, bilateral meetings, etc. This year's conference will be centered around the Global Stocktake (GST) with key sticking points being how to improve ambitions and actions to limit temperature rise to 1.5 degrees; operationalisation of the Loss and Damage fund; climate finance; tripling renewable energy capacity; nature and food systems; multilevel action; etc. More information [here](#)

Adaptation Gap Report: Growing Gap between Needs and Actions— Guterres

The Secretary General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres has criticised the widening gap between adaptation needs and actions by countries. Guterres was reacting to The Adaptation Gap Report released on 2 November, 2023.

The report revealed an adaptation finance gap of US\$194-366 billion per year and a huge dip in adaptation planning and implementation. More [here](#)



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COP28 Must Accelerate Practical Action— EU, Al Jaber



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The European Union and the COP28 Presidency have reiterated that COP28 must ensure that practical actions are taken to address all aspects of climate action. This was contained in a joint statement signed in Brussels on 13 November, 2023 by the

EU Climate Commissioner and Chief COP28 Negotiator, Wopke Hoekstra, and the COP28 President-designate, Dr Sultan Al Jaber. According to the statement, “COP28 must accelerate practical action on mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage and climate finance and build a fully inclusive COP28 that leaves no one behind.” More [here](#)

Climate Action is an Opportunity for Growth— COP28 Presidency

COP28 President-designate Dr. Sultan Al Jaber has said that COP28 will work to frame climate action as an opportunity for global growth. Dr Al Jaber affirmed this during the “From G20 to COP28” special forum held in Abu Dhabi on 12 November, 2023. Commending the G20 leadership for its commitment to multilateralism and leading countries which represent 85% of global economy to agree to the UAE’s vision of tripling global renewable energy capacity by 2030, Dr Al Jaber said COP28 must rebuild trust and provide support for low carbon growth by all countries. More [here](#)



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Loss and Damage Fund: Agreement Reached During TC5



The 5th meeting of the Transition Committee on Loss and Damage Fund has ended with an agreement on recommendations to be submitted at COP28 for ratification. The meeting which took place on 3-4 November in Abu Dhabi agreed to the key points necessary for the operationalisation of a grants-based Loss and Damage Funds. More [here](#)

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Vital Carbon Crediting Guidance Agreed to

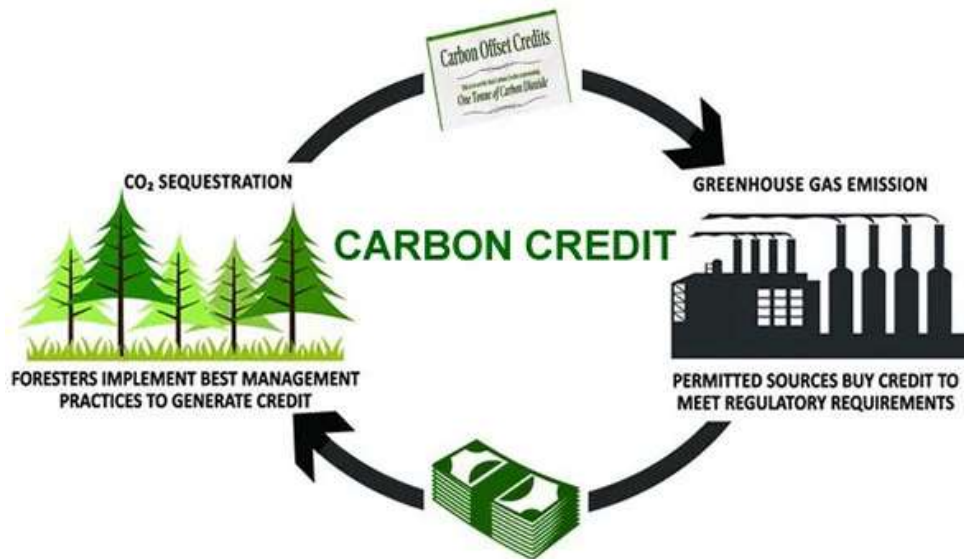


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New recommendation for guidance on carbon crediting mechanism has been agreed to by the United Nations body charged with developing a new carbon crediting guidance. The guidance documents will be submitted for approval at COP28. The new crediting mechanism “aims to facilitate international collaboration in reducing emissions and combating climate change.” The agreement was reached on 18 December, 2023. More [here](#)

Jaber Writes to COP28 Constituencies



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On 9 and 15 November, 2023, the COP28 President-designate, Dr Sultan Al Jaber sent out his 3rd and 4th letters to parties. The letters have served as the COP28 Presidency’s means of communicating important information and its vision to parties, while rallying them to commit to greater actions in the climate change fight. You can access all four letters [here](#)

Global Updates

US Releases 5th National Climate Assessment



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The Biden administration on 14 November, 2023, released the Fifth National Climate Assessment of the United States of America. The assessment which showed that every region in the US is impacted by climate change also revealed that ambitious climate actions are underway. Following the release of the assessment, President Biden announced the release of US\$6bn “in investments to make communities more resilient to the impacts of climate change, including by strengthening America’s aging electric grid infrastructure, reducing flood risk to communities, supporting conservation efforts, and advancing environmental justice.” More [here](#)

South Africa Passes Climate Change Bill



The National Assembly of South Africa has passed its Climate Change Bill. The Bill which has been transmitted to South Africa’s second Parliament, the National

Council of Provinces, legalises the Presidential Climate Commission (PCC) and provides for the “mainstreaming of climate change governance, assessments, and responses at the provincial and local levels” thus engendering coordinated multilevel action. More [here](#)

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US, China Commit to Tripling Global Renewable Capacity



Image credit: Global Times

China, and the United States of America—the highest and second highest emitters — have announced their commitment to tripling global renewable energy capacity by 2030. This was contained in the “Sunnylands Statement on Enhancing Cooperation to Address the Climate Crisis” released on 14 November, 2023, following a meeting between US Climate Envoy, John Kerry, and China’s Special Envoy for Climate Change Xie Zhenhua. The agreement is in line with the G20’s New Delhi Declaration and the ambition expressed by the COP28 Presidency. More [here](#)

EU Parliament Agrees to Update Environmental Crime Directive



Image credit: EU

Members of the European Parliament led by Marie Toussaint on 16 November, 2023, agreed to update the European Union’s environmental crime directive with the intent to punish offenders who commit “most serious cases of ecosystem destruction, including habitat loss and illegal logging, with tougher penalties.” The law will formally be passed in the Spring and members states will have two years to include it in their national laws. More [here](#)

4th Energy Transition Dialogue Convened



Image credit: COP28 Presidency

A virtual Roundtable for the 4th Energy Transition Dialogue was held on 18 November, 2023. Co-chaired by the COP28 President-designate Dr Sultan Al Jaber and Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency, the dialogue had in attendance over 60 participants drawn from 30 countries and organisations. Its focus was on steps to be taken to keep 1.5 degrees within reach and tripling the global renewable energy capacity by 2030.

COP28: EU Parliament Takes Stand Against Fossil Fuel



Image credit: Insider Climate News

Ahead of COP28, the European Union Parliament has called on nation states to join the demand for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. The resolution which calls for the phasing out of fossil fuel investments to be included in the COP28 outcomes text specifically demand for developing a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty; ending fossil fuels “as soon as possible”; halting new investments in fossil fuels; and tripling global renewable energy capacity. See the press statement released on 21 November, 2023, [here](#).

Developed Countries Meet \$100bn Pledge



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Trust between developed countries and developing countries as COP28 approaches has been given a boost with preliminary data from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) shows that in 2022, developed countries may have finally exceeded the US100bn annual climate finance support for

developing countries. This is coming two years late as the agreement at the Copenhagen Summit was for the target to be met in 2020. More [here](#)

UK Government Champions the Importance of MPs as Part of COP Delegations



Image credit: World Atlas

Under the leadership of Graham Stuart MP, Minister for Net Zero and Energy Security, the UK government has set a good example on the importance of including Members of Parliament in Governmental delegations for UNFCCC Conference of Parties. At the initiative of Minister Stuart (formerly President of GLOBE International), a large cross-party group of active Select Committee members of Parliament have been added to the UK delegation for COP28. This is in recognition of the important role MPs play in driving climate action through their activities in parliaments and the value of their active participation in international climate fora such as COPs.

Asia-Pacific Climate Week Held in Johor



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The 2023 Asia-Pacific Climate Week (APCW) was held on 13 to 17 November 2023, at Johor, Malaysia. The APCW allowed “for policymakers, practitioners, businesses and civil society to exchange on climate solutions, barriers to overcome and opportunities realized in different regions,” with key focus on energy systems and industry; cities, urban and rural settlements, infrastructure and transport; land, ocean, food and water; and societies, health, livelihoods, and economies. Watch the opening ceremony [here](#)

APPF31 Held in Manila

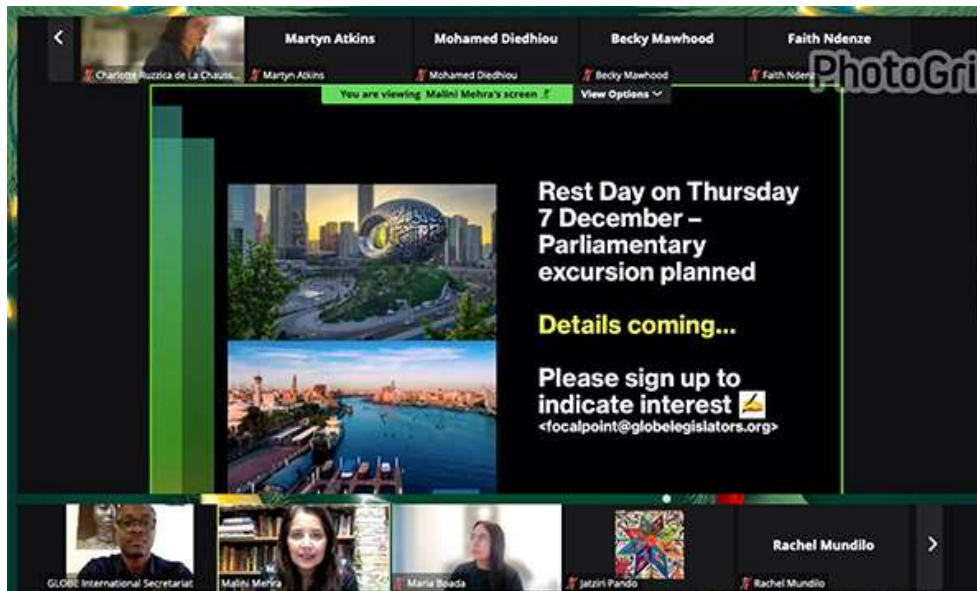


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The 31st annual meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF31) was held in Manila, Philippines, on 23 to 26 November, 2023. The session which was hosted by the Senate of the Philippines focused among other regional socio-economic issues on partnerships for resilience and recovery. Visit for more information.

Parliamentary Network Reports & Briefings

Parliamentary Group Holds COP28 Monthly Webinar



The Focal Point of the UNFCCC Parliamentary Group held its monthly "Road to COP28" webinar on Wednesday 15 November, 2023. The webinar had morning and afternoon sessions and provided a platform for collaborative planning for COP28 amongst Members of Parliament and parliamentary networks. Subscribe for the next webinar coming up on 20 December, 2023, by emailing focalpoint@globelegislators.org.

Parliamentary Pavilion to be Hosted at COP28



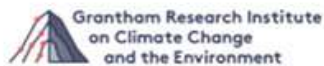
The first ever **Parliamentary Pavilion** will be hosted at the Blue Zone, Expo City, Dubai, during COP28. The pavilion will offer parliamentarians and parliamentary

networks a place to network, hold meetings, hold events and caucuses, and meet for morning and evening briefings on the state of negotiations. Access the **Parliamentary Pavilion Calendar** [here](#).



You can also get daily updates or join events at the pavilion virtually. Sign up for daily Parliamentary Pavilion updates [here](#), and by following GLOBE International @Globe_intl on X. The Parliamentary Pavilion Calendar will be updated on a daily basis to reflect new opportunities to include Parliamentary speakers and others. Update announcements will be made daily on 'X' (formerly Twitter) and by email.

Study on Net Zero Laws to be Launched



Governance pathways to credible implementation of net zero targets

A new policy report by the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and Environment and the Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy — [Governance pathways to credible implementation of net zero targets](#) — will be launched at the start of COP28 on 30 November, 2023. The study features case studies on Fiji and Spain and an analysis of 26 net zero laws. The report will be launched at a **webinar 'Pathways to Credible Net Zero Governance' on 30 November, 11 am CET** and will focus on the discussion of the key enablers to net zero commitments and challenges around implementation, followed by a panel

discussion with in-depth insights from experts on climate governance in Fiji and Spain. You can register for the webinar [here](#). Download the report [here](#)

COP28 Parliamentary Calendar



We are pleased to announce that the COP28 Parliamentary Calendar has been released! Produced annually at COPs by GLOBE International, the calendar is a essential guide for activities/ events involving parliamentarians during the 2-week period of COP28.

Unlike previous years, this year the COP28 Parliamentary Calendar will include activities across the COP28 estate (Blue Zone and Green Zone) and beyond. Activities in national parliaments and other venues will be included for the first time. Download the COP28 Parliamentary Calendar [here](#).

Thematic and Regional Parliamentary Caucuses to Hold



Across the 13-day period of COP28, GLOBE, in collaboration with several partners will be convening thematic and regional caucuses at the Meeting Room of the Parliamentary Pavilion. Interested in hosting one? Please contact focalpoint@globelegislators.org to book.

COP28: Parliamentary Group Holds Expert Webinar



GET READY FOR COP28!

Expert Webinar for Parliamentarians
COP28 - Issues, Politics & Prospects

Amira Saber MP, National Parliament of Egypt
Nick Mabey, Co-founder & Co-CEO, E3G
Rt. Hon. Chris Skidmore MP, UK Parliament
Stientje van Veldhoven, VP Europe, WRI

Chair: Malini Mehra, CEO, GLOBE International

Monday 27 November 2023
12:00-13:00 GMT

The graphic includes a 2x2 grid of speaker portraits, the GLOBE logo with the tagline '#Together For Implementation', and the COP28 UAE logo. A small text box at the bottom left of the graphic states: 'GLOBE International is the UNFCCC Focal Point for the Parliamentary Group'.

As part of preparations for COP28, GLOBE International with support from E3G and World Resources Institute convened an expert webinar entitled “COP28—Issues, Politics & Prospects.” The webinar featured contributions from Amir Saber MP, National Parliament of Egypt; Nick Mabey, Co-founder, and Co-CEO of E3G; Rt. Hon. Chris Skidmore MP of the UK Parliament; and Stientje van Veldhoven, Vice President (Europe) of World Resources Institute. Recording of the webinar will be made available in due course.

Announcements

COP28 Advisory

As Members of Parliament, Parliamentary aides, and staff of parliamentary networks prepare to arrive the United Arab Emirates for COP28, we provide you with all the key information and guidance you will need to have a successful and impactful COP28. Click [here](#)

COP28 Accessibility and Inclusion Guidelines Released



ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION

As part of efforts at hosting an inclusive Conference of Parties, the COP28 Presidency has released the Accessibility and Inclusion guidelines for COP28. The guidelines include information for charging of motorized wheelchairs, nursing rooms, transportation, accommodation, accessibility of the Green Zone, etc. More [here](#)

Access the Green Zone



The COP28 Green Zone will be open to everybody. It will house eight discovery spaces viz: Energy Transition Hub; Knowledge Hub; Climate Finance Hub; Technology & Innovation Hub; Startup Village; Humanitarian Hub; Youth Hub; and the Greening Education Hub. Get your Green Zone pass [here](#)

Access the Schedule of Side Events at COP28



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As is with all UNFCCC COPs, there will be a large number of side events and exhibits happening at COP28. Access the schedule of side events and exhibits [here](#)

Have Your Say

GLOBE tracks parliamentary engagements in the UNFCCC process on an ongoing basis. We would like to hear from you if your parliament has been involved in the Global Stock Take and/or on your government delegation to COP28. Please get in touch if you have any other thoughts and ideas to share. Our e-mail is <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>. Thank you.

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Since 2021, GLOBE has served as the UNFCCC Focal Point for the Parliamentary Group, providing a range of services to help inform and organise the global parliamentary constituency. We seek to do the same for the other Rio Conventions and key international institutions and processes.

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