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Welcome to the multilingual 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. In this newsletter, we also invite feedback from parliamentarians to the joint letter sent to US President, Joe Biden, and European Commission President, Ursula van der Leyen, from a group of legislators from the US Congress and the European Parliament. The results will be shared with the Parliamentary Group members at our next monthly call on 21 June 2023.

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UN Updates

G7 Central to Meeting Climate Ambitions - António Guterres

Image Credit: UN News

The Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres has called on the G7 bloc of nations to show leadership in the fight against climate change.

Guterres was speaking during the G7 meeting held in Hiroshima, Japan on 19-21 May, 2023. The UN Chief said the G7 nations are central to climate action and must therefore champion the Acceleration Agenda and buy into the Climate Solidarity Pact. More here.

Petersberg Climate Dialogue Held

Image Credit: Sharing4Good

The 14th Petersberg Climate Dialogue, hosted by the German government, took place in Berlin on 2-3 May with representatives from over 40 countries in attendance. The Petersberg Climate Dialogue is a high-level political and international forum helping to shape the trajectory of negotiations at UNFCCC COPs. This year, the COP28 Presidency was also in attendance and, for the first time, invited representatives from the nine formal Major Group constituencies recognized by the UN. The informal Parliamentary Group was not invited. In our monthly calls with Presidency representatives, GLOBE has suggested that Parliamentarians be invited to future meetings and encouraged a change in practice to ensure greater inclusivity. The report of the Petersberg Dialogue here can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/3MyWji9 The speech of the COP28 President-Designate can be found here.

UNPFII Holds 22nd Session

Image Credit: UN

The 22nd Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) was held in New York on 17-28 April 2023. The event with the theme "Indigenous Peoples, human health, planetary and territorial health and climate change: A rights-based approach" rose with a report on how to protect and advance the rights of indigenous people. Access the report here.

UN Adopts Resolution A/77/L.58

Image Credit: UN Foundation

In a significant move for the legal liability of states, the United Nations on 29 March, 2023, during the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted resolution A/77/L.58. The resolution seeks an “advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the obligations of States with respect to climate change”, and received consensus adoption. More here.

UNFCCC Holds Consultations for Global Stocktake on the Paris Agreement

Image credit: Deutschland.de

The intersessional consultation on the preparations for the consideration of outputs component of the first Global Stocktake was held on 27-28 April, 2023.

The session reviewed submissions on how and what the focus of the Global Stocktake would be. Access details of the submissions here.

COP28 Programme Released

The COP28 Presidency has released a draft programme for COP28, which is now open for consultation. The draft programme which makes a proposal for a day to be dedicated to Climate Change and Health, is open for inputs from stakeholders on the thematic focus of each day, and its sequencing. More here.

Decarbonisation Roundtable Convened by COP28 Presidency

Image credit: WAM

The COP28 Presidency on 11 May, 2023, convened a high-level meeting of Chief Executive Officers of oil and gas, heavy emitting industries, technology providers, bankers and financial institutions to discuss ways of decarbonising and reducing emissions. The meeting held on the sidelines of the UAE Climate Tech Forum in Abu Dhabi. More here.

UN Holds Midterm Review of Sendai Framework

The High-Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework took place in New York on 17-19 May 2023. The event ended with a call for “better governance, investments in resilience, and a focus on disaster prevention.” A number of Parliamentarians, including on Government delegations, attended the Meeting. GLOBE and network partner members such as Hon. Saber Chowdhry (Bangladesh) and Hon. Emmanuel Marfo (Ghana) participated actively and are working with UNDRR leadership to promote the results widely amongst the global parliamentary constituency. You can download **The Report of the Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030** here: https://bit.ly/3qc8QAC . The UNDRR is also calling for public review of its "Words into Action Guide on Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems". Make your contributions by clicking here.

Bonn Intersessional to Hold

Image credit: Twitter.com/UNFCCC

The fifty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 58) and the fifty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 58) will hold on 5 June to 15 June 2023, in Bonn, Germany. The Bonn Intersessional will serve as further preparations for COP28. You can access the full schedule of events here.

Global Updates

MPs Call for Removal of Jaber as COP28 President-designate

Image Credit: New York Times

Over 100 legislators from the U.S Congress and the European Union Parliament have called for the removal of Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al-Jaber as the COP28 President-designate. The lawmakers made the call in a letter dated 23 May, 2023, and addressed to U.S President Joe Biden, President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, U.N Secretary General, António Guterres, and Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. According to the lawmakers, Dr. Al-

Jaber's removal is key to reducing the "influence of polluting industries, particularly major fossil fuel industry players whose business strategies lie at clear odds with the central goals of the Paris Agreement, at the gatherings of the UNFCCC." More here. GLOBE is seeking responses from members of the Parliamentary constituency to the letter and would welcome your feedback. Kindly send your views to focalpoint@globelegislators.org by 5th June 2023.

Biden Signs Executive Order on Environmental Justice

Image Credit: Britannica

On 21 April, 2023, U.S President, Joe Biden, signed an Executive Order which mandates government agencies to work towards environmental justice for all. The order which seeks to "improve the lives of communities hit hardest by toxic pollution and climate change" establishes a new office of Environmental Justice in the White House. More here.

Australia Sets Up Net Zero Authority

Image Credit: The Australian

The Australian Government has set up a Net Zero Authority to "support workers in emissions-intensive sectors to access new employment, skills and support as the net zero transformation continues; coordinate programs and policies across government to support regions and communities to attract and take advantage of new clean energy industries and set those industries up for success; and help investors and companies to engage with net zero transformation opportunities." The Authority will become an Executive Agency in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet from 1 July, 2023. More here.

Brazil Deny Fossil Fuel Company License

Image Credit: AZ Animals

Brazil's environmental regulator has denied Petrobras license to drill the FZA-M-59 block which is at the mouth of the Amazon River. The agency said the denial was due to environmental concerns. More here.

Sultan Al-Jabber Calls for Increased funding for Africa

Image Credit: WMA

COP28 President-designate, Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al-Jaber has called for increased private and public funding for African countries to fight climate change. Dr. Al-Jaber made this call on 23 May 2023 at the African Development Bank Annual Meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, where he stated that Africa can become "a defining force in low carbon sustainable growth." More here.

Stockholm Climate Week Held

The first Stockholm Climate Week held onsite and online on 18-22 April, 2023. Conversations revolved around Food and Agriculture; Energy and Security; Exponential Solutions; and Earth Day. More here.

Partnership to Accelerate Global Energy Transition Announced

Image Credit: IRENA

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and Bloomberg Philanthropies, on 22 May, 2023, announced a partnership with the COP28 Presidency to drive rapid transition to clean energy in developing countries. This will be under IRENA's Energy Transition Accelerator Financing Platform. This partnership will see IRENA "advance efforts to drive the widespread

adoption of renewable energy and reduce political, technical, and financial barriers to the energy transition." More here.

Coalition to Drive City-led Solutions on Climate Change

Image Credit: MMC

U.S. State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) and The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in partnership with C40 Cities, the Mayors Migration Council and the Climate Migration Council on 28 April, 2023 met in Denver to discuss ways of unlocking finance to drive city action on climate migration. The event was attended by Mayors of cities from the western hemisphere, U.S. State Department, USAID, C40 Cities, and funders and representatives of the UN. More here.

EuroParl Backs Criminalisation of Ecocide

Image Credit: Stop Ecocide

On 29 March, 2023, the European Parliament announced that ecocide will be included in the European Union's environmental crime directive. This followed a Legal Affairs Committee vote and a recognition that the ecological condition of the world has become dire. More here.

Adaptation Fund Board Sets $300m Target for 2023

Image Credit: Adaptation Fund

The Adaptation Fund Board has approved the five-year strategy plan of the Fund. In addition, it has set a resource mobilisation target of $300 million for 2023. This was at the board's 40th meeting held in Bonn, Germany from 23-24 March, 2023. More here.

Date Fixed for European Sustainable Energy Week

Image Credit: EU

The European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) will hold in Brussels from 22-24 June, 2023. The event is "Europe's biggest annual conference dedicated to renewables and energy efficiency." Register to attend here.

COP28 Call to Action for Climate Vulnerable Countries Released

The Allied for Climate Transformation By 2025 (ACT2025) has released a COP28 call to action for climate vulnerable countries. The call to action is anchored on the four pillars of advancing just and equitable ambition; driving people-centered and livelihood-sustaining adaptation; designing fit-for-purpose institutions to address loss and damage; delivering finance to respond to the needs of the climate crises. Access the call to action here.

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 24 May, 2023. The monthly webinars offer partners and parliamentarians with the chance to discuss ongoing actions on climate change, globally, seek out areas of collaboration, share updates from the COP28 Presidency, and galvanise parliamentary actions on climate change, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable development. Subscribe for the next webinar coming up on 21 June, 2023, by emailing focalpoint@globelegislators.org.

IPU Publishes 2022 Impact Report

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Impact Report 2022

Image Credit: IPU

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) has published its 2022 Impact Report. The report demonstrates how the IPU was able to "... strengthen parliaments and [spur] policy change" in parliaments across the world, in 2022. This is in line with the IPU's five-year strategy 2022-2026. Download the reports in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic, here.

2023 Global Parliamentary Forum Held

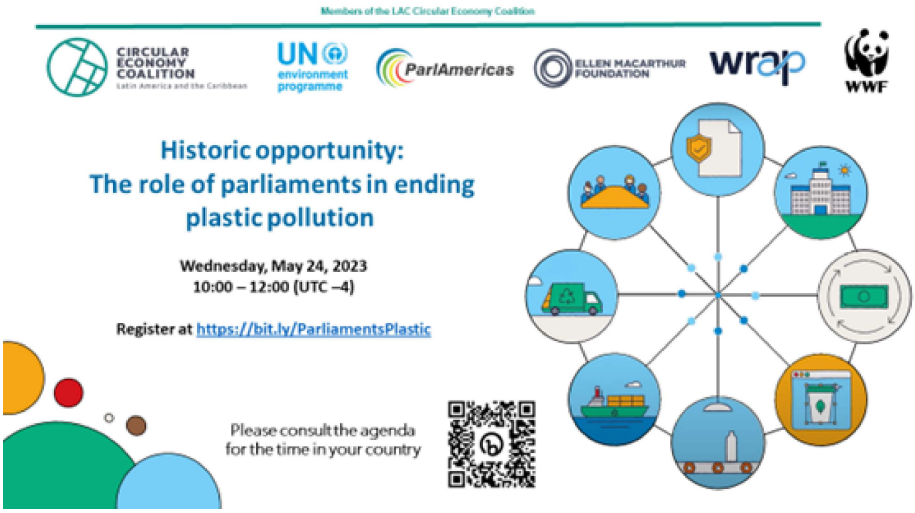
Image Credit: Linkedin

The 2023 Global Parliamentary Forum has held in Washington DC on 10-11 April, 2023. The event which was organised by the World Bank Group, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank and IMF, brought together Members of Parliament from across the world and featured conversations on climate change and the role of parliamentarians. Watch the event here: https://bit.ly/3q5zGKB and here.

10 Actions for Greening Parliaments

The Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) has released a strategic document that will guide Parliamentarians and those who work in Parliaments in reducing their carbon footprints. These guidelines are contained in the publication **10 Actions for Greener Parliaments (and those who work in them)**. Download the publication in English, Spanish, French, and Arabic, here.

MPs Converge to Discuss Ending Plastic Pollution



Members of Parliament from the Americas met on 24 May, 2023 to brainstorm on how parliaments can help end plastic pollution. This was at the event “Historic opportunity: The role of parliament in ending plastic pollution” which was co-organised by ParlAmericas, Latin America and the Caribbean Circular Economy Coalition, the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, United Nation Environment Programme, the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The report of this meeting will be made available in the next edition of this newsletter.

Related Partner News

Join the LGMA's COP28 webinars

The Local Government and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) are raising the voices of "Cities and Regions in the UNFCCC Climate Process". Join their monthly webinars to learn more about multilevel action and developments in the global climate change community. More here.

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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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GLOBE International is an international charity registered in Belgium. We work in a cross-party and non-partisan manner to ensure that elected representatives are aware of and engaged in key international processes such as the United Nations conference of parties (COPs) on climate change, biodiversity, desertification and disaster risk reduction.

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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