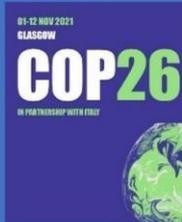


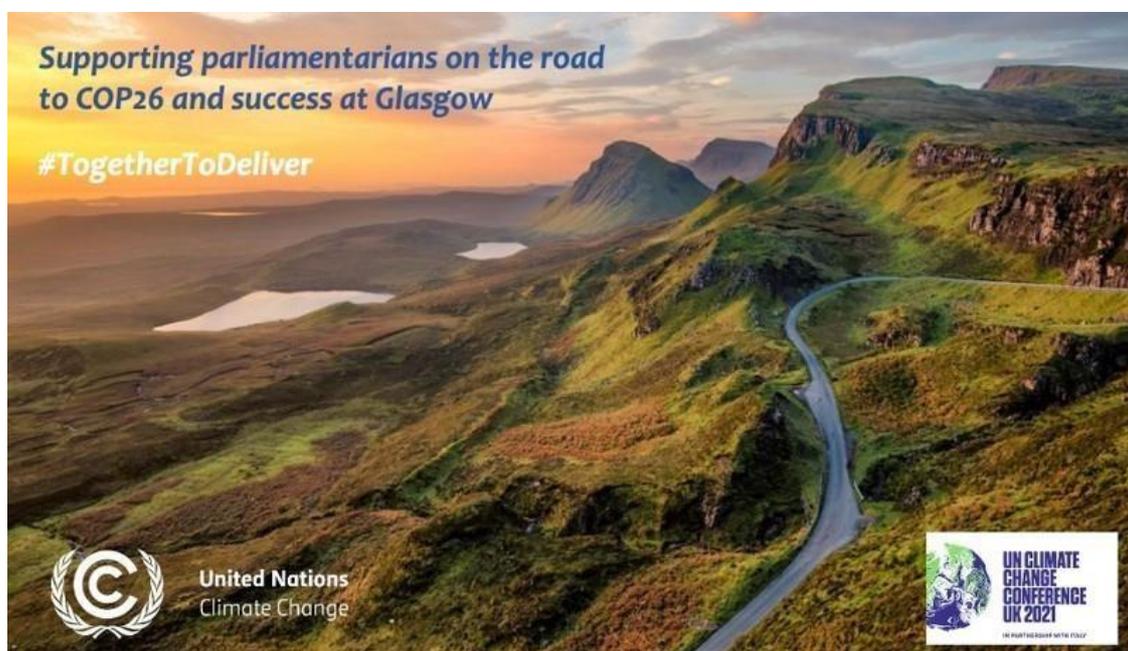
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Parliamentarians @ COP26



Welcome to the third issue of this bi-weekly newsletter 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 COP26.



"COP26 in Glasgow represents an urgent summons to provide effective responses to the unprecedented ecological crisis and the crisis of values that we are presently experiencing, and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations." -- Pope Francis speaking at the Faith and Science: Towards COP26 event.



The "Faith and Science: Towards COP26" meeting brought together Christian leaders including Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, as well as representatives of Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism and Jainism.

The meeting issued an appeal urging all governments to adopt plans to help limit the rise in the average global temperature to 1.5 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to achieve net-zero carbon emissions as soon as possible. For more information, click [here](#).

Pre-COP26 Parliamentary Events

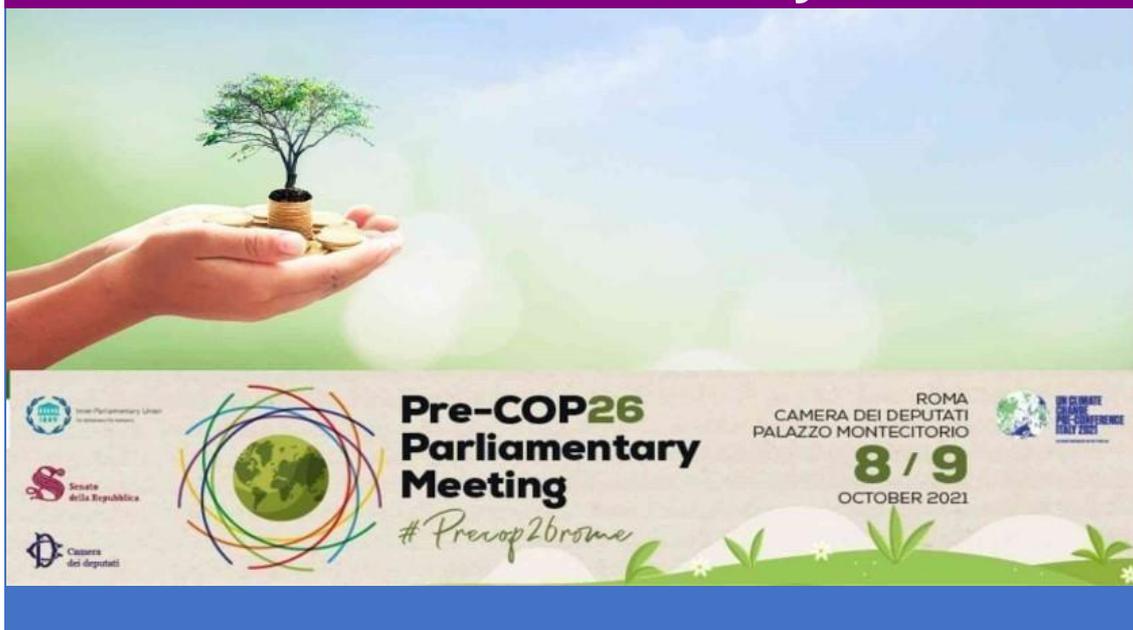


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On 8 and 9 October 2021, delegates from 50 countries participated in the PreCOP26 Parliamentary Meeting in Rome. The event, organized by InterParliamentary Union and Italy's Camera dei Deputati, featured discussions around parliamentary contribution to achieving COP26 goals; funding global policies for climate; green approaches to COVID-19 recovery; among others.



During her speech, keynote speaker and Speaker of the U.S House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, urged parliamentarians worldwide to "transfer the planet to future generations in a responsible way".

Participants at the two-day event include MPs from the Environment Committees of invited Parliaments, officials of the United Nations and World Health Organization, government officials, etc. The outcome document--a policy setting document--adopted at the end of the 2-day event will be transmitted to the Glasgow Conference.



Armenia held the [“Going Green” conference](#) on 30 September 2021. The event was a precursor to COP26 held at Yerevan with the support of the British Embassy Yerevan in partnership with CITY College, University of York Europe Campus.

Africa's Climate Change Week held between September 26-29 September 2021. The virtual event, which had about 1,600 persons in attendance, was hosted by the Government of Uganda, with UN Development Programme, UN Environment Programme, the World Bank Group, the African Union, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) as partners. Africa's Climate Change Week sought to set the tone for amplifying regional ambitions in the build up to COP26. Read more [here](#).

Pre-COP Youth for Climate Event: The Government of Italy between 28-30 September 2021, hosted the "Youth4Climate: Driving Ambition" event. About 400 youths from 186 countries participated. The event saw youths share their proposals on how Climate change can be tackled. Read more [here](#).

The [First Global Parliamentary Meeting on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) with 70 Parliaments in attendance held between 28-30 September 2021. The event which was virtual was organized by InterParliamentary Union and the House of Representatives of Indonesia. Keynote speaker and Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina J. Mohammed, stressed the need to build green and blue economies for a healthy and prosperous world.

COP26 UK Presidency Update

Here are some important news items released by the COP26 Communications Department ahead of COP26:

The British Government has updated its list of [Approved COVID-19 vaccines and countries with approved COVID-19 proof of vaccination](#). Visit the link for more information.

Forty-seven countries have been removed from the [Red list of countries and territories](#) as at 4a.m Monday, 11 October 2021, thus reducing the number of countries and territories on the Red list to just seven.

More than 200 events will hold at the **Green Zone** during COP26. These events will include cultural performances, exhibitions, talks, film screenings, technical demonstrations, discussions between young people, indigenous leaders, businesses, etc. Read more [here](#).

Planning on coming to Glasgow for COP26? Get all the necessary information about visas, accommodation, etc, [here](#).

Would you like to get involved in COP26 without being in Glasgow? Then subscribe to the **COP26 YouTube Channel** [here](#).

Parliaments in the News

Five years after signing the Paris Agreement, the **Turkish Parliament** on Wednesday, 6 October 2021, ratified the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. This comes on the heels of Cabinet's approval of a 2053 net zero emissions goal. Read more [here](#).

Iraq's Parliamentary Elections: Iraqis went to the polls on Sunday, 10 October to elect new members for its 329-seat parliament. With the new electoral law making provisions for independent candidacy, 950 women took part in the elections. Read more [here](#).

A group of Parliamentarians are calling for acceleration in the development of renewable and clean energy systems by bringing to an end the use of fossil fuel. Read more, and sign the Call [here](#).

The **National Assembly of Nigeria** is debating a Bill that seeks to create special seats for women in Nigeria's National Assembly. The Bill is aimed at boosting female representation in governance.

On Thursday, 21 October 2021, a cross-party group of legislators will be debating "COP26 and limiting global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius," in the Main Chamber of the House of Commons.

Upcoming Parliamentary Climate Events

CPA Climate Webinar and Roundtable Series

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) UK has released the calendar for its "Climate Webinar and Roundtable Series". The virtual series will hold between 15 October to 28 October 2021. The webinar will focus on "Climate Governance and the Challenges of Multi-level Action", and "What Climate Change Means for National and International Security". [Read more, and register here](#).

UK House of Commons Debate on COP26

On Thursday 21 October, the UK House of Commons will host a debate on 'COP26 and limiting global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius'. Parliament is currently in recess and we look forward to carrying a report on the debate in our next issue. More [here](#).

Parliamentarians@COP26 Webinar Series

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WHAT IS 'THE GLASGOW PACKAGE'?	WHAT NEXT ON CLIMATE FINANCE?	BRIEFING FROM COP LEADERS' SESSION	BRIEFING FROM WEEK 2	WHAT HAPPENED? COP26 OUTCOME EXPLAINED
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FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER 2021

LONDON COP26 DIALOGUE

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Seats	
Con	21
Labour	49
Lib Dem	3

Map adapted from: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=84902782>

GLOBE Student-MP Climate Surgeries

Ahead of COP26, GLOBE will be working with partners to promote dialogue between young people and parliamentarians on how to solve the climate crisis. These will take the form of a [Student-MP Climate Surgery in London](#) on Friday

22 October. A similar event will take place across Scotland with MSPs and MPs on Friday 29 October. Billed as '[The Moment](#)', these dialogues between young people and their elected representatives will take place across Scotland in partnership with Scotland's Children's and Youth Parliaments. It is intended as a means of improving political understanding and supporting informed engagement on a critical issue for young people. For more information, click [here](#).

GLOBE COP26 Legislators Summit

5-6 November 2021



GLOBE International shall be hosting the main COP26 [Legislators Summit](#) at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh on November 5-6 2021. Designated as a 'Code Red' Summit by GLOBE due to the urgent need for climate action, this summit will have 150 participants physically present and is expected to have hundreds of digital delegates joining virtually. It will provide a platform for legislators to network, share ideas on innovative actions to be taken to address the issues of Climate Change and sustainable development.

Check out the high-profile programme headlined by GLOBE International cofounder and President **US Special Climate Envoy John Kerry**. Programme and registration details [here](#).

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE SUMMIT?

ATTENTION: *We are still seeking information on what parliaments in your region are doing as we build up to COP26. Please share with us through focalpoint@globelegislators.org*

Relevant Reports & Briefings

The **Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD)** network has launched a new Strategic Plan 2021-2024. You can access the Strategic Plan [here](#). The CPwD has also elected a new Chairperson. She is Hon. Dennitah Ghatai MP, from the National Assembly of Kenya. Meet the Chairperson [here](#).

INTER PARES on Friday, 8 October, held a "Gender-sensitive Scrutiny" workshop with the Congress of Chile. The workshop featured the presentation of a 5-step model for gender sensitive scrutiny.



World Forum for Democracy’s satellite event “**Parliaments, Climate Change and Intergenerational Justice**” held on 6 October 2021. The event was coorganized by INTER PARES, International IDEA, and Council of Europe.

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Defeatism or inaction are not an option for democracy when it comes to climate change.
It is only through concerted actions, global partnerships, exchange of best practices and innovative methods that we stand a chance to make a difference.
—
KEVIN CASAS-ZAMORA
Secretary-General, International IDEA

PARLIAMENTS, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE

Funded by the European Union
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The **United Nations Human Rights Council** has [adopted a resolution](#) on the right to clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

On Monday, 4 October 2021, the world’s airlines pledged to attain net zero carbon emissions by 2050. This was made known by the Director General of **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**, Willie Walsh. Read more [here](#).

A consortium of think tanks, **Allied for Climate Transformation by 2025 (ACT2025)**, has called for COP26 to prioritize the needs of climate-vulnerable communities and countries. This, they stress, will help rebuild trust and ensure justice. Read more [here](#).

YouTube says it will stop running Ads that deny the existence of Climate Change. Read more [here](#).

The first ever **Auckland Climate Festival** will be taking place on 12 October 2021. The event which will be both in-person and virtual seeks to celebrate and drive climate action. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

How are **parliaments taking legislative actions against climate change?** [Read this interesting report](#).

The "**Parliaments and the Paris Agreement - an overview of emerging global experience in the run-up to COP26**" report was launched during New York Climate Week. This report is a joint effort sponsored by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, involving three leading parliamentary organisations: ParlAmericas, INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership - *EU Global Project to Strengthen the Capacity of Parliaments* and GLOBE International. [Click here for more information and the full report](#).

Parliaments and the Paris Agreement

An overview of emerging global experience in the run-up to COP26

SPEAKERS
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Senator Rosa Galvez, ParlAmericas
Jonathan Murphy, INTER PARES / International IDEA
Malini Mehra, GLOBE International

Friday 24 September 2021
Ottawa 9:00 London 14:00 Brussels 15:00

Virtual Report Launch
Climate Week NYC 2021

The poster features a central illustration of a globe with gears, a magnifying glass, and green leaves. Logos for GLOBE, INTER PARES, ParlAmericas, and WFD are visible at the bottom.

Travel Advisory

Are you planning to be at the UK for COP 26? Access the updated Travel Advisory [here](#).

COP26 Accommodation: The COP26 Homestay Network has been created. The network matches hosts with guests coming for COP26. Guests' and hosts' profiles are verified, and pairing is based on circumstances and interests. Join the "human hotel" as a guest or host, [here](#).

What is COP26 and why does it matter? Learn more [here](#).

Contact Us

Do you have opinions/insights or views on how Parliaments can help scale up climate ambitions? Is there any pre-COP event for parliamentarians happening around you? Kindly share your thoughts with us through focalpoint@globelegislators.org



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