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Welcome to this March issue of our multilingual **Parliamentarians@COP31** 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 COP31.

The newsletters are available in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

We are proud to have worked 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. This year, we look forward to working with the **COP31 Co-Presidencies of Türkiye and Australia** and look forward to engaging with their parliamentarians.

Our focus is on ensuring that the global parliamentary constituency is well-informed and supported to engage in the UNFCCC process, the annual COPs and related international fora. Tune in for in-depth updates at our **monthly Webinars** for the Parliamentary constituency (details below) and our bi-monthly newsletters.

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Resource: At [COP28](#) and [COP29](#) GLOBE hosted the first Parliamentary Pavilions at COP.

The 75+ events covering all key COP issues were livestreamed, with the recordings available as a permanent resource for MPs and staff keen to understand the issues from leading players. These remain a **relevant and handy resource for MPs** seeking to navigate COP issues, multilateral funds, etc. The Pavilion recordings and more can be found on the [GLOBE YouTube channel](#) playlists [here](#), with photos on Flickr [here](#).

UN/COP Presidency Updates

COP31 Presidency Holds First Meeting with Delegations



Image credit: LinkedIn.com/Murat Kurum

The COP31 Presidency recently held its first meeting with country delegations, taking stock of COP30 outcomes and beginning to set priorities for the upcoming summit in Antalya. In the lead-up, the outgoing COP30 and incoming COP31 Presidencies are working together to foster an open and inclusive process, with regular engagement with Parties and observers throughout the year. The Presidencies will also coordinate closely with the Chairs of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies to ensure coherence across the climate process. More [here](#).

COP31 Presidency Briefs UN Session



Image credit: Samed Agirbas

On 27 March, 2026, the COP31 President-designate, Mr Murat Kurum and his team participated in a briefing session at the United Nations. During the session, Mr Kurum provided briefings on the COP31 vision, plans for an inclusive COP, prioritization of green transformation, clean energy, zero waste, and the Presidency's belief that societal engagement (consensus building) is key to addressing the climate crisis. Watch the briefing [here](#).

COP31: Australia Pushes for Decarbonisation Deals Platform



Image credit: The Mandarin

COP31 co-President, Australia, through the Australia's Climate Change Authority has proposed "Decarbonisation Deals" as a flagship COP31 initiative, responding to a shifting global landscape where the economy is becoming more multipolar and climate efforts are moving from ambition-setting to implementation, finance, and supply chains. Identified in its 2035 Targets Advice, the proposal positions COP31 as a strategic opportunity to launch a Decarbonisation Deals platform. These deals would involve negotiated partnerships between willing governments, with industry as delivery partners, to align emissions reduction with trade, investment, and industrial policy, as governments face growing pressure to cut emissions while safeguarding jobs, prosperity, and social cohesion. More [here](#)

COP31: Turkey Petroleum Signs New Deal for Oil Exploration



Image credit: Hürriyet Daily News

Türkiye has entered a new agreement with Chevron to collaborate on global oil and gas exploration and production, in partnership with Turkish Petroleum Corporation (TPAO). Announced ahead of COP31, the move raised questions about Türkiye's priorities as COP31 host, and the credibility of efforts to accelerate a global transition away from fossil fuels. More [here](#).

Fiji and Tuvalu to Co-Host Pre-COP31



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Fiji and Tuvalu have been chosen to co-host the Pre-COP31 meeting, bringing Pacific leadership to the forefront of global climate preparations. Fiji will host the Pre-COP meetings and Tuvalu will be convening a Leaders' event in the region. These gatherings are expected to give global leaders a chance to see firsthand how climate change is affecting Small Island Developing States. Pre-COPs are an important step in shaping priorities ahead of the UN climate summit, providing a space for countries to align positions and set the agenda for negotiations. In addition, Palau is also set to host a special climate event alongside the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in August. More [here](#).

SB64 Fixed for June 8–18, 2026, in Bonn



The 64th session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SB64) will take place from 8 to 18 June, 2026 at the World Conference Center Bonn, Germany. These meetings provide a key forum for technical and policy-level discussions, preparing the technical and policy groundwork for COPs. SB64 will allow Parties to review progress on climate negotiations, exchange views on implementation, and ensure that COP31 discussions are informed by up-to-date scientific, technical, and policy insights. More [here](#)

COP30 President Sends out 12th Letter



Image credit: COP30

The COP30 Presidency has issued its 12th letter to Parties, reflecting on the outcomes of the Belém Package and reaffirming that sustained cooperation is essential to delivering on commitments under the Paris Agreement. The letter

places strong emphasis on the future of climate multilateralism, highlighting both the strengths and limitations of existing consensus-based systems, and calling for a “two-tier” approach that combines global consensus with faster, implementation-driven coalitions. More [here](#).

Global Updates

TAFF Conference to Take Place in Colombia



Image credit: Mobilise Your City

The **First International Conference on The Transition Away from Fossil Fuels (TAFF)** will convene in Santa Marta, Colombia, from 28–29 April 2026. Announced at COP30 following the omission of fossil fuels in the negotiation text, the conference is positioned as a strategic platform to sustain momentum on fossil fuel phase-out. Co-hosted by Colombia and the Netherlands, it will bring together governments, experts and stakeholders to accelerate efforts to phase out fossil fuels and explore the legal, economic and social pathways needed for a just transition. More [here](#).

A **Parliamentarians Forum** will take place on 26 April in Santa Marta during the sidelines of the conference. The **Parliamentarians Forum** is being convened by Parliamentarians for a Fossil-Free Future.

Zero Waste Retreat Held



Image credit: Nigar Arpadarai

The Zero Waste Foundation hosted a three-day retreat, "Zero Waste Retreat", in Istanbul from 6–8 February 2026, bringing together international climate leaders to shape the roadmap for COP31. Discussions focused on zero waste as a practical tool for reducing emissions and promoting sustainable resource use. The retreat emphasized the importance of continuity before, during, and after COP31 taking place in Turkiye between 9-20 November 2026, to ensure lasting impact, positioning zero waste as a central pillar of upcoming global climate efforts. More [here](#).

UNFCCC Implementation Forum to Take Place at UN Climate Action Week Yeosu



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The UN implementation Forum will take place from 23-24 April 2026, on the sidelines of the UN climate Week in Yeosu, South Korea. Registration is open until 15 April 2026, giving stakeholders including national and subnational governments, civil society, and the private sector, an opportunity to join discussions on how to advance climate action. Registration link [here](#).

Dates and Venues Announced for UN Climate Weeks 1&2



Image credit: UNFCCC

The UNFCCC has announced the dates and venues for Climate Weeks 1 and 2 in 2026, with the first taking place in Yeosu, Republic of Korea from 21–25 April 2026, and the second in Baku, Azerbaijan from 7–11 September 2026. As part of the UNFCCC's Regional Climate Weeks framework, these events are designed to

translate global agreements into actionable solutions on the ground and build momentum toward COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye, later in the year. More [here](#).

Dates for LCAW2026 Announced



This year's **London Climate Action Week** (LCAW2026) will take place on 20-28 June 2026. LCAW2026 is expected to exceed the 700+ events of last year and will once again be working in close cooperation with the COP31 Presidency and focus on the following themes: Building, Investing & Innovating the Net Zero Economy; Understanding Climate Risk & Building Resilience; Regenerating our Nature & Oceans; Mobilising Whole of Society Climate Action. LCAW will also see strong parliamentary engagement through GLOBE's 35th Anniversary celebrations, annual Student-MP Climate Surgery, and related events being hosted for visiting members of parliament from around the world.

Court Says Dutch Climate Policy Discriminatory



Image credit: The Guardian

A Dutch court has ruled that the Netherlands' climate policy is insufficient and discriminatory, particularly in its failure to protect residents of Bonaire, an overseas Dutch island territory, from climate impacts. In the landmark ruling, The Hague District Court found that the Netherlands' climate policy is inadequate and unlawfully discriminates against residents of Bonaire, who face heightened climate risks. and ordered the government to take stronger, binding climate action and develop a

dedicated resilience plan for the island. The case is being hailed as a groundbreaking precedent for climate justice and equality in global climate law. More [here](#)

152nd IPU ASSEMBLY Fixed for April



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The 152nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union is set to take place from 15–19 April 2026, in Istanbul, Türkiye, bringing global parliamentarians together to address several international issues. This year’s general debate, themed “Nurturing hope, securing peace and ensuring justice for future generations,” will serve as a platform for dialogue and coordinated parliamentary action on key global challenges, including climate change. More [here](#).

Tracking Parliamentary Climate Actions

France’s Senate Votes on Oil and Gas



Image credit: Sénat

On Thursday, January 29, 2026, France’s Senate adopted a controversial bill permitting French companies to resume oil and gas extraction overseas. The decision has sparked concern among environmental advocates, who warn it could undermine France’s credibility as a climate leader, arguing that the decision risks sending mixed signals ahead of major international climate discussions. At a time when global climate action requires strong and consistent commitments, the move highlights the tension between economic interests and global climate commitments. More [here](#).

Jordan MPs Endorse Review of Investment Environment Law



Image credit: WFD

Jordan's Parliamentary Economy and Investment Committee has endorsed a Post-Legislative Scrutiny review of Law No. 21 of 2022– the country's Investment Environment Law. The report looks at how effectively the law has worked since its adoption and reflects a growing move in parliament from simply passing legislation to checking whether laws are actually delivering the results they were meant to achieve. The review found some progress in implementation, but also pointed to challenges such as governance, coordination, clarity of roles, and follow-up. It recommended making post-legislative scrutiny a regular part of parliamentary work to close these gaps. More [here](#).

Jamaica Working on Climate Legislation



Image credit: WFD

Jamaica is in the process of developing a comprehensive climate change legislation, with support from the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD). The effort is aimed at creating a clear and coordinated legal framework to guide climate action across government institutions in the country. The process reflects a growing recognition that strong legal frameworks are key to turning climate commitments into sustained and measurable action. More [here](#).

Disaster Risk Reduction Training for Sri Lankan Parliamentarians



Image credit: Sri Lanka Parliament

GLOBE Legislators partnered with UNDRR to deliver a workshop on 4 March 2026 for the Climate Caucus of the Parliament of Sri Lanka on “Managing Climate Risks: Why the Sendai Framework Matters for Parliamentarians”. Organised and hosted by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy in Sri Lanka, the event focused on the pivotal role of legislatures in addressing climate and disaster risks, strengthening national resilience, and advancing sustainable development through effective policy, budgeting, and oversight. Ahead of the workshop in Colombo, GLOBE Legislators, CEO, Malini Mehra, also delivered an address on the role of parliamentarians in delivering the Sendai Framework at a special gathering of the Climate Caucus at the Sri Lankan parliament on 3 March 2026, presided over by the Speaker of Parliament and the Co-Chairs of the Climate Caucus.

MPs, Others, to Converge in London for GLOBE’s 35th Anniversary



Focal Point of the UNFCCC’s Parliamentary Group, GLOBE Legislators, will be bringing together Members of Parliament, staff of parliamentary networks,

development leaders, etc., in London on 24 June, 2026, for the 35th anniversary of GLOBE Legislators. The event which will take place at the UK Parliament during London Climate Action Week will also double as the official inauguration of the new Board of GLOBE Legislators. More [here](#).

MPs Prepare for 13th World Urban Forum



The 13th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13) will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan on 17-22 May, 2026 with focus on the new urban agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. Preparatory to the Forum, the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan convened a meeting of 30 Members of Parliament from across the world on 30 January, 2026.

Preparatory to the WUF13 and parliamentary engagement, Parvana Valiyeva, Member of the Foreign and Interparliamentary Relations Committee, Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan has written a blog expatiating on the importance of Members of Parliament in driving the urban agenda. Read the blog [here](#).

Parliamentary Network Reports

IPU releases important Parliamentary Tool for Methane Action



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Methane matters: Three steps for parliamentary action



Methane released from landfills contributes to heatwaves and rising temperatures. Bangladesh © Niamul Riba/Inadolu via AFP

Methane is a harmful greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere, contributing significantly to global warming and pollution. It heats the Earth more than 80 times as much as carbon dioxide over a 20-year period. Unlike carbon dioxide, methane stays in the atmosphere for only about a decade, which means that cutting methane emissions now can deliver rapid climate and health benefits within our lifetimes. Globally, the main sources responsible for human-caused methane emissions are agriculture (40%), fossil fuels (35%) and waste (20%).¹

Methane is a global issue with local consequences when released into the atmosphere; it reacts with other gases to form ground-level ozone, which is a toxic air pollutant that causes about one million premature deaths globally every year.² Methane alone is responsible for nearly half of these deaths.³ This is an annual toll which is comparable to major global health crises like malaria⁴ and HIV/AIDS.⁵ Methane-driven ozone also harms food systems by damaging crops. It reduces yields of essential staples like rice, wheat, maize and soy by 5% to 7%, each year,⁶ threatening food security, raising food prices and endangering livelihoods, especially in regions already affected by climate stress and hunger.

¹ Global Methane Pledge (GMP), [The Imperative for Methane Action](#)
² United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Government Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), [Guidance on Including Methane in NDCs](#) (2018), 6.
³ [Ibid.](#)
⁴ WHO (2020) deaths globally in 2020, see World Health Organization (WHO), [World malaria report 2020](#) (2020).
⁵ WHO (2020) deaths globally in 2020, see Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), [The urgency of new AIDS at a crossroads](#) (2019).
⁶ UNEP/CCAC, [Guidance on Including Methane in NDCs](#) (2018), 6.

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The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) has launched a new parliamentary tool, “Methane Matters: Three Steps for Parliamentary Action,” a new resource designed to help legislators in tackling methane emissions. The guide outlines methane sources and impacts, alongside a three-step framework for legislative and oversight action, and is available in English, French, Spanish and Arabic to support wider accessibility. The guide recognises methane as a powerful driver of global warming, and by equipping parliamentarians with practical tools, the IPU aims to accelerate efforts to cut methane emissions and deliver near-term climate benefits. More [here](#).

GLOBE, DanChurchAid, CVF, SEEC, Convene Post-COP30 Parliamentary Dialogue



GLOBE Legislators and partners, DanChurchAid, the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), and SEEC brought together parliamentarians for a post-COP30 dialogue focused on advancing climate implementation through legislative action. Set against ongoing geopolitical tensions, economic pressures, and conflict in the Middle East, discussions explored how MPs can show leadership through parliamentary questions and agenda setting. Participants reflected on key COP30 outcomes, and stressed the need for parliaments to actively track government progress. MPs were also encouraged to stay engaged, including through upcoming convenings like GLOBE’s 35th Anniversary at London Climate Action Week. More [here](#).

Parliamentarians@COP31 Webinar

The poster is titled '2026 – Hosted by GLOBE Legislators' and 'COP31'. It lists the schedule for the webinars: '10:00am & 4:00pm Central European Time'. The dates are: Wednesday 22 January 2026, Wednesday 25 February 2026, Wednesday 25 March 2026, Wednesday 29 April 2026, Wednesday 27 May 2026, Wednesday 17 June 2026, Wednesday 29 July 2026, Wednesday 26 August 2026, Wednesday 30 September 2026, Wednesday 28 October 2026, Wednesday 25 November 2026, and Wednesday 16 December 2026. The contact information is '<focalpoint@globelegislators.org>'. The poster also features the UNFCCC logo and a small image of a mosque and a modern building.

The next monthly Parliamentarians@COP31 webinar will take place on 29 April, 2026. There will be morning and afternoon sessions in order to accommodate the different time zones. The monthly webinars serve as information sharing sessions and further as a platform to rally members of the Parliamentary Group to take climate action on climate action including parliamentary participation in NDCs. The March edition took place on 25

March bringing together members to discuss parliamentary events held so far within the year, and plan for next events including the IMF-World Bank Spring meetings, GLOBE's 35th anniversary celebration, London Climate Action Week, etc. To register, please email <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>.

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>

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>

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