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Welcome to the first of our monthly, multilingual Parliamentarians@COP29 newsletters for 2024, prepared by [GLOBE International](#) serving as the [UNFCCC Focal Point](#) for the world's parliamentary constituency. Our work supports legislators to deliver on their Paris Agreement (and related) climate commitments, and to prepare for and engage effectively at COP29.

From this year onwards we are working closely with the **COP28-COP29-COP30 Presidencies** to support more meaningful participation by the world's parliamentarians in the UN climate process for more effective national delivery. Stay tuned for further updates at our monthly webinars for the Parliamentary Constituency and our monthly newsletters.

We start the year with COP28 successfully behind us and some significant wins for the fossil fuel transition, finance, inclusion, and equity. 2023 was an extraordinary year of productivity and impact for the parliamentary constituency.

Parliamentarians are now firmly on the international policy agenda and in processes such as the UNFCCC and COPs as never before. The slogan, 'Parliaments make COPs count', coined by GLOBE for the first-ever Parliamentary Pavilion at COP28, now has to move from rhetoric to reality in parliamentary chambers.

GLOBE is proud to have played a role in securing this prominence. Both in taking on an organising role for the global parliamentary constituency as the [UNFCCC Focal Point for the Informal Parliamentary Group](#) since COP26. As well as in initiating numerous information and coordination services such as our multilingual "[Parliamentarians@COP](#)" newsletters, [monthly webinars](#) and [COP calendars](#).

We are proud to have worked with the world's leading parliamentary organisations in hosting the first ever [Parliamentary Pavilion](#), supported by the UK Government and others, and participating in the first-ever [Parliament Day](#), hosted by the IPU and the UAE Parliament at COP28. We look forward to building on this partnership this year.



The [Parliamentary Pavilion](#) was the first time that parliamentarians and parliamentary organisations and networks had their own designated meeting and event space across the two-week COP28. This [short 2-minute film](#) provides a glimpse into the many varied and impactful activities held in the Parliamentary Pavilion and beyond at COP28:



NB. The film can also be viewed in [Spanish](#) and [French](#).

Over the course of the two weeks, the [Parliamentary Pavilion saw more than 50 events and gatherings](#) in both the event space and the adjacent Meeting Room. Members of Parliaments from Australia to Zambia - and everywhere in between - across the political spectrum, took part in activities, strategy sessions and briefings.

The buzz was infectious and the following are just a few highlights from the Pavilion:

- the [launch of the Planet Caucus initiative](#) by Brazilian Congresswoman and indigenous leader, Célia Xakriabá
- the [launch of the preliminary report](#) of Global Parliamentarians' Inquiry into the Progress of Fossil Fuels Phase Out
- the first-ever [international launch of a report](#) by the UK Parliament's Environment Audit Committee (EAC)
- Direct link-up with the Scottish Parliament for [briefings directly from the COP28 Parliamentary Pavilion to Scottish MSPs](#)
- bespoke briefings for parliamentarians by the Green Climate Fund, Adaptation Fund, Global Environmental Facility, Climate Action Tracker, NDC Partnership, etc.

Most of the events at the Parliamentary Pavilion were livestreamed and the videos for 32 events can be viewed directly on the **Parliamentary Pavilion playlist** [here](#). Photos from the Pavilion events can be viewed on Flickr [here](#).

UN Updates

COP28 Ends With Critical Resolutions



Image credit: Sky News

The 28th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) ended in Dubai, United Arab Emirates with parties adopting key decisions including tripling global renewable energy capacity by 2030; operationalising the Loss and Damage Fund; agreeing to the phasing out of fossil fuels in a just and equitable way; etc. Download the final document, the UAE Consensus [here](#).

Record Number of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) submitted in 2023



Image credit: NASA Climate Change

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) said it received a record number of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) in 2023. A total of eleven countries submitted their NAPs. NAPs reflect countries' commitment to adapting to climate change with clear-cut plans of actions. More [here](#).

COP29 President Designate Announced



Image credit: EuroNews

The COP29 host— the Government of Azerbaijan— has announced that its Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Mukhtar Babayev, is the President-designate of COP29. Minister Babayev will succeed COP28 President Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber. More [here](#).

COP29 Organising Committee Meets



Image credit: Xalqgazeti

The organising committee of the 29th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (COP29) has held its first meeting. The meeting which took place at n Baku on 22 January, 2024, sets the tone for preparations towards hosting a successful COP29. More [here](#).

UNEA-6 to take place in February/March 2024



[The Sixth United Nations Environment Assembly](#) (UNEA-6) will take place from February 26 to March 1, 2024, at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. UNEA-6 will focus on "how multilateralism can help tackle the triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste."

UNEA is the world's highest decision-making body on the environment. Find out how to get the electronic Travel authorization(eTA) for your participation [here](#).

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Global Updates

Kerry, Xie to Stepdown



Image credit: Global Times

Reports say U.S Special Envoy on Climate Change, Senator John Kerry will be stepping down from his position later this year. Kerry who helped negotiate the Paris Agreement on Climate will be stepping down to help with President Joe Biden's re-election efforts. In the same vein, China's Special Envoy on Climate Change, Xie Zhenhua, is also expected to step down later this year. More [here](#).

EU Sustainable Investment Summit Held



Image credit: EU Commission

The annual sustainable investment summit of the European Union took place on 24 January, 2024 in Brussels, Belgium. This year's event focused on the "delivery of the green transition in the European Union and beyond." Watch the videos [here](#).

Date fixed for Africa's Green Economy Summit



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The 2024 Africa Green Economy Summit will take place on 21-23 February 2024 in Cape Town, South Africa. The Summit with the theme "Mobilising Investments for Green Growth" is structured around the four pillars of green transport, renewable energy, waste management, and water services. The Summit will provide the platform to bring together "global investor community, project owners, and business executives, all under one roof with African governments, cities, and policy-makers." More [here](#).

EU Parliament Approves New GHG Emissions Reduction Rules



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Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have voted in support of laws prohibiting the use of misleading environmental claims backed by unsubstantiated carbon offsetting data.

Terms such as “environmentally friendly”, “natural”, “biodegradable”, “climate neutral” or “eco” are part of those who fall under this category. The ban is to ensure that verifiable sustainable practices are fully entrenched, and greenwashing stopped. MEPs now have two years to enact laws to back this. More [here](#).

Parliamentary Election Watch



**Key
Elections
To Watch**

Image credit: Bloomberg

More than half of the world will head to the polls this year, with elections taking place in 64 countries. GLOBE Legislators will be tracking these elections throughout the year and reporting on them. Please contact us for your own parliamentary election updates.

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED – Global Survey of Parliamentary Engagement in Global Stocktake



GLOBE is conducting a Global Survey of Parliaments’ Engagement in the First Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement, in partnership with the Westminster Foundation for

Democracy (WfD). The survey will assess efforts by national and regional parliaments to engage in the Global Stocktake process both prior to and after COP28, particularly in the context of preparations of updated NDCs over the course of 2024. Please make your voice count and complete the Survey [here](#). The submission deadline is 9 February 2024.

Parliamentary Network Reports & Briefings

COP28: Parliamentary Pavilion Hosts 50+ Events



As noted above, some fifty events were hosted at the first ever Parliamentary Pavilion at the UNFCCC COP. The pavilion which was hosted by GLOBE Legislators (UNFCCC Focal Point for the Parliamentary Group), with support from the Government of the United Kingdom, witnessed events ranging from briefings by climate finance organisations, thematic and regional caucus meetings, live updates from parliaments, launch of reports, networking sessions by MPs, etc. Many events were livestreamed and can be viewed from the handy Pavilion Playlist [here](#).

MPs Commit to Legislative Action on Climate Change



Image credit: Climate Parliament

Elsewhere at COP28 MPs from Africa, South Asia, and Europe signed an agreement to put in place legislative frameworks in their countries to attract investments in green growth and climate action. This was during a side event organised by Climate Parliament at COP28.

More [here](#).

IPU Hosts Event on Public Engagement in the Parliamentary Process



Image credit: IPU

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on Monday 29 January hosted a webinar on the role of the public in parliamentary engagements. The webinar highlighted the importance of public engagements in driving legislations with examples from "Community engagement on the Climate Change Bill in South Africa" and "Escazù Agreement: citizen participation in environmental matters in Latin America". More [here](#).

ParlAmericas To Convene LAC MPs To Develop Roadmap to Action



ParlAmericas will on 7 February, 2024 convene a roundtable entitled "De la COP28 a la COP30: desarrollando la hoja de ruta estratégica regional de ParlAmericas" to guide MPs to develop a strategic roadmap on how to address the issues facing the region through parliamentary action. Access the agenda [here](#).

CVF Gets New Presidency



Barbados will be the new Presidency of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) starting from the middle of 2024. This was announced on 1 December, 2023 during the [World Climate Action Summit on Transforming Climate Finance last December](#) at COP28 in Dubai. More [here](#).

CP Launches Gender-responsive Planning for Climate Action



Climate Parliament has launched a "gender-responsive just transitions and climate action partnership, which focuses on getting better data for transition planning, increasing finance and boosting green skills." This was at COP28. The initiative was endorsed by more than 60 countries and is due for implementation at COP31. More [here](#).

Announcements

Calendar of PG-FP Webinars



2024 – Monthly webinars hosted by GLOBE International

 10:00am & 4:00pm Central European Time

Wednesday	31 January
Wednesday	21 February
Wednesday	20 March
Wednesday	24 April
Wednesday	29 May
Wednesday	19 June
Wednesday	31 July
Wednesday	28 August
Wednesday	25 September
Wednesday	30 October
Wednesday	27 November
Wednesday	19 December

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As Parliamentary networks and Parliamentarians begin preparations for COP29, GLOBE Legislators will continue the monthly ritual of convening Parliamentary Group webinars to discuss plans, seek out areas of collaboration, encourage actions aimed at ramping up parliamentary actions for climate change. Please see the calendar of our monthly webinars above. For more information, contact <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>.

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The 2024 Global Changemaker Academy for Parliamentarians will take place on 24 - 28 June 2024, at the UN Campus, Bonn, Germany. The programme will provide parliamentarians from around the world with the opportunity to learn, dialogue and network from other MOs especially on the issues of land conservation and restoration. Apply [here](#).

Have Your Say

GLOBE tracks parliamentary engagements in the UNFCCC process on an ongoing basis. We would like to hear from you if your parliament has been involved in the Global Stock Take and/or on your government delegation to COP28. Please get in touch if you have any other thoughts and ideas to share. Our e-mail is <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>. Thank you.

Support Us

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.

As a non-profit organisation our work relies on public support and donations. If you would like to support our work, kindly Donate using our Paypal account: the beneficiary is <secretariat@globelegislators.org>

If you would like to support our work through sponsorship partnerships, kindly drop us a line at <secretariat@globelegislators.org> Thank you.

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Please contact us with your news, views, and information about parliaments and climate action, including sharing any Hearings, reports, articles and blogs you may have written. We look forward to hearing from you through focalpoint@globelegislators.org.



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