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Welcome to the first 2023 issue of **Parliamentarians@COP28**, the bi-monthly newsletter prepared by [GLOBE International](#). GLOBE serves as the [UNFCCC Focal Point for the Parliamentary Group](#), supporting legislators to stay abreast of international climate developments and facilitate their active engagement in the process at home and at COP28.

UN Updates

COP28 President announced



Image credit: Gulf Today

Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, the UAE's Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology, Special Envoy for Climate Change and, controversially, head of the country's Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, has been [announced as the COP28 President Designate](#). Dr Sultan Al Jaber, made his first public statement after his formal announcement as COP28 President-designate, on 14 January 2023 at Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week 2023. He said COP28 will transform systems through game-changing partnerships, bridge the gap between North and

South, and accelerate efforts towards 2030 trajectories. Dr. Al Jabber said investment in renewable energy is important to the UAE and will continue to be so, noting that the UAE will work closely with the COP27 Presidency, the UNFCCC, and all partners to ensure success. COP28 will mark the first extensive global stocktake-- a comprehensive assessment of progress against the goals of the Paris Agreement. Watch his speech here: <https://bit.ly/3wjb54Z>

World Must Stop Dithering on Climate Action



The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Simon Stiell, says 2023 must be the year when the world stops trying to do "the bare minimum" and clearly outline sector by sector, country by country, individual by individual, steps that must be urgently taken to address climate change. Mr. Stiell stated this during his speech at the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week, which held

in the United Arab Emirates on 14-19 January, 2023. More here: <https://bit.ly/3JcbSMY>

Image credit: The Cable

UN to Convene Climate Ambition Summit

Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, has said that the UN will convene a climate summit this year, to find practical solutions to the climate crisis.

According to Mr. Guterres, it will be "a no-nonsense summit. No exceptions. No

compromises. There will be no room for back-sliders, greenwashers, blame-shifters or repackaging of announcements of previous years." More here: <https://bit.ly/3wbpWhM>



Photo credit: UN Photo

Landmark Biodiversity Agreement Reached



Image credit: Julian Haber

Nations have agreed to take action to halt biodiversity loss and restore the world's ecosystems. This was part of the components of the “Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework” (GBF) which was adopted during the Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of Parties held in Montreal, Canada between 7-19 December, 2022. The Agreement seeks to protect 30% of earth’s lands, oceans, coastal areas, and inland waters. The framework has four goals and twenty-three targets. More here: <https://bit.ly/3QXJbF1>

Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 Released

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The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has published the 5th Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO5). GBO5 "draws on the lessons learned during the first two decades of this century to clarify the transitions needed if we are to realize the vision agreed by world governments for 2050, 'Living in Harmony with Nature'. More here: <https://bit.ly/3GV7izo>

Download GBO5 here: <https://bit.ly/3lZ6dcF>

French: <https://bit.ly/3GTeYIM>

Spanish: <https://bit.ly/3XttfNq>

High-Level Champion for COP28 Announced



Image credit: Twitter/hlcchampions

Ms. Razan Al Mubarak has been announced as the High-Level Champion for COP28. Ms Al Mubarak is the President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). More here: <https://bit.ly/3XLK3Pr>

UN Takes Step to Decarbonise Peacekeeping Operations

The United Nations has taken a critical step towards decarbonising its peacekeeping missions. This was through the launch of the Energy Compact on renewable energy for UN Peacekeeping on 15 January, 2023 during the 15th Assembly of the International Renewable Agency (IRENA) which held at Abu Dhabi. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3XovyB1>



Image credit: UN

Global Updates

COP28 Logo Unveiled



The United Arab Emirates— host of COP28— has unveiled the logo and branding for COP28. The logo which incorporates the One World concept highlights “the wealth of natural and technological resources available to humanity”. COP28 will hold at the Expo City Dubai from 30 November to 12 December, 2023. More here: <https://bit.ly/3GTrz8x>

IRENA13A Held in Abu Dhabi



Image credit: The Cable

The 13th Assembly of the International Renewable Agency (IRENA13A) was held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from 14-15 January, 2023. The theme of IRENA13A was “World Energy Transition— The Global Stocktake”. Watch the sessions here: <https://bit.ly/3XmjlAR>

Ozone Layer on Track for Recovery



Image credit: UNEP

According to the Scientific Assessment Panel to the Montreal Protocol on Ozone Depleting Substances' quadrennial assessment report released on 9 January, 2023, the Ozone layer is on track for recovery following committed efforts to reduce the emission of ozone depleting gases. The recovery is billed to be completed in four decades if efforts are sustained. More here: <https://bit.ly/3CZYNSI>

Brazil Bids for COP30

Brazil, the country where the three Rio conventions were birthed, has bid to host COP30 at the Amazonian city of Belem. President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva announced this on 11 January, 2023, in fulfilment of his promise during COP27. More here: <https://reut.rs/3XnXyVE>



Portuguese: <http://glo.bo/3J09BEg>

Image credit: BBC

Minamata Convention Gets Two New Parties



Image credit: Minamata Convention

Turkey and Algeria have become the 138th and 139th parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The two countries submitted their instruments of ratification late 2022. The Minamata Convention was adopted in 2013 and seeks "to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of mercury." More here: <https://bit.ly/3IVHki4>

Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week



Image credit: ADSW

The Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW) 2023 was held on 14-19 January, 2023 at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates with the theme "United on Climate Action towards COP28". The event which brought together partners from across all sectors provided an opportunity to build on the gains of COP27 and plans for even greater actions at COP28. There were conversations on climate finance, nature as a source of mitigation, clean energy, net zero, global stocktake, loss and damage, etc. More here: <https://bit.ly/3HkXXIU>

Parliamentary Network Reports & Briefings

Parliamentary Bodies Condemn Attack on Brazilian Congress



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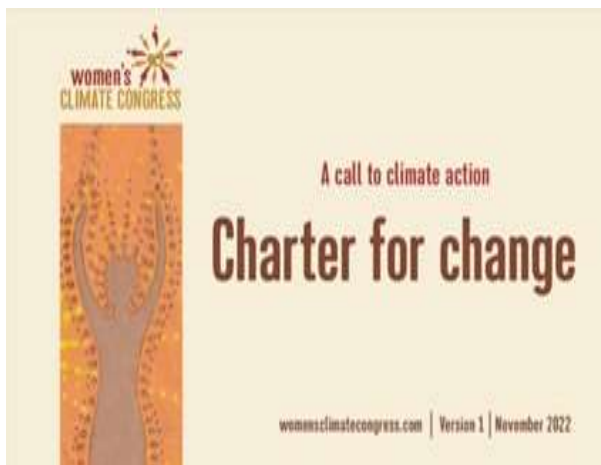
Parliamentary networks globally have condemned the attack on the Brazilian Congress. The Parliamentary networks include the Focal Point of the Parliamentary Group of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), GLOBE International, the International Parliamentary Union (IPU), and ParlAmericas. See the statements here:

GLOBE: <https://youtu.be/9nAVB7zieF4>

IPU: <https://bit.ly/3CYoKSy>

ParlAmericas: <https://bit.ly/3Xl9npj>

WCC Collaborate with Female MPs to Launch Charter for Change



The Women's Climate Congress (WCC)--a cross-section of women from all walks of life, and with differing political views but committed to addressing the climate crisis-- have launched the Women's Charter for Change which aims at securing the climate, ensuring "gender-balanced, inclusive governance with equal representation of women (including as co-chairs) in all forums for environmental decision making; and united collaborative action, with

mediation across difference, to create a unified plan for action." The Charter was presented to "eight women MPs and senators from each of the major parties and independents" at the Members Hall, Parliament House, Australia on 29 November, 2022. More

here: <https://bit.ly/3kmjX6Z> . Download the Charter here: <https://bit.ly/3HfmHMI>

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Parliamentary Webinars and Newsletters



COP28 President-designate has said that COP28 will be a COP of action. Parliamentarians have a critical role to play in making this a reality. To this end, GLOBE as the UNFCCC Parliamentary Group Focal Point, will be hosting monthly informative webinars for Parliamentarians, Parliamentary staff, and staff of Parliamentary networks. Please contact focalpoint@globelegislators.org to register.

Also, the Parliamentary Group newsletter—Parliamentarians @COP28-- will become more regular and multilingual this year. Download the Calendar for the webinars and newsletters here: <https://bit.ly/3XxX4wh>

ParlAmericas Outlines 2023 Plans

ParlAmericas has urged legislators to take intentional steps towards ensuring that their governments do their part in meeting their Paris Agreement, Glasgow Pact, and Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan commitments. This was contained in the organisation's 2023 call to action and plans, made available to legislators. More here: <https://bit.ly/3QSiqGj>



Spanish: <https://bit.ly/3lZBgoz>

French: <https://bit.ly/3lW6sVW>

Online Course for Parliamentary Presiding Officers Available

A promotional graphic for an online course. On the left, a dark blue background contains the text "ONLINE COURSE" in a red box, "Speakers & Presiding Officers" in large white font, and "From the CPA Parliamentary Academy" below it. Three icons with text describe the course: a video camera for "Lessons from 11+ current & former Speakers", a graduation cap for "Expert advice on how to lead Parliament", and a document for "Real-life examples of best practice". At the bottom, it says "Launching early 2023". On the right, a teal rounded rectangle contains nine circular portraits of diverse individuals, likely the speakers and experts mentioned in the text.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) will, through its CPA Parliamentary Academy, provide an online course for Presiding Officers of Parliaments in early 2023. The course will include lessons from current and former Speakers of Parliaments; expert advice

on how to lead parliaments, and real life examples of best practices. Register for the course here and learn more about other CPA courses here: <https://bit.ly/3iN8vkE>

ParlAmericas to Host Virtual Learning Lab



ParlAmericas will be hosting a virtual learning lab for Parliamentarians on 1 March, 2023. The event which will hold “within the framework of the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean, will examine strategies that parliaments can support to build resilience to prevent forced climate migration...” More here: <https://bit.ly/3wyQ06y>

European Parliaments to Mainstream Ecocide



Image credit: Stop Ecocide

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) has voted overwhelmingly for ecocide to be codified into laws in Europe. Accordingly, the resolution called on European Parliaments to “build and consolidate a legal framework for the enhanced protection of the environment in armed conflicts at national, European and international levels.” More here: <https://bit.ly/3Y5olpK>

Related Partner News

COP15: 7th Summit for Subnational Governments & Cities Held



Image credit: ICLEI

The 7th Summit for subnational governments and cities was held on the sidelines of CBD COP15 in Montreal, Canada. The high-level summit which had in attendance Governors, Mayors, and other subnational leaders sought to strengthen subnational commitments to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. More here: <https://bit.ly/3kmmzSI>

Calendar of monthly webinars hosted by GLOBE International

UNFCCC Parliamentary Group

2023 YEAR PLANNER

Thursday	26 January
Wednesday	22 February
Wednesday	22 March
Wednesday	26 April
Wednesday	24 May
Wednesday	21 June
Wednesday	26 July
Wednesday	23 August
Wednesday	20 September
Wednesday	25 October
Wednesday	15 November
Wednesday	20 December

To register, please email <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>

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