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Joint Statement by COP28 Presidency and UNFCCC

Image credit: COP28 Presidency

The COP28 President-designate, Dr. Sultan Al Jaber and the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Simon Stiell, have released a joint statement calling on the G20 to recognise its important role in the world and consequently take leadership in

ramping up mitigation efforts, investments in renewables, just transition, and climate finance. This was during the G20 Environment and Climate Ministers' meeting in Chennai which held on 26-28 July, 2023. See the full statement here: https://bit.ly/3OfgNxh

Bonn Conference Lays Groundwork for COP28

Image credit: UNFCCC

The Bonn Intersessional-- SB58—took place in Bonn, Germany on 5-15 June, 2023 with progress made on key areas over the two-week period. Key areas where progress was made include the global stocktake, climate finance, loss and damage, and adaptation. Speaking during the closing ceremony, the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Simon Stiell, said: "World-changing agreements happen when negotiators rise to the occasion, reach out and find compromises, then manage to convince their capitals of the merit and necessity of those compromises." More here: https://bit.ly/454UcdI

COP28: We Must Be Brutally Honest

Dr Sultan Al Jaber, the President-designate of COP28 has said the climate summit offers the world the chance to honestly assess how the world got to where it is today in terms of climate change, identify gaps, and take concrete actions to course correct. Jaber stated this in Brussels on 13 July during a meeting with climate ministers and officials. More here: https://bit.ly/478BNhD

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COP28 Action Plan and Programme Unveiled

COP28 President-designate, Dr. Sultan Al Jaber at the 7th Ministerial on Climate Change in Brussels, on 13 July, 2023, unveiled the COP28 Action Plan. The Action Plan focuses on: fast-tracking the energy transition; fixing climate finance; focusing on lives and livelihoods; and making COP fully inclusive. More here: https://bit.ly/3JW2QTn . In the same vein, the Thematic Programme of COP28 has been unveiled. You can access it here: https://bit.ly/457txwR

UN Climate Ambition Summit planned for September 2023

The climate Ambition Summit being convened by the UN Secretary General. António Guterres, will take place on 20 September, 2023 at the UN Headquarters, New York. The Summit is designed around the tripod of ambition (focuses on governments), credibility (focuses on business leaders, financial institutions, regions, and cities) and implementation (which speaks to collaboration and partnerships). Read the remarks of UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed at the Member States briefing on the Climate Ambition Summit, in New York on 9 June, here: https://bit.ly/3q70IqN

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New IPCC Chair Elected

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has elected Jim Skea as its new Chair. Jim Skea, a Professor of Sustainable Energy at Imperial College in London, says his leadership will focus on three priorities viz "improving inclusiveness and diversity, shielding scientific integrity and policy relevance of IPCC assessment reports, and making the effective use of the best available science on climate change." He was elected in Nairobi during the 59th Session of the IPCC holding

at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme. More here: https://bit.ly/43RXGze

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Integrate Food Systems and Agriculture into Climate Agenda

Image credit: Gulf Today

The COP28 Presidency has called on world leaders to integrate food systems and agricultural plans into their climate agenda. This was made known during the launch of the COP28 Presidency's Food Systems and Agriculture Agenda during the Food Systems Summit in Rome on 24 July, 2023. The Presidency called on governments to demonstrate leadership by signing the first-ever Leaders Declaration on Food Systems, Agriculture and Climate Action. More here: https://bit.ly/3Kev3F6

Guterres Proposes SDG Stimulus of $500 billion

The Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, has called for the establishment of a US$500bn SDG stimulus a year for sustainable development and climate change. Guterres made the call on 22 June, 2023, at the Paris Summit on a New Global Financing Pact. The UN Secretary General said what is needed to drive action across board is political will. He therefore charged world leaders to do more for the good of the planet. More here: https://bit.ly/3OdMGpO

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Global Updates

G20 Energy Transitions Ministers' Meet in Goa

Image credit: News 18

The G20 Energy Transitions Ministers' have met in Goa, India on 22 July, 2023 with the aim of building solidarity in "accelerating the clean, sustainable, just, affordable and inclusive energy transitions, following various pathways, as a means of enabling secure, sustainable, equitable, shared and inclusive growth." Deliberations focused on energy security and diversified supply chains; critical minerals; grid interconnectedness; universal energy access; energy efficiency and responsible consumption; just, affordable, and inclusive energy transition pathways ; GHG emissions mitigation, addressing technology gaps; etc. Access the Outcome Document here: https://bit.ly/3YatCgQ

Group Submits Draft Resolution on Urbanization and Climate Change Resilience

The Group of African States and Pakistan has submitted a draft resolution "on enhancing the interlinkage between urbanization and climate change resilience" to the United Nations Habitat Assembly. The resolution, in addition to calling for the enhancement of actions on the linkages between climate change and urbanisation, calls on the Executive Director of the Assembly to operationalise the SURGe initiative which was launched at COP27. More here: https://bit.ly/3KiBDuy

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Congress of Brazil Receives Ecocide Bill

The *Partido Socialismo e Liberdade* on 5 June, 2023, submitted an ecocide Bill to the Brazilian Congress. The Bill when passed will criminalise "performing illegal or wanton acts with the knowledge that they generate a substantial probability of serious and widespread or long-term damage to the environment," with the aim of protecting the amazon, other Brazilian biomes, and indigenous people. More here: https://bit.ly/43OftXQ

Image credit: Stop Ecocide

MPs Call for Nature Restoration

Image credit: DW

Members of the European Parliament have made clear their position in the EU Nature Restoration law. The law calls for restoration measures for at least 20% of EU's land and waters by 2030. More here: https://bit.ly/3OxFiHg

Students Demand for Climate Justice from Ghanaian Parliament

Image credit: Joy Online

About 500 Ghanaian students have joined activist, Okyeame Kwame to march to the Ghanaian Parliament to demand that MPs take action to address climate justice to ensure a greener Ghana. On ground to receive them Honourable Emmanuel Marfo, Honourable Elizabeth Sackey, among others. The MPs agreed that parliamentarians must take action in addressing climate change. More here: https://bit.ly/454UZuO

Africa Energy Forum Held

Image credit: African Business

The 25th edition of the Africa Energy Forum held in Nairobi, Kenya on 20-23 June, 2023. This year's forum with the theme "Africa for Africa" is the first time the event is held on African soil and brought together stakeholders from government,

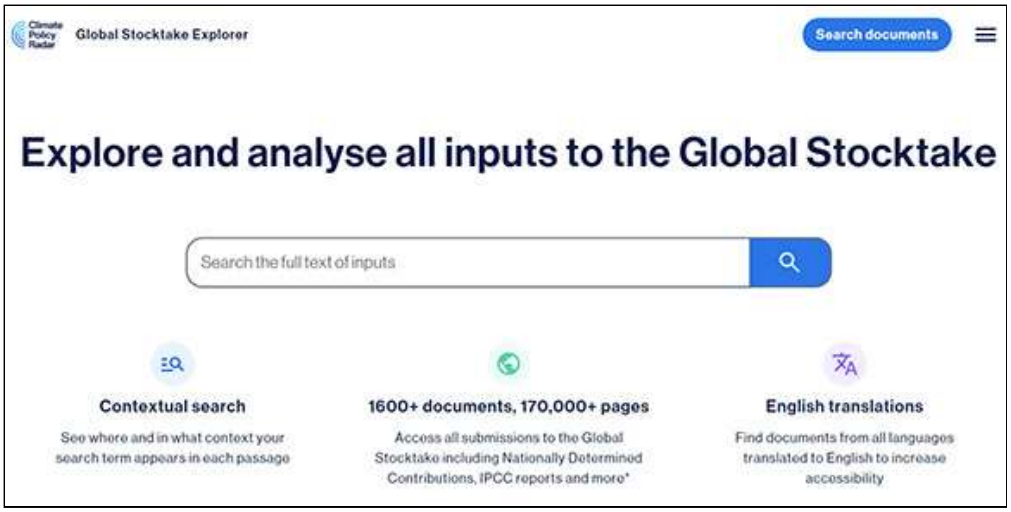
business, banking, energy, etc. sectors to discuss just transition, partnerships, and business development in the energy sector. More here: https://bit.ly/3KhTQs9

EUSEW2023 Held in Brussels

Image credit: EUSEW

The 2023 European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) has held in Brussels on 20-22 June 2023. The hybrid event with focus on renewable energy and energy efficiency, had "7 plenaries, 61 policy sessions, 35 Energy Fair stands, 128 Sustainable Energy Days, and the fourth edition of the European Youth Energy Day". Explore the highlights here: https://bit.ly/3Oepvvs

GST Explorer Launched



Climate Policy Radar has launched the Global Stocktake Explorer during the Bonn Intersessional. The GST Explorer is a resource that provides access to the all submissions to the global stocktake. Access it here: https://bit.ly/3Ox8GNO

Fit-for-55: MEPs Adopt New Rules

Image credit: Human Rights Watch

Members of the European Parliament on 11 July, 2023 adopted a new set of rules aimed at advancing the objectives of the Fit-for-55 vision. The new rule will see to "…more alternative fuel stations for cars and trucks, simple and easy recharging, and on cleaner maritime fuels." More here: https://bit.ly/3YebIdg

Brazil Initiates Plans to Improve Public Administration for SDGs

Image credit: SAEG

The sixth edition of the Evaluation Week in Schools of Government-- SAEG 2023, has been scheduled for 14-15 September, 2023, in Geneva. The event themed "Cooperation for the Training and Evaluation of the 2030 Agenda in Public Service" provides a platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences, and development of international cooperation between the international community and schools of government in Brazil. More here: https://saeg.info.6e/

Africa Climate Summit to Hold in September

Image credit: ACW

The Africa Climate Summit will hold on 4-8 September in Nairobi, Kenya. The summit will focus on green growth, and climate finance solutions. Register here: https://bit.ly/3Y911IK . There will be a number of side events for parliamentarians during this period. Email <focalpoint@globelegislators.org> for details.

10th Assembly Inaugurated in Nigeria

The 10th National Assembly of Nigeria was inaugurated on 13 June, 2023. This followed the successful conduct of National Assembly elections on 25 February, 2023 across the country. Nigeria runs a bicameral legislature with the Senate as the upper house, while the House of Representatives is the lower house.

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Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to Hold in September

The 66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference will hold on 30 September to 6th October, 2023, in Accra Ghana. The event will be hosted by the Parliament of Ghana and the Ghana Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. See event details here: https://bit.ly/3OxzTQr

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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 26 July, 2023. This month's webinar provided a platform to discuss updates from the COP28 Presidency and the UNFCCC; reflect on key events taking place in the build up to COP28; and provide updates on parliamentary coordination for COP28. Subscribe for the next webinar coming up on 23 August, 2023, by emailing <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>

CPA Holds Disaster Risk Management Workshop for SIDS MPs

Image credit: CPA

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's (CPA) Small Branches network and the Institute for Hazard, Risk and Resilience at Durham University in late May, organised a workshop for parliamentarians from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and other small jurisdictions on disaster risk management. The three-day workshop afforded participants with the opportunity to share their experiences on how disaster impacts their localities. More here: https://bit.ly/4509uQK

Related Partner News

Save the Date: ICLEI World Congress 2024

The city of São Paulo, Brazil, will host the ICLEI World Congress 2024 on 19-21 June, 2024. The "ICLEI World Congress showcases how local and regional governments across our network are advancing sustainable urban development worldwide."

Announcement

Are you heading to Dubai for COP28? The COP28 Presidency has provided a link to affordable accommodation. Click here: https://bit.ly/3YbWp4v

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