



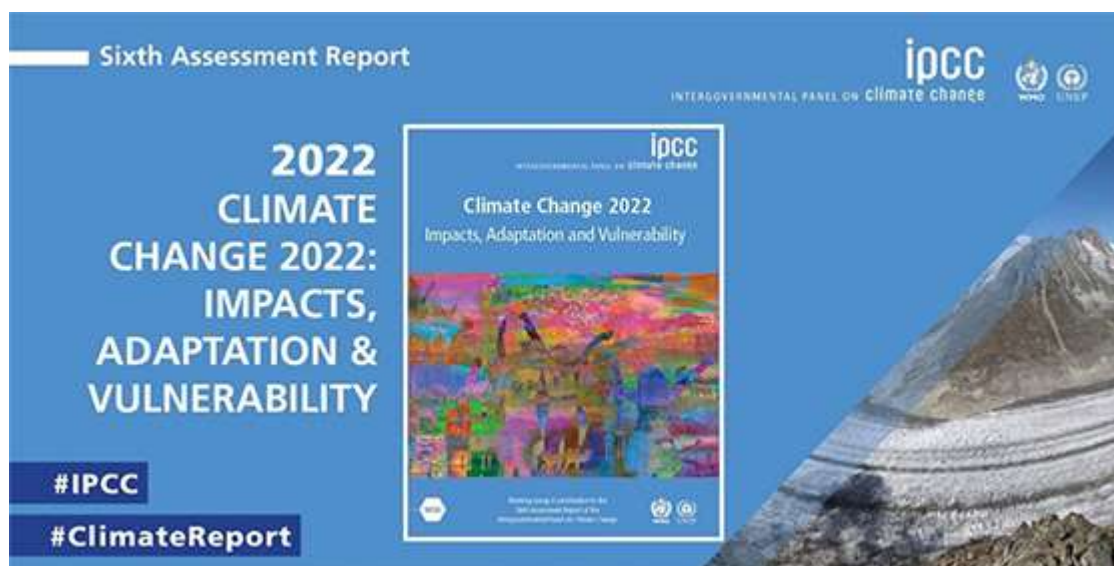
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Welcome to the bi-monthly newsletter of 2023 prepared by [GLOBE International](#) serving as the [UNFCCC Focal Point](#) for the Parliamentary Group, supporting legislators to stay abreast of developments and prepare the ground for success at COP28. The past two months have been extremely eventful with the launch of major reports and initiatives, including those by parliamentary networks which are part of the growing grouping of cross-party climate-focused legislative organisations and networks assembled by GLOBE International for more effective input into the UNFCCC process and COPs.

UN Updates

IPCC Releases Synthesis Report



The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on 20 March, 2023, released the Synthesis Report (SYR) of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6). The report "integrates the findings of six IPCC climate reports", highlights the "close linkages between climate change adaptation, mitigation, ecosystem health, human well-being and sustainable development, and reflects the increasing diversity of actors involved in climate action." GLOBE will be organizing an information event for lawmakers on the AR6 and Synthesis Report shortly. Please follow us on twitter @GLOBE_intl for further information and download the summary for policymakers here: <https://bit.ly/3JAAzkz>

IPCC Report Guide to Climate Action – UN Secretary General



Image credit: AFP

The Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, says the Synthesis Report of the IPCC released on Monday 20 March, 2023, provides the world with a guide on how to defuse the climate time bomb. Guterres made this known in a video message during the launch of the report. He said that while the report affirms that 1.5 degrees is still within reach, it is however "a clarion call to massively fast-track climate efforts by every country and every sector and on every timeframe." Guterres who said he had earlier proposed a "G20 Climate Solidarity Pact", called for an Acceleration Agenda to fast-track the process. More here: <https://bit.ly/3JywXQ4>

Copenhagen Climate Ministerial Held

The first high-level climate ministerial leading up to COP28 has been held in Copenhagen, Denmark, between 20-22 March, 2023. The 2-day Copenhagen Climate Ministerial was co-chaired by the COP28 President-designate, Sr.



Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, COP27 President Sameh Shoukry, and Dan Jørgensen, Denmark's Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy. Over forty Ministers attended the event. During his speech at the event, COP28 President-designate, Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, stressed the need to scale up on finance and mitigation, advance efforts at net zero and explore nature-based solutions. More here: <https://bit.ly/3z3mki3>

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COP28 Presidency Launches Youth Delegate Programme



On 15 March, 2023, the COP28 Presidency launched the International Youth Climate Delegate Programme (International YCDP). The program will embed 100 youth within the international climate policy negotiation process, with a priority for delegates from countries on the list of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS),

Indigenous Peoples and other minority groups around the world. Delivered in collaboration with YOUNGO, the programme aims to ensure that youth views and proposals are integrated into global climate policymaking; build youth skills, capacity, knowledge, and networks; provide a model for the COP process on youth inclusion. Applications close April 7. Please share within your networks. More details here: [International Youth Climate Delegate Program - COP28 UAE](https://bit.ly/3z3mki3)

GLOBE looks forward to supporting the programme with our partner, YOUNGO, as part of the [Student-MP Climate Surgeries](#) taking place across Africa.

Bloomberg and COP28 Presidency Announce Partnership



Image credit: Farm Digital TV

Michael Bloomberg, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions, and COP28 UAE President-Designate, Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, on 9 March, 2023, announced that they will be partnering for climate action ahead of COP28. The partnership seeks to galvanise action from "cities, businesses, financial institutions, and civil society" in addition to countries, as the climate crisis calls for an all-hands-on-deck approach. More here: <https://bloombg.org/404vM1z>

High-Level MTR-SF Meeting to Hold in May

Midterm Review

SENDAI FRAMEWORK
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2015-2030

The High-Level meeting of the Medium-Term Review of the Sendai Framework (MTR-SF) will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA, on 18-19 May, 2023 with the theme “Working Together to

Reduce Risk for a Resilient Future”. GLOBE is working closely with UNDRR to raise awareness of engage legislators in the Sendai Framework review process.

Please take a look at the insightful GLOBE/ UNDRR webinar on [“We’re creating risk faster than we are reducing it. How the Sendai Framework can help risk-informed legislation,”](#) featuring parliamentarians and DRR specialists, for essential background. If you would like

to join the GLOBE delegation for the High-Level meeting of the MTR at UN Headquarters in May, kindly contact us by mid-April 2023 at focalpoint@globelegislators.org. Interested participants who already have ECOSOC accreditation may register directly here: <https://bit.ly/3JVlDCu>.

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Global Updates

Addressing the Climate Crisis is our Obligation to our Children – President Joe Biden



Image credit: Foreign Policy

President Joe Biden has reiterated the commitment of the United States of America to address the global climate crisis stating that "[w]e have an obligation, not to ourselves, but to our children and our grandchildren to confront it. I'm proud of how America at last is stepping up to the challenge." President Biden stated this during his State of the Union address on 7 February, 2023. More here: <https://bit.ly/3ZZ3kOL>

UK MPs Call for Withdrawal from Energy Charter Treaty



Image credit: People: HowStuffWork

Fifteen cross-party UK parliamentarians have expressed their support for the withdrawal of the UK from the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT). This was contained in a letter sent to Graham Stuart MP, Minister of State for Energy and Climate. According to the MPs, the ECT will impede clean energy investments in the country, and undermine the UK's net zero ambitions. More here: <https://bit.ly/3JXxITU>

Californian MPs Submit Critical Climate Action Bills



California MPs led by State Senator Scott Wiener have submitted a number of Bills targeted at emissions disclosure, and fossil fuel divestment. The Bill by Senator Wiener seeks to ensure that companies which have at least USD1bn in annual revenue must publicly disclose their greenhouse gases emission level while another Bill

sponsored by State Sen. Lena Gonzalez seeks to compel California Pensions Fund to divest from oil, gas and coal companies by 2030. More here: <https://wapo.st/3YZI0bl>

Image credit: California Globe

COP28: EU to Push for Phaseout of Fossil Fuel

Ahead of COP28, European Union countries have agreed to push for a global phaseout of fossil fuel "well ahead of 2050". The issue of phasing out fossil fuel has been a hot topic in recent UNFCCC COPs. It is expected that with the recent stand of the EU, progress may be made in this regard during COP28. More here: <https://bit.ly/3TBpMel>



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Science and Technology Key to Disaster Risk Reduction



Image credit: Twitter.com/UNDRR_americas

Continuing on the DRR theme, UNDRR organised the Americas and Caribbean Regional Platform in Uruguay in early-March underscoring the importance of science and technology to address disaster risk reduction especially through early warning systems. This was the message at the VIII UNDRR Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean (RP23) held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, between 28 February, to 2 March, 2023. It is therefore important to collaborate, share scientific knowledge, appropriate funds for science and technology that help with disaster risk reduction, and reduce the political interference to the use of science and technology. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/40bsJV8>

AirQualityAsia Seeks to Tackle Air Pollution in Pakistan



Image credit: AirQualityAsia

Another partner, AirQualityAsia, which brings together legislators and other stakeholders across the region, in collaboration with the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 2 March, 2023, held a provincial seminar entitled "Tackling Lahore's Air Pollution: Transitioning to a Net-Zero Business Model." The seminar which brought together business leaders, clean transport and renewable energy experts with city officials, sought "to develop the pathway to a Green Economy for Lahore and Punjab." More here: <https://bit.ly/3FLkNSD>

Uganda Issues Climate Change Compliant Certificate



According to the provisions of Section 30 of Uganda's National Climate Change Act 2021, a Climate Change Compliant Certificate for the country's National Budget Framework Paper 2023/2024 has been issued by Hon. Beatrice Atim Anywar Odwong, Minister of State for Environment. The certificate

confirms that the Budget Framework Paper makes adequate provisions for climate change. More here: <https://bit.ly/3JQYqgX>

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Nigeria Calls for Domestic Resource Mobilisation



Image credit: Voice of Nigeria

The President of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, has called on Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to explore domestic resource mobilisation for climate action, as a means of "break[ing] the yoke of difficulties in accessing funds from developed countries' financial institutions." Buhari was speaking during the UN Conference on LDCs in Doha, Qatar, in early March. More here: <https://bit.ly/3yXSaOs>

Ghana Receives Payment for REDD+

Ghana has joined Mozambique as the next African country to receive payment from the World Bank Trust Fund for the REDD+ programme. According to reports, "World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) paid Ghana \$4,862,280 for reducing 972,456 tons of carbon emissions for the first monitoring period." More here: <https://bit.ly/3yRTKBk>



Image credit: News Ghana

Scottish Parliament Develops SDIA Tool



Image credit: Financial Times

As part of efforts to use sustainable development as a lens for parliamentary scrutiny, the Scottish Parliament has developed a Sustainable Development Impact Assessment (SDIA) tool. The aim is to "support more holistic consideration of public policy, draft legislation and budget proposals, so as to increase policy coherence." More here: <https://bit.ly/3Z75OJy>

Parliamentary Network Reports & Briefings

March COP28 Parliamentary Group Webinar Held

**UNFCCC
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Group**

2023 - Monthly COP28 webinars
hosted by GLOBE International

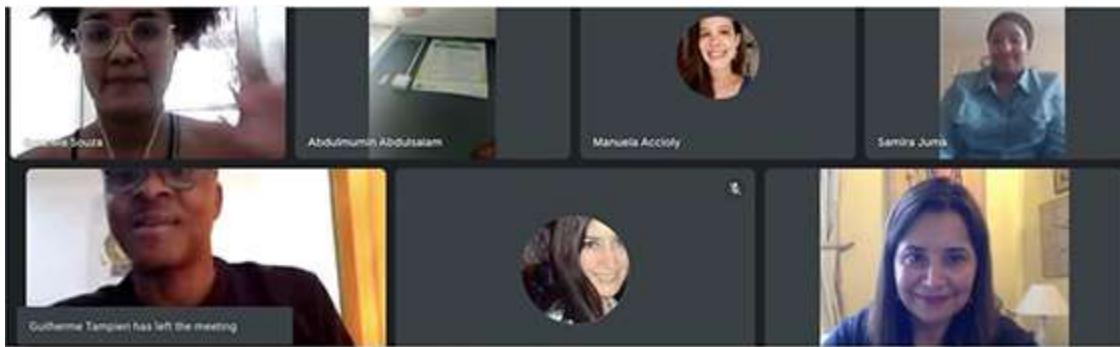
10am and 4pm CET

2023 YEAR PLAN	
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, email: <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>

In the lead-up to COP28, GLOBE International is organizing monthly “Road to COP28” webinars for the UNFCCC parliamentary constituency, serving as briefing platforms for updates on plans for COP28, review challenges, and stimulate action by Parliaments the world over. A great platform to share your news, learn what others are doing, network and make new friends and parliamentary allies from across the globe. All parliamentarians and legislative aides are welcome to attend.

Our thanks to all who joined the morning and afternoon sessions of the latest webinar on Wednesday 22nd March. Please spread the word. The next webinar will take place on 26th April. To register, please drop a line to <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>.



ParlAmericas Holds Climate Migration Event



ParlAmericas | AMERICAS • CARIBBEAN VIII PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION | URUGUAY 28 FEB. 1-2 MAR 2023

Mobilizing Parliaments to Address Climate Migration

Virtual learning lab within the framework of the VIII Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean

Date: March 1, 2023
Time: 11:45-12:45 (UTC - 3)
Agenda/registration:
bit.ly/Parliaments-ClimateMigration

Please consult the agenda for the time in your country

Image credit: ParlAmericas

A virtual learning hub with focus on climate migration was convened by ParlAmericas within the framework of the VIII Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean, which took place in Punta del Este, Uruguay, between 28 February to 2 March, 2023. The virtual learning hub sought to mobilise Parliaments to address the issue of climate migration. You can watch the recording of the event here: <https://bit.ly/3JvWtoO>

Read the Press Statements here:

ENG: <https://bit.ly/3FzulQF> SPA: <https://bit.ly/3FB3KTm>; FRE: <https://bit.ly/3TplZ2F>;
POR: <https://bit.ly/3lufyQw>

Climate Parliament Holds Clean Cooking and Energy Planning Retreat



Image credit: Twitter.com/ClimateParl

On 13-14 February 2023, another partner, Climate Parliament, in collaboration with Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS) and Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) held a workshop on clean cooking and energy planning with legislators and regulators from Africa and Asia at the Golden Impalas Bush Resort in the Dinokeng Game Reserve, South Africa. The workshop sought to stimulate conversations and actions on clean cooking, and energy planning by legislators. More here: <https://bit.ly/42H8INM>

IPU Launches Parliaments for the Planet, Holds 146th Assembly



Image credit: IPU

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) has launched a new campaign "designed to mobilize parliaments and parliamentarians to act on the climate emergency." The campaign seeks to encourage parliaments and parliamentarians to reduce their carbon footprints, in the first instance, and then support them to pass legislation that address the climate crisis in their respective countries. More here: <https://bit.ly/3lAhbMv>.

You can also watch the 146th IPU Assembly which held at Manama, Bahrain on 13 March 2023 here: <https://bit.ly/3FHxfCK>

Climate Vulnerable Forum GPG Launches Accountability Summit



Image credit: CVF

The Climate Vulnerable Forum's Global Parliamentary Group (CVF GPG) has launched its "Accountability Summit for Parliamentarians". The event which was convened by the Chairperson of the CVF GPG, Hon. Emmanuel Marfo, took place on the sidelines of the 146th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in Bahrain, on 13 March, 2023 and offered the CVF with the opportunity of explaining what the objectives of the summit are. The Accountability Summit for Parliamentarians is slated to hold during COP28 in the United Arab Emirates. More here: <https://bit.ly/40t1qWf>

CPA Publishes *The Parliamentarian*



The Volume 104 Issue 1 of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's newsletter, *The Parliamentarian* has been published. The newsletter provides in-depth information about Parliaments within the Commonwealth. You can access it here: <https://bit.ly/40hB7T4>

Related Partner News

Join the 100% Renewables Cities and Regions Network



Multilevel action is critical in achieving global climate ambitions. The Local Government and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency of the UNFCCC understands this and therefore encourages actions by cities and regions to take actions that will make meaningful impact in the global fight against climate change. The 100% renewables cities and regions network facilitates learning, collaboration, and the sharing of knowledge across governments and cities in the world. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3TxNYv8>

AGORA Offers Training on Parliamentary Services



Do you want to serve better as a Parliamentarian, Parliamentary staff, or a practitioner within the parliamentary community? The AGORA e-Learning portal for Parliamentary Development offers free

e-learning courses specifically "designed for parliamentary staff, parliamentarians, parliamentary development practitioners and all those interested in how parliaments as institutions function."

More here: <https://bit.ly/3ne37sk>

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Your help is needed! *GLOBE International is tracking parliamentary news and action on the climate emergency. Please send us your updates on how your parliament is preparing for the Global Stocktake on the Paris Agreement this year and preparing for COP28. We look forward to hearing from you! focalpoint@globelegislators.org.*

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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 two Rio Conventions, the Sendai Framework and other key international institutions and processes.

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