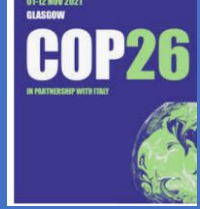


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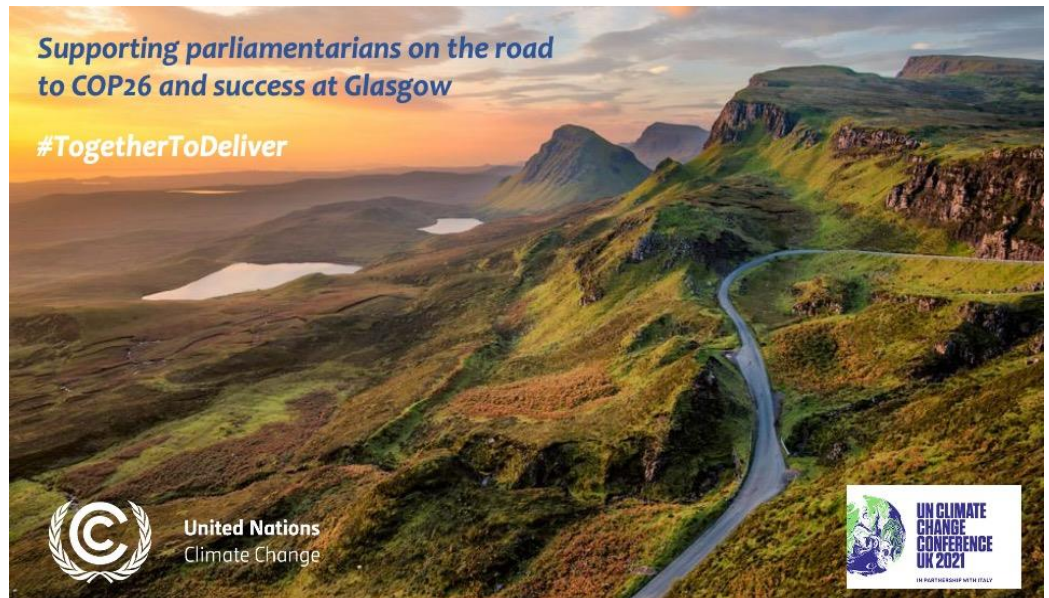
# NEWSLETTER

## Parliamentarians @ COP26



Fortnightly newsletter prepared by GLOBE International, serving as the UNFCCC Focal Point for the Parliamentary Group. Supporting the community to stay abreast of developments and prepare the ground for success at COP26

*“Humanity doesn’t lack the resources, technology, projects or innovative potential to achieve [1.5] all that’s missing is the courage to act, the courage to choose our grandchildren’s future over shareholder greed and corporate carbon agreement interests.” -- Hon. Josiaia Voreqe Bainimaram, Prime Minister of Fiji.*



### Major News/Announcements from COP26

#### Where Paris Promised, Glasgow Must Deliver. Text of Alok Sharma’s First Speech as COP26 President



Image credit: GOV.UK

COP26 President, **Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma** has stated that the aim of COP26 is to ensure that the promises of COP21 in Paris are delivered. Mr. Sharma made

this known during his opening remarks at COP26. Get the full text of the speech here: <https://bit.ly/2YocUQJ>

### **About 120 World Leaders Gather in Glasgow for the World's Best and Last Chance to Keep 1.5 Degree Alive.**

*"Our addiction to fossil fuels is pushing humanity to the brink. We face a stark choice: Either we stop it - or it stops us. It's time to say: enough."--UN Secretary-General António Guterres*



Image credit: GOV.UK

On November 1, 2021, about 120 world leaders gathered at the Scotland Events Centre, Glasgow, to kickstart the 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. They were joined by climate activists, business leaders, representatives of indigenous people, etc. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3CTXWRs>

### **This is a Decisive Decade for the World—Pres. Joe Biden**



Image credit: Sky News

U.S President, **Joe Biden** has described this decade as a decisive one for the world, in the fight against climate change. President Biden made this known during his COP26 speech at the Scottish Events Centre, Glasgow, on November 1, 2021. Full text of the speech here: <https://bit.ly/3CWrn1P>

## No Alternative to Keeping Global Temperature Rise at 1.5

*"We are not drowning, we are fighting'. This is our warrior cry to the world. We are not drowning, we are fighting. This is my message from Earth to COP." --Samoan environmentalist Brianna Fruean*



Image credit: CNBC

The Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley, has stated that keeping global temperature rise to two degrees Celsius will be the equivalent of passing a death sentence on small island nations. Ms Mottley made this known during her COP26 speech at the Scottish Events Centre, on Monday, November 1, 2021. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3qdtoXi>

**UK pledges over £55m to partner with Pakistan to fight climate change, manage water more sustainably and unlock climate investment.**

**We Have Pulled a Goal or Two Back in the Fight Against Climate Change—PM Johnson**



Image credit: BBC

British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has expressed hope that the world may yet win the fight against climate change, as the early days of COP26 have

witnessed measurable commitments. Prime Minister Johnson stated this during his opening remarks at COP26 Press conference on 2 November 2021

### **US to Cut GHG Emissions by over a Giga-tonne by 2030**

The United States of America has announced that it will cut its GHG emissions by over a giga-tonne by 2030. U.S President, Joe Biden announced this during his speech at COP26, on November 1, 2021. This emissions' cut will be achieved through the country's Build Back Better initiative. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3GRJX00>

### **UK and India Launch New Grids Initiative to Deliver Clean Energy to the World**

*“In my lifetime, I’ve witnessed a terrible decline. In yours, you could and should witness a wonderful recovery.” --Sir David Attenborough*



**Image credit: The Print**

Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom and India, Boris Johnson and Narendra Modi respectively, have launched a new flagship clean energy initiative called the “Green Grids Initiative – One Sun One World One Grid” (GGI-OSOWOG), to accelerate global transition to clean energy. This was done on November 2, 2021, at the World Leaders Summit. The initiative which has the backing of over 80 countries, seeks to accelerate "interconnected electricity grids across continents, countries and communities, and improve energy access of the poorest through mini-grids and off-grid solutions." Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3kdSKRa>

### **60% of Britain's Biggest Companies Sign on to Net Zero**

60% of Britain's biggest companies have signed on to the race to net zero. This was announced on November 4, 2021. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/300owJU>

## India Sets Net Zero Date



Image credit: DW

The world's third highest GHG emitter, India, has committed to attaining net zero GHG emissions by 2070. Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, made the commitment while speaking during the World Leaders Summit at COP26. Details here: <https://bit.ly/3c4Hfal>

## Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net-Zero reaches \$130trn

The Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net-Zero has announced that financing to meet net zero targets now exceeds US\$130 trillion. These financial commitments are from 450 firms across 45 countries. More here: <https://bit.ly/3mS0hXp>

## Over 100 Countries Pledge to cut Methane Emission

More than 100 countries have pledged to cut their methane emission by 30% by 2030. This is part of commitments being made at COP26 to keep global temperature rises under 1.5 degree. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3keQVTM>

## Protests Rock COP26



Image credit: The Herald

*"Betrayal. That's how young people around the world are describing our governments' failure to cut carbon emissions. And it's no surprise." -- Greta Thunberg*

*“We need you to respond with courage to the climate and ecological crisis...for these next two weeks – which are so critical for the children, for our species, for so many other living beings – let us step into our hearts.” -- Elizabeth Wathuti (Kenyan environment and climate activist)*

As world leaders, business leaders, scientists, civil society, etc, meet and negotiate in Glasgow during COP26, protests have continued to rock the city, as people demand for more action to tackle the climate crises. The protests were led by a group known as "Fridays for Future Scotland" who were inspired by Climate Activist. Greta Thunberg. Read more here: <https://bbc.in/3qjhuev>

### **Activists Call for Financial Institutions to Stop Funding for Fossil Fuel**

Over 120 coordinated actions in twenty-six countries by activists targeting financial institutions who still support the fossil fuel industry held between October 29 to November 6, 2021. The actions were targeted at ending funding for fossil fuel which many consider an important impediment in the fight to reduce GHG emissions. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3H1yc84>

## **Outcomes from COP26**

This section chronicles what has been released by the COP26 Presidency as the outcomes of negotiations so far at COP26.

### **COP26 Presidency Compilation of 2021-2025 Climate Finance Commitments**

The COP26 Presidency has released a compilation of financial commitments made by developed countries with the aim of meeting the US\$100bn annual Climate Finance goal for 2021-2025. You can access the list here: <https://bit.ly/3BMZCeh>

### **World Leaders Pledge to End Deforestation by 2030.**

Over 100 world leaders have committed to ending and reversing deforestation by 2030. This was announced by the Prime Minister of Britain, Boris Johnson, during the Forest & Land Use event at COP26 on November 2, 2021. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3EPpOH1>

### **45 Governments Led by the UK Make New Pledges to Protect Nature**

On November 6, 2021, which was Nature Day at COP26, forty-five countries led by the United Kingdom committed to shifting to more sustainable means of farming, bearing in mind that agriculture, forestry, and other land use contribute to a quarter of GHGs emission globally.

### **Countries Commit to Phasing Out Coal**

More than forty countries have committed to phasing out coal. This is part of efforts to reduce GHGs emission and attain 1.5 degrees. Read more here: <https://bbc.in/3o7EYjX>

## Calendar of Upcoming Parliamentary Climate Events

### GLOBE Parliamentarians @COP26 Webinar

*"...after billions of years of evolution, Nature is our best teacher – in this regard, restoring Natural Capital, accelerating Nature-based solutions and leveraging the circular bioeconomy will be vital to our efforts."-- Prince Charles*

The graphic features the GLOBE logo (The Global Legislators Organisation) and the UN Climate Change Conference UK 2021 logo. The main title is "GLOBE Parliamentarians @COP26 Webinar Series". Below this, five sessions are listed in a row:

WHAT IS 'THE GLASGOW PACKAGE'?	WHAT NEXT ON CLIMATE FINANCE?	BRIEFING FROM COP LEADERS' SESSION	BRIEFING FROM WEEK 2	WHAT HAPPENED? COP26 OUTCOME EXPLAINED
Tuesday 19 October 12:30 – 13:30 GMT+1 London time	Tuesday 26 October 12:30 – 13:30 GMT+1 London time	Thursday 4 November 12:30 – 13:30 GMT+1 London time	Tuesday 9 November 12:30 – 13:30 GMT+1 London time	Tuesday 16 November 12:30 – 13:30 GMT+1 London time

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You can still register for the GLOBE Parliamentarians @COP26 Webinar. Click here <https://bit.ly/2Yy6eiq> to register for the remaining two sessions.

### Centre-Right Climate Action Declaration to be Launched

On November 8, 2021, the **Conservative Environment Network** will be launching its Centre-Right Climate Action Declaration at The Corinthian, Glasgow. The event will start at 6p.m UK Time.

### IPU Organises COP26 Side Event

On November 10, 2021, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in alliance with Center for Policy Research and Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and Environment will be organising a COP26 side event tagged "From pledges to action: Governance for the effective implementation of the Paris agreement." The event will hold between 18:30-19:45 at Lomond Auditorium, Scottish Event Campus (SEC) Blue Zone. See details here: <https://bit.ly/3CVIuUL>

### CEN to Host Global Conservative Climate Summit

The Global Conservative Climate Summit hosted by Conservative Environment Network will hold on November 10-11, 2021, at Sherbrooke Castle Hotel, Glasgow. Get more information here <https://bit.ly/3GcIylo>

### WFD to Hold ACE and Clean Energy Transition Event

Westminster Foundation for Democracy's "ACE and the Clean Energy Transition" will hold on November 12, 2021, at Tower Base North, Glasgow.

## INTER-PARES to Hold Peer-to-Peer Parliamentary Strengthening Seminar

*“Glasgow must be the start of a decade of shared ambition and innovation to preserve our future.” -- Joe Biden (U.S President)*

Parliamentary Development Community of Practice – Online Seminar

**Session 1:  
Peer-to-Peer  
Parliamentary Strengthening**

**17 November 2021,  
15.00-18.00 CEST**

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INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership – EU Global Project to Strengthen the Capacity of Parliaments and the German Bundestag will be holding a ‘Peer-to-Peer Parliamentary Strengthening’ online seminar, the first in a series of events organized by the AGORA global knowledge platform on parliamentary development. The event will take place on **Wednesday, 17 November 2021, from 15:00 to 18:00 CET (Brussels time)**.

## COP26 Parliamentary Calendar

**COP26 PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR**

Guide to parliamentary activities @ COP26 for the UNFCCC Parliamentary Group

**01-12 NOV 2021  
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The Global Parliament Organization

You can now access the Parliamentary Group’s COP26 Calendar here for more information about parliamentary activities at COP26: <https://bit.ly/3o1GxQu>



## Relevant Reports & Briefings

### The Moment

*"Can there be peace and prosperity if one-third of the world lives in prosperity and two-thirds live underseas and face calamitous threats to our wellbeing?" -- Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley.*



Friday 29 October 2021

**A special day of climate dialogue between children, young people & their elected representatives across Scotland**



Map adapted from: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Flag\\_map\\_of\\_Scotland.svg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Flag_map_of_Scotland.svg)

On Friday October 29, 2021, young people and students from across Scotland engaged with Members of Parliaments on critical issues. The event, tagged “The Moment” was intended as a means of improving political understanding and supporting informed engagement on critical issues for young people and was supported by Scotland's Children and Youth Parliaments.

### ParlAmericas Holds Meeting of Presiding Officers of Parliament from the Caribbean

ParlAmericas on Monday, November 1, 2021, organised a meeting for the Presiding Officers, MPs, and clerks of parliaments from eleven Caribbean countries. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3mSnzww>

## Live Briefing From COP26

Third webinar in GLOBE's **Parliamentarians@COP26** Webinar Series

**Chair: Malini Mehra**  
CEO, GLOBE

**Barry Gardiner MP**  
UK Parliament

**Stientje van Veldhoven**  
World Resources Institute

**Marcelo de Andrade**  
Founder ProNatura International

**Dy Samuel Onuigbo**  
Nigerian Parliament

**Thursday 4 November**      **12:30 – 13:30 GMT+1**      **London time**

**GLOBE**      **UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE UK 2021**      *In partnership with*      **E3G**      **WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE**

The third **GLOBE PARLIAMENTARIANS @COP26 WEBINAR SERIES** held on November 4, 2021. This third webinar entitled “Live Briefings from COP26” featured the following speakers: Barry Gardiner MP (UK Parliament), Stientje van Veldhoven (WRI), Marcelo de Andrade (Founder of Pro Natura

International, and Rep. Samuel Onuigbo (Nigerian Parliament). You can watch the webinar here: <https://bit.ly/3oavqol>

### **Climate Parliament's Green Grids Initiative Session**

*“The incredible thing about courage is that it is infectious. The more we act, the more we encourage others to act.” –Tziporah Berman*



On November 5, 2021, at Strathclyde University and online, the climate Parliament held its Green Grids Initiative Session.

### **GLOBE COP26 Legislators Summit**



The hybrid GLOBE COP26 Legislators Summit held at the Scottish Parliament Edinburgh on November 5-6, 2021. The Summit which witnessed power-packed presentations both virtually and in-person was live-streamed and viewed by close to 5,000 people online. The full Summit recording will be available on GLOBE's website shortly. For more information about the Summit, click here: <https://bit.ly/2YqFPn7>

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