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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 stay abreast of developments and prepare the ground for success at COP28.

Read on for further information on COP28 – including how to book an event at the first-ever Parliamentary Pavilion – after the round-up of parliamentary climate change news and events below.

UN Updates

Unity Key to Addressing the Climate Crisis – Al Jaber



Image credit: The Intercept

COP28 President-designate, Dr Sultan Al Jaber says unity, and collaboration are key to addressing the climate crisis and positioning the world for sustainable growth. This was

contained in a letter Dr Al Jaber sent to parties on 17 October, 2023. Dr. Al Jaber who recognised the need for taking solutions to scale says collaboration is key to “accelerate a transition that puts our economies on the path toward a new low-carbon, high-growth, sustainable economic model in a way that is both transformational and just.” [Access the letter here](#)

Climate Action Summit to Kickstart COP28



Image credit: The National

COP28 President-Designate Dr Sultan Al Jaber and UN Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions, Mike Bloomberg have announced that the Local Climate Action Summit which will kickstart the COP28 process, will bring together subnational leaders into the COP process. This was made known during the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, in New York. The Summit which will be hosted by the COP28 Presidency in partnership with the Bloomberg Philanthropies aims at bringing local voices into the nucleus of conversations on multi-level action to drive the Paris Agreement.

IMF to Step Up Funding for Climate Change



Image credit: IMF

The World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) have agreed to encourage member states to step up their funding for the bank so that it can increase its support for vulnerable countries to fight climate change and poverty. This was during announced at the Annual IMF-World Bank Meeting in Marrakech, Morocco, on 9-15 October, 2023. [More here](#)

Fossil-Fuel Companies Must Commit to Decarbonisation - Al Jaber



COP28 President-designate, Sultan al-Jaber, has warned that fossil-fuel companies must not be seen to be in the way of phasing down fossil-fuel investments. Al Jaber made this known while speaking to Financial Times about ongoing discussions with fossil-fuel producers to commit to signing up to a Global Decarbonisation Alliance.

The alliance which will be launched during COP28 has more than twenty fossil fuel-intensive companies in talks to be part of the alliance. The objective of the alliance is to reach net zero by 2050 and near zero methane emissions by 2030. For more [click here](#)

Image credit: Seattle Times

Global Updates

9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers Forum Held



Image credit: D&B

The 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers Forum and Parliamentary Forum took place in New Delhi, India, on 13-14 October, 2023. The event with the theme “Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future” was convened by the Parliament of India in partnership with the Inter-Parliamentary Union. [For more click here](#)

LDC Ministers Issue Dakar Declaration



Ahead of COP28, Ministers from 46 Least Developed Countries of the world have met in Dakar, Senegal, to discuss ways to address the climate crises. The meeting ended with the Dakar Declaration which “calls for urgent global emissions reductions, scaled up climate finance, a strong outcome operationalising the new fund for addressing loss and damage, and an ambitious Global Stocktake to close the gaps in global climate action.” [Download the declaration here](#)

Image credit: LDC Climate Change

Pan-African Parliament Calls for Implementation of Agenda 2063



Image credit: African Union

Members of the Pan-African Parliament– the African Union’s Legislative arm– have called for the domestication of the African Union’s Agenda 2063. This was during the Retreat of the Executive Council of the African Union which took place in Kigali, Rwanda on 1-3 October, 2023 with the theme “Accelerating Agenda 2063 Implementation”. Speaking during the retreat, Honourable. Dr. Ashebiri Gayo who led the Pan-African Parliament delegation said Africa must find innovative ways to mobilise resources domestically, to achieve the goals of Agenda 2063. [For more click here](#)

Climate Change: California Ratifies Landmark Act

California Governor, Gavin Newsom, has signed into law the Senate Bill 253 (SB 253) which was passed by the Californian Senate in September. The Act, known as the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act, requires “requires California businesses with revenue of \$1 billion or more to disclose Scope 1 and 2 emissions beginning in 2026, followed by Scope 3 emissions in 2027”. [For more click here](#)



Image credit: Fiji One News

Dutch Parliament Votes to Phase Out Fossil Fuel Subsidies



Image credit: Reuters

Members of Parliament of the Dutch National Assembly have thrown their weight behind a motion calling on the government to commence the gradual phase out of fossil fuel subsidies. This was in support of the motion tabled by the Green Party (GroenLinks) and the Liberal Democrats (D66) party. The motion demands that the phase out be spread over a period of two, five or seven years. [More here](#)

Loss & Damage TC4 Meeting Ends in Deadlock



Image credit: Tribune Online

The fourth meeting of the Transition Committee of the Loss and Damage Fund was held in Aswan, Egypt, on 17-20 October, 2023. Despite four days of intensive deliberations, the Committee failed to agree on where the Loss and Damage Fund will be domiciled. Another round of meetings has been scheduled to hold in Abu Dhabi from 3-5 November, 2023.

Group Launches Parliamentarians' Pledge for L&D



The Loss and Damage Collaboration and the [Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance](#) have issued a call to parliamentarians to support the global call for Loss and Damage especially the operationalisation of its fund. See the [Global Parliamentarians' Pledge for L&D](#) for details on this, and how to sign.

MENA Climate Week 2023 Held in Riyadh



Image credit: UNEP

The Middle East and North Africa Climate Week took place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 8-12 October, 2023. Hosted by the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, MENA Climate Week 2023 provided a platform for regional conversations on just transition; energy and industry; inclusive finance and economic diversification; cities, settlements, infrastructure, transport, waste; land, ocean, water, and food; etc. [Watch the wrap up session here](#)

LACCW Takes Place in Panama



Image credit: UNDP

The 2023 Latin America and Caribbean Climate week (LACCW) took place in Panama City on 23-27 October, 2023. LACCW “is a platform to enable regional collaboration on climate action, contribute to the first [global stocktake](#) and accelerate implementation of the Paris Agreement.” [More 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 25 October, 2023**. As usual, the webinar had morning and afternoon

sessions and provided a platform for collaborative planning for COP28 amongst Members of Parliament and parliamentary networks. Our next monthly COP28 zoom webinar for the Parliamentary constituency is on **Wednesday 15 November**. Registration required, please sign up: <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>. And be on the lookout for notification about our COP28 expert webinars which will start shortly in November.

**UNFCCC
Parliamentary
Group**

**2023 - Monthly webinars hosted
by GLOBE International**

🕒 10am and 4pm Central European Time

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	27 September
Wednesday	25 October
Wednesday	15 November
Wednesday	20 December

Contact: <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>

Coalition for Conservation Launches New Chapter



Image credit: Cris Talacko

The Coalition for Conservation launched its South Australian chapter on 12 October, 2023. Speaking during the launch, MP Jack Batty said the aim of the coalition is to galvanise parliamentarians to take action in positioning Australia as a leader in clean and affordable energy, and abating emissions.

66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference Held in Accra



Image credit: CPA

The 66th session of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference took place in Accra, Ghana on 30 September - 6 October 2023. The event which was hosted by the Parliament of Ghana and the Ghana Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was themed "The Commonwealth Charter 10 years on: Values and Principles for Parliaments to Uphold".

[Access the conference's concluding statement here](#)

IPU Elects New President, Holds 147th Assembly



Image credit: African Gazette

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) has elected MP Tulia Ackson as the 31st President of its Governing Board. This was during the Union's 147th Assembly which took place in Luanda, Angola, on 23-27 October, 2023. Ms Ackson who is the Speaker of the Bunge-- Tanzania's National Assembly-- scored 57% of the votes. [For more information click here](#)

ParlAmericas, GRC, IRENA Partner in Panama



Image credit: GRC

As part of the activities at the Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week 2023, ParlAmericas, Global Renewables Congress (GRC) and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) convened a session on "Upscaling Renewable Energy Deployment for the Good of All: The Role of Legislators." The event brought together legislators and experts to discuss how to amplify renewable energy investments within the region. [For more information click here](#)

Climate Parliament to Hold Truth and Ambition Summit



Truth and Ambition

Global Parliamentary Commission on the Paris Agreement

3-4 December 2023

Dubai, UAE



Climate Parliament will be convening a Truth and Ambition summit during COP28. The summit which will take place from 3-4 December, 2023 seeks to interrogate the role of legislators in understanding the climate threat, mitigation and adaptation, and ramping up actions to meet the goals of Articles 2.1, 4.1, and 7.1 of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

New Report on COP Reform Launched

A promotional graphic for a report launch event. The background is a dark teal color with a faint illustration of a city skyline and wind turbines. At the top, the text "MISSION ZERO COALITION" is on the left and "DIPLOMAT" is on the right. In the center, the title "Climate Negotiations and the COP Process: Lessons from the Past, Directions for the Future" is written in white. Below the title, the date and time "FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023 (8-9AM)" are listed. At the bottom, three portraits of speakers are shown: Chris Skidmore, Amber Rudd, and Will Farrell. Below each portrait is their name and title.

MISSION ZERO COALITION **DIPLOMAT**

**Climate Negotiations and the COP Process:
Lessons from the Past, Directions for the Future**

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023 (8-9AM)

The Rt Hon Chris Skidmore OBE
former UK Energy Minister;
Chair, Independent Net Zero Review

The Rt Hon Amber Rudd
former Secretary of State for
Energy and Climate

Will Farrell
COP26 Youth Advisory Group

Former UK energy minister, Chris Skidmore MP, Chair of the Independent Commission on Net Zero has trained his sights on the COP process and produced a report with Will Farrell, *Lessons From the Past – Towards a Better Future: A Brief History of the United Nations*

Climate Change Conferences: COPs 1-27. The book chronicles activities and decisions from COP1 to COP27 and offers recommendations for the future. [Access it here](#) and stay tuned for an event on the report at the COP28 Parliamentary Pavilion.

Grantham Launches Resource on Net Zero



Image credit: ICL

The Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School for Economics has launched its report on ‘Governance pathways to credible implementation of net zero targets.’ The reports provides insights on how governments "can advance from political promise to integrating and implementing the commitment through their national governance systems." [Download the report here](#)

CPA Launches Article on Innovations in Climate Change Laws in Africa



Image credit: Foreign Policy Research Institute

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in partnership with the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics (LSE) has published an article—'Innovations in Climate Change Acts: Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria in focus.' The report examines the key aspects of the Climate Change Acts of the three countries and how they were tailored to respond to the individual circumstances of each of the three countries. [Read more here](#)

COP28 Announcements

Planning your COP28 Travel? All You Need to Know

The COP28 Presidency has provided a page where you can get all the information you need as you prepare to travel to the UAE for COP28. This includes information on visas, accommodation, traveling to venue, etc. For more information [click here](#)

Book Your Event at the COP28 Parliamentary Pavilion



GLOBE is proud to host the first ever Parliamentary Pavilion at a COP. The COP28 Parliamentary Pavilion will be located in 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.



The Pavilion will offer a daily schedule of events featuring briefings, report launches, panel discussions and more from across the parliamentary constituency and featuring a range of networks and parliamentary institutions.

COP28 PARLIAMENTARY PAVILION – DAILY OVERVIEW		
TIME (Dubai GMT+4)	ACTIVITY	ORGANISER
8:00 – 9:00	Morning coffee/ tea	GLOBE
9:00 – 9:30	COP28 Daily Briefing	GLOBE/ Delegations
10:00 – 11:30	Event	
12:00 – 13:30	Event	
14:00 – 15:30	Event	
16:00 – 16:30	COP28 Afternoon Briefing	GLOBE/ Delegations
17:00 – 18:00	Afternoon Drop-by	GLOBE
18:00 – 19:30	Thematic/ Geographic Caucus Sessions	GLOBE & Partners
20:00 – 21:00	Parliamentary Networking	GLOBE

Please e-mail focalpoint@globelegislators.org for details on how to book an event in the COP28 Parliamentary Pavilion. The Meeting Room will also be available for advance booking for members of the Parliamentary constituency. All enquiries to focalpoint@globelegislators.org

COP28 PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR

Are you organising an event at COP28 in Dubai or even in your own national parliament? If so, please let us know and we will include it in the COP28 Parliamentary Calendar – the go-to guide to parliamentary events on climate change during COP28. This year the calendar will include events not only at COP28 in the Blue Zone, Green Zones, hotels and other venues; but also events across the global parliamentary estate in Parliaments and elsewhere to provide an even more comprehensive guide to parliamentary activity on climate change. Please send in your events by 15 November to focalpoint@globelegislators.org



We are currently compiling our usual COP Parliamentary Calendar. Kindly send in your events which will take place during COP28. These may be within the Blue Zone, Green Zone, or at hotels. Email focalpoint@globelegislators.org for inclusion in the Parliamentary Calendar. Deadline 15 November 2023.

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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 and desertification.

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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Contact Us

We welcome ideas for Blogs and Op-Eds in the lead-up to COP28 from Members of Parliament. Please drop a line if you wish to share a proposal for discussion: focalpoint@globelegislators.org.

Do you have opinions/insights or views on how Parliaments can help scale up climate ambitions? Are Parliaments around you taking action to help address the climate crisis? Kindly share your thoughts with us through focalpoint@globelegislators.org .



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