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Welcome to the January issue of our multilingual **Parliamentarians@COP30 newsletter**, prepared by [GLOBE Legislators](#) 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 COP30.

This year, GLOBE is adding another language– Portuguese– to our newsletters for ease of access for Brazilian colleagues. For 2025, the bimonthly newsletter will be available in: English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

We are proud to work closely with the **COP28-COP29-COP30 Presidencies**, brought together as the first such Troika, to better coordinate across the Presidencies and support Mission 1.5C.

Our focus is on ensuring that the global parliamentary constituency is well-informed and supported to engage in the UNFCCC process, COP30 and related international fora. This year our focus will be on covering the new generation of NDCs – **NDC 3.0** – and supporting parliaments in their development and oversight. Tune in for in-depth updates at our **monthly Webinars** for the Parliamentary constituency (details below) and the bi-monthly newsletters.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...



If you missed the COP29 Parliamentary Pavilion (which was livestreamed) or wish to review some of the events, click on the Parliamentary Pavilion playlist [here](#). Photos from the Pavilion events can be viewed on Flickr [here](#).

UN/COP30 Presidency Updates

Date Fixed for COP30



The 2025 UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) will take place from November 10–21, 2025, in Belém, Brazil. The conference will include key sessions such as the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30), the 20th Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP20), the 7th Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA7), and the 63rd Sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies, Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA63) and Implementation (SBI63). [More here](#)

Brazil Announces COP30 President-designate



Image credit: Ricardo Stuckert / PR

Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago has been announced as the COP30 President-designate. Corrêa is an experienced climate regime negotiator with over four decades of experience as an international diplomat. He was Brazil's chief negotiator for climate change (2011-2013) and for Rio+20 (2011-2012) and has served as Brazil's Ambassador to various countries including Japan, India and Bhutan. His appointment came as no surprise and reflects Brazil's commitment to the global sustainable development agenda. [More here](#)

CCD COP16 Concludes: Key Takeaways



Image credit: IISD/ENB | Anastasia Rodopoulou

COP16 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), which took place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from December 2 to 14, 2024, marked significant milestones in addressing land degradation and drought. With over 20,000 participants, it was the largest and most inclusive UNCCD conference ever held. Key takeaways include: \$12.15B pledged to support 80 vulnerable countries through the Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Partnership; Business4Land initiative saw 400+ companies joining conversations on sustainable finance, ESG and land restoration; launch of the AI-powered Drought Observatory to revolutionize drought monitoring

and adaptation; focus on women and youth as key drivers of change through gender-responsive and youth-led initiatives, and highlight of science-driven urgency, with 77.6% of Earth's land now drier than 30 years ago. [More here](#)

Brazil Preparing Belém for COP30



Image credit: Patricia Gomes

Preparations are in top gear, as Brazil prepares to host the 30th Conference of Parties (COP30) in Belem, Brazil, from November 10-21, 2025. The Brazilian Government has invested approximately BRL 4.7 billion in preparations for the event, including funds from the General Budget, Brazil's Development Bank (BNDES), and Itaipu, to cater for the over 60,000 delegates expected at the event. The investment will translate into a series of projects to meet the growing demand for transportation, accommodation, and adequate venues for the summit. [More here](#)

Global Updates

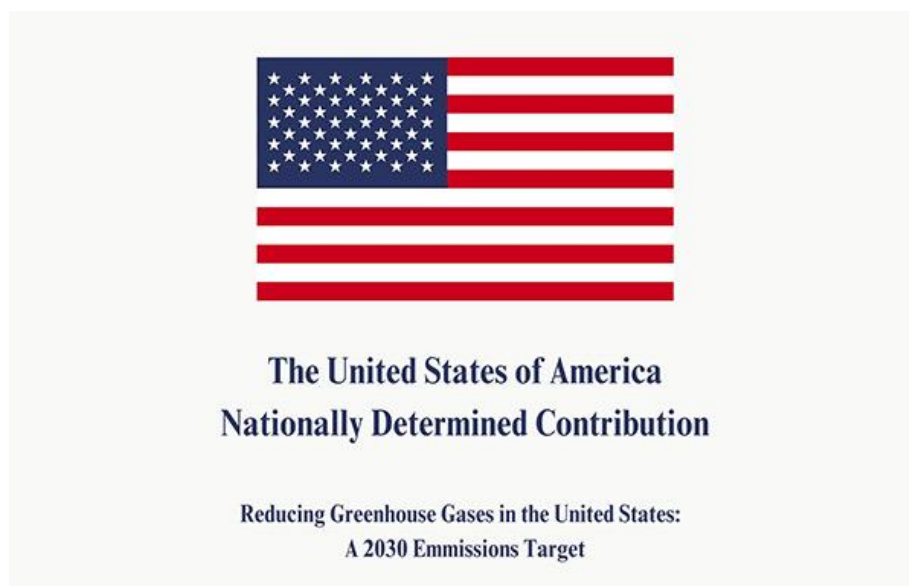
90 Parties Submit First Biennial Transparency Report



Image credit: Climate Transparency Network

Ninety Parties to the Paris Agreement have submitted their first Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), emphasizing the commitment of nations to advance the goals of the Paris Agreement. This includes 57 developing countries who are the most vulnerable to climate change. BTR, a key component of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), details the progress of nations in implementing the Paris Agreement, and is a vital enabling tool for all governments, providing crucial data to inform decision-making, design stronger climate policies over time and achieve broader development goals. More [here](#).

US Sets New National Climate Goals



The outgoing U.S. administration led by President Joe Biden, prior to the inauguration of President Trump, made several climate change commitments. Early in his tenure, President Biden set a bold Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) target to reduce carbon emissions by 50% to 52% below 2005 levels by 2030. But, before leaving office, President Biden led the US to make another commitment in line with the call for Parties to the UNFCCC to submit their NDCs 3.0. This new NDC is even more ambitious with a revised target of 61% - 66% reduction by 2035, despite the anticipated shift in policy priorities under President Trump which will put climate action on the back burner. John Podesta, Biden's top climate adviser, during a call with reporters, expressed confidence in America's ability to rally around this new climate goal through the actions of the subnational and the private sector regardless of federal policy shifts. [More here](#)

Climate Change Takes Centre Stage at WEF2025



Image credit: UN

The issue of the climate crisis took center stage at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum which was held from January 20-24, 2025, in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland. Nearly 3000 world leaders from over 130 countries gathered to address pressing global challenges, with climate change high on the agenda the United States withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. Speaking at the event, Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General, condemned the move as “shortsighted, and paradoxically selfish and self-defeating.” Mr. Guterres, reminding world leaders of the need to keep to their commitments, he warned that leaders pulling out of the Paris Agreement are on the wrong side of history and science. The World Economic Forum serves as a vital platform for finding innovative solutions and forging partnerships that can drive positive change across multiple sectors, particularly in the fight against climate change. More [here](#).

IRENA15A Held in Abu Dhabi



Image credit: IRENA

The 15th Session of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Assembly took place from January 11-13, 2024, in Abu Dhabi. Themed “*Accelerating the Renewable Energy Transition – The Way Forward*,” this two-day gathering was the

first major global energy event of the year, bringing together ministers, representatives from IRENA's 170 Member States, academics, development bank officials, CEOs, and youth leaders to foster cross-sector collaboration on advancing the energy transition. Discussions prioritised key goals including tripling renewable energy capacity by 2030, raising ambitions in the next phase of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs 3.0), supporting energy transitions in emerging economies, and unlocking innovative financial solutions for developing nations. [More here](#)

Trump Withdraws the US from the Paris Agreement for the Second Time



Image credit: Kevin Lamarque | Reuters

President Donald Trump has signed an Executive Order withdrawing the United States from the Paris Agreement for the second time. Trump took this action a few hours after he was sworn in for a second term. He also signed a letter to the United Nations notifying them of his intent to withdraw from the landmark agreement which allows nations to provide targets to cut down their emissions. President Trump's order states that the Paris Agreement is among a number of international agreements that do not reflect the US's values. [More here](#)

Bloomberg to Fund UN Climate Body after President Trump's Paris Exit



Image credit: Martin Divisek / EPA

The Bloomberg foundation has pledged financial support to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), stepping in to fill the funding gap left by President Donald Trump's withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Agreement. In a statement, Michael Bloomberg, the billionaire founder of the foundation and UN Special Envoy on Climate Ambitions and Solutions, reaffirmed the foundation's commitment to upholding the US' climate commitments just like it did during President Trump's first tenure. [More here](#)

Tracking Parliamentary Climate Actions



What did COP29 Deliver and What's Next for MPs?

Following the conclusion of the 29th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) in Baku, we take a look at what was agreed to during this important conference and what is next for Members of Parliament. We have divided what COP29 delivered into the "Official Work Programme" and the "Presidency Action Agenda":

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WHAT DID COP DELIVER? - Official Work Programme

- **CLIMATE FINANCE** **New Finance Goal (NCQG)**
Agreed - Tripling to US\$300bn/ year reaching USD 1.3 trillion by 2035
- **CARBON MARKETS** Article 6 activated, governing rules for carbon credits & markets
- **ADAPTATION** Progress on Global Goal on Adaptation & indicators (incl health for first time, but no agreement on NAPS or doubling finance. Pushed to June 2025 SBs)
- **MITIGATION** UAE Dialogue no consensus, no progress on COP28 language to 'transition away from fossil fuels', triple RE & double EE
- **JUST TRANSITION** Little progress on work programme. Pushed to 2025
- **NATIONAL CLIMATE PLANS (NDCs)**: Brazil, UK, UAE, Switzerland submitted enhanced NDCs. Host country did not. Deadline of Febr 2025 for NDCs 3.0 likely to be missed/ extended.
- **LOSS AND DAMAGE FUND**: Now fully operational with USD 800m (pledges by Australia, Germany & Sweden)
- **TRANSPARENCY**: Big strides made in transparency reporting. BTRs due by 31 Dec 2024 (Azerbaijan & Austria submitted during COP29)
- **GENDER ACTION PLAN**: Lima work programme extended by 5 years
- **HIGH LEVEL CHAMPIONS** mandate renewed

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WHAT DID COP DELIVER? – Presidency Action Agenda

1. Climate Finance Action Fund (CFAF) (from FF producing countries & companies)
2. Baku Initiative for Climate Finance, Investment & Trade Dialogue (BICFIT)
3. Just Transition Investment Partnership (JTIP) 4 Jobs and Skills
4. **Green Energy Pledge (Endorsed by MPs)**
5. **Green Energy Storage Pledge (Endorsed by MPs)**
6. Clean Hydrogen Initiative
7. COP Truce Appeal
8. Digital Action Path 4 Green World
9. Investing in Human Capital, Health and Jobs for Climate Resilient Future
10. HARMONIYA 4 Climate Resilience: Empowering Farmers, Villages & Rural Communities
11. Baku Dialogue on Water and Climate: Enhancing Action on Climate Change and Water Nexus
12. **Multisectoral Actions Pathways (MAPs) for Sustainable, Climate Resilient and Healthy Cities**
13. Global Partnership for Enhanced Climate Action in Tourism (GPECAT)
14. Partnership 4 Reducing Organic Waste (ROW): Cutting Methane and Enriching Soil

PLUS Baku Continuity Coalition for Urban Climate Action & numerous initiatives with non-state actors (including cities and private sector). Follow-up mechanism established.

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What next for Members of Parliament? We outline the following next steps for MPs post-COP29 and leading up to COP30:



Parliaments Debate COP29 Outcomes



Image credit: UCL

On 26 November, 2024, Members of the European Parliament held a debate on the outcomes of the 29th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP29) with the aim of assessing implications for international climate diplomacy. Recall that the EU Parliament delegation, led by MEP Lidia Peireira was in Baku from 18-22 November, 2024. The focus of the debate was “ to provide an overview of current progress on the Paris Agreement and agree on new financial resources to support global climate action.” Watch [here](#).

In the same vein, the UK Parliament on 26 November, 2024, also held a post-COP29 debate with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, Ed

Miliband, presenting to parliament a report of the UK's engagement at COP29. Read the full debate [here](#).

Legislators Brainstorm on Legislative Pathways for the UAE Consensus



Image credit: Francesco La Camera/X

Members of Parliament at the 2025 IRENA's Legislators Forum which took place in Abu Dhabi, brainstormed on how renewable and efficient energy can be integrated into country-level policies to attain national climate commitments and the UAE Consensus agreed to at COP28. The session, which was moderated by John Deferios, featured opening remarks by International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)'s Francesco La Camera and the Vice President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Dr. Ali Al Nuaimi. Watch the session [here](#).

GLOBE Holds COP29 Debrief at the House of Commons



On Monday, 20 January, 2025, GLOBE Legislators convened a key post-COP29 event, "Reflections on COP29 & Climate Action in a Year of Uncertainty", at the House of Commons, London. The event featured presentations from a host country and parliamentary perspective with Dr Fariz Ismailzade MP, Member of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan and Malini Mehra, CEO of GLOBE Legislators. The event was chaired by Hon. Barry Gardiner MP, Member of Parliament for Brent West, Member, Environment Audit Committee, with contributions from Baroness Helene Hayman CBE, from Peers for the Planet. The event was covered in the Azerbaijani national news. More [here](#).

UAE Parliament Calls for Legislative Action to Accelerate Energy Transition



Image credit: Emirati Times

A member of the Federal National Council (Parliament of the United Arab Emirates), Dr Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi, has stressed that the climate crises being felt all over the world calls for urgent legislative actions to advance pathways to reduced emissions. Al Nuaimi stated this during the 2025 IRENA Legislators Forum in Abu Dhabi. Highlighting that the Global Stocktake revealed a huge gap between current national climate commitments and required commitments, Nuaimi stated that energy transition offers a solution. Dr Nuaimi who underscored the important role of legislators as those who draft laws, called on them to leverage that to incentivize investments in renewable energy. In her intervention, another member of the UAE Parliament, Meera Sultan Al Suwaidi, stated that the progress being made by the UAE in the field of renewable energy was a product of vision. She therefore called on legislators to be visionary. More [here](#).

Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean Commits to Improved Climate Action

Press Release



Image credit: PAM

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) has reiterated its commitment to enhanced parliamentary action on climate change, within the region. This follows from the participation of the Assembly at COP29. PAM said that looking ahead to 2025, it is committed "to further engage with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and advancing global climate action in preparation for COP30, to reinforce its parliamentary dimension and bring forward its Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf perspective and concerns." More [here](#).

Parliamentary Network Reports

2025 Dates for Parliamentary Group Webinars and Newsletters Announced

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2025 – Hosted by GLOBE Legislators

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

Monthly Webinars for UNFCCC Parliamentary Group

Wednesday	29 January 2025
Wednesday	26 February 2025
Wednesday	26 March 2025
Wednesday	23 April 2025
Wednesday	28 May 2025
Wednesday	18 June 2025
Wednesday	30 July 2025
Wednesday	27 August 2025
Wednesday	24 September 2025
Wednesday	29 October 2025
Wednesday	26 November 2025
Wednesday	17 December 2025

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Dates for the Parliamentary Group's monthly "Parliamentarians@COP30" webinar have been announced by GLOBE Legislators. As with previous years, there will be

Morning and Afternoon sessions. The webinars serve as platforms for information sharing, planning and coordination by members of parliament, staff and parliamentary organisations for COP30 and related processes to inform and support parliamentary engagement. To register, please email <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>.

In the same vein, the dates for the multilingual Parliamentarians@COP30 newsletter have been announced. E-mail <focalpoint@globelegislators.org> to share any updates you wish to be added to the newsletters. See the dates below:

Parliamentarians @COP30 - Multilingual Newsletter
Prepared by GLOBE Legislators
(Available in English, French, Spanish & Portuguese)

Publication dates:
Parliamentarians@COP30 Newsletter

Please contact us to make any submissions:
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2025 Publication dates

- 27 January 2025
- 24 March 2025
- 26 May 2025
- 28 July 2025
- 29 September 2025
- 27 October 2025
- 24 November 2025
- 20 December 2025

GLOBE COP30 Amazonia

South Asian Regional Parliamentary Forum Launched

Aims

- To foster long-term regional energy and climate security, affordability, and sustainability in South Asia.
- To contribute towards global and regional efforts to mitigate climate change and accelerate the clean energy transition, as early as possible.
- To harness for the BBINS countries the economic and social opportunities generated from the growth of the clean energy industry globally.

Objectives

- To facilitate cooperation among BBINS countries in the field of energy production, distribution and utilisation by prioritising cross-border electricity trade and establishment of a regional energy or electricity market to promote the development and sharing of best practices in the energy sector.
- To encourage the development of a well-integrated regional energy infrastructure such as a South Asia Energy Grid.

How we work

- Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange
- Regional Parliamentary Energy and Climate Dialogues
- Representing South Asian Interests Internationally
- Parliamentary Actions
- Study Tours and Field visits
- Communication and Media outreach

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Collective of Parliamentarians Crafting a Sustainable Energy Regional Future for South Asia

SARPF Parliamentarians' Meeting @ COP 27, Egypt

The multi-party South Asian Regional Parliamentary Forum (SARPF) was launched in New Delhi, India on 18 December, 2024. SARPF aims to serve as a pivotal platform for mobilising political will for South Asian regional energy cooperation by facilitating substantive discussions and collaboration amongst parliamentarians across all party lines. Comprised of more than 30 MPs from India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bhutan, SARPF will engender exchange of best practices and articulation of

joint policy concerns at the regional level, and regional representation at the international level. Read more about them [here](#).

ParlAmericas Initiates Post-COP29 Action Points for MPs



ParlAmericas has called on Members of Parliament under its umbrella to take strategic steps towards boosting legislative climate action post-COP29. This was contained in a post-COP29 Call to Action issued by the organisation in December, 2024. Accordingly, they have outlined the following as the action points for Members of Parliament: request that governments present the national commitments made at COP29 in the parliament's plenary; assess whether climate legislation and policies are gender-sensitive; inquire if their countries are on track to meet its own national climate and environmental objectives; request an evaluation of current climate and environmentally-related legislation and national plans; etc. More [here](#).

IPU Launch Video Series to Guide Parliamentary Action on Climate Change



PARLIAMENTS FOR THE PLANET

Image credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union

The IPU, with support from ASU Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory, has launched a series of videos on key climate topics to support parliaments around the world in advancing climate action. The series addresses topics such as climate science, global climate governance, the role of the private sector, just transitions, and tools for effective climate action. [More here](#)

Have Your Say

GLOBE tracks parliamentary engagements in the UNFCCC process on an ongoing basis. We would like to hear from you on your parliamentary engagement on climate change. Please contact <focalpoint@globelegislators.org> We look forward to hearing from you with your news and views on how parliaments are impacting the climate agenda.

Support Us

GLOBE Legislators 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>

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