





Press Release:

Urgent Need for Robust Law Enshrined NDCs 3.0 - Joint Statement by Global Organisations and Legislators

Defining the Next Generation of Framework Climate Laws and the Role of Parliamentarians

- GLOBE, WWF, and ClientEarth call for stronger, enforceable Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 3.0 to achieve Paris Agreement targets
- New generation of Framework Climate Laws essential to turn global commitments into binding national actions
- Event underscores the role of parliamentarians in advancing ambitious climate policies

November 15, 2024 (Baku, Azerbaijan) – At the GLOBE Parliamentary Pavilion in the Blue Zone of COP29, GLOBE Legislators, WWF, and ClientEarth issued a joint statement calling for robust, enforceable Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 3.0 and a new wave of Framework Climate Laws to embed climate commitments in national legislation. This event brought together leading climate experts and policymakers, emphasizing the pivotal role parliamentarians play in translating global pledges into actionable laws at home.

The launch featured insights from leading speakers, including Jan Dusik, Deputy Director-General for Climate Action at the European Commission; Sangji Lee, UNDP Global Technical Specialist, Honourable Cedric Frolick, MP of South Africa's Parliament and Dr. Andrés Avila-Akerberg, Executive Director of POLEA. Their remarks focused on the necessity of a legislative approach to ensure effective implementation of commitments made under the Paris Agreement, especially in light of the recent Global Stocktake.

Both speakers from the South African parliament and Mexico emphasised the need for a bottom-up consultative processes to give legitimacy to national and subnational climate change legislation. Malini Mehra, Chief Executive of GLOBE Legislators, stressed the essential role of parliamentary leadership, explaining, "Climate commitments are more than diplomatic pledges; they need to be embedded in domestic law, with parliamentarians providing oversight and accountability. COP29 represents a turning point. Parliamentarians worldwide must now engage far more effectively in raising ambition for economy-wide, 1.5 degree aligned NDCs and facilitate public mandate for accelerated climate action."

Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, WWF's Global Leader of Climate & Energy, highlighted the importance of enforceable climate pledges, noting, "Promises alone cannot meet the scale of the climate crisis. We need accountable, transparent national frameworks to support the NDCs, ensuring every commitment becomes a genuine step toward keeping warming below 1.5°C."

Boleslaw Matuszewski, Senior Lawyer, ClientEarth underscored how Framework Climate Laws can fill the enforcement gap, "Enforcement of NDCs at a domestic level is lacking, but this is where Framework Climate Laws come in. There are really no downsides to adopting a Framework Climate Law – this beautiful fabric of public policy enables a whole-of-economy approach, with these laws incorporating government, business, civil society, and mobilising the public."

This significant statement at COP29's GLOBE Parliamentary Pavilion underscores the urgency of enacting the next generation of Framework Climate Laws. By anchoring these commitments in

legislation, countries can ensure continuity, transparency, and accountability, bridging the gap between international promises and effective domestic action.

As the clock ticks toward an ever-narrowing window to limit global warming, this united call to action from GLOBE, WWF, and ClientEarth highlights an undeniable truth: climate action demands more than ambition—it requires unyielding commitment anchored in law. COP29 has set the stage, but it is now up to national leaders, parliamentarians, and lawmakers around the world to rise to this challenge, embedding climate promises within robust legal frameworks that stand the test of time. This is not just about meeting targets; it is about securing a legacy, building resilient societies, and safeguarding the planet for future generations.

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