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Welcome to the September 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, multilingual newsletters.

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Resource: GLOBE offers a number of **useful videos from the GLOBE COP Parliamentary Pavilions hosted at COP28 and COP29**, which can be viewed on the [GLOBE YouTube channel](#) playlists [here](#), with photos on Flickr [here](#).

At **London Climate Action Week 2026 (LCAW 2026)**, GLOBE- a founding partner of LCAW - convened two key events: the **GLOBE@35 Parliamentary Reception at the UK Parliament**, and the **Nigeria Climate Investment Summit (NCIS)**, an official **Flagship event of LCAW 2026**. Details on both can be found [here](#). Videos from the Reception can be found on the [GLOBE YouTube channel](#) playlists and the photos on Flickr: [GLOBE Parliamentary Reception](#) and [NCIS](#)

UN/COP Presidency Updates

The World Gathers at UNGA81



Image credit: Peoples Gazette

The 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly is bringing world leaders together in New York from 22 to 29 September 2026, under the theme “Restoring Trust, Managing Transformation: A United Nations That Delivers for All.” With the high-level week underway, discussions are spanning sustainable development, climate action, global health, peace and security, and the future of multilateral cooperation. Alongside the General Debate, five high-level meetings have focused on key global priorities, including the fight against antimicrobial resistance, the prevention of nuclear war and the future of sustainable development. [More here](#)

COP31 Presidency Releases Third Letter



Image credit: Daily Sabah

The COP31 Presidency released its **Third Letter to Parties** on 28 August, outlining key milestones and priorities ahead of the conference. The letter sets out the COP31 Action Agenda, structured around ten priority themes and supported by cross-cutting enablers including finance, technology and capacity building. It also outlines plans for Thematic Days, the Leaders' Summit and other high-level engagements intended to strengthen international cooperation and accelerate implementation. [More here.](#)

COP31 Presidency Releases Official Website; Opens Accommodation Portal



www.cop31.tr has been launched as the official website and database for information for COP31. In addition, a dedicated page for information on accommodation and other logistical information has been provided. Please visit

early to book your accommodation. Book your accommodation here: <https://cop31.coraltravel.com>

COP31 Official Ticket Agency Announced

Section Turizm

The COP31 Presidency has appointed Section Turizm as the Official Flight Ticket Agency for the conference. Delegates travelling to Antalya can book international and domestic Turkish Airlines flights at preferential fares through the designated booking platform, providing an official channel for arranging air travel to COP31 from 9 to 20 November 2026. [More here](#)

COP31 Logistics



Image credit: azertag.az

The COP31 Presidency has launched a dedicated logistics page to help participants prepare for the conference in Antalya. The page provides information on accreditation, visa and entry requirements, travel, flight tickets, accommodation, transportation within Antalya, car rental and the conference venue. It also curates links to relevant booking and registration platforms, providing a central resource for delegates making arrangements for COP31. [More here](#)

UN Sec Gen Convenes Highlevel Meeting on Climate Change



Image credit: UN News

UN Secretary-General António Guterres convened a high-level Climate Summit during UNGA81 to push forward action on the clean energy transition, climate finance, energy security and a just transition. The summit also highlighted new UN initiatives on clean-energy grids, critical energy-transition minerals and early warning systems, aimed at addressing some of the practical challenges slowing climate action. [More here](#)

New Work Programme Sets COP31 Priorities



Image credit: The Climate Watch

The Climate High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action have launched their 2026 Work Programme, setting out priorities for accelerating climate action ahead of COP31. The programme marks the first year of the Global Climate Action Agenda's new five-year vision, with a stronger focus on implementing existing commitments. It brings together hundreds of organisations around 30 shared objectives and 120 practical plans across energy, food, nature, cities, water, human development and climate finance, with particular emphasis on clean energy, food security and zero waste. [More here](#)

COP31 Visitor Registration Now Open



United Nations
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Visitor Registration is Now Open

For the latest information and further details:

cop31.tr/register-to-visit

Create your COP31 visitor account and
register to visit the Green Zone.

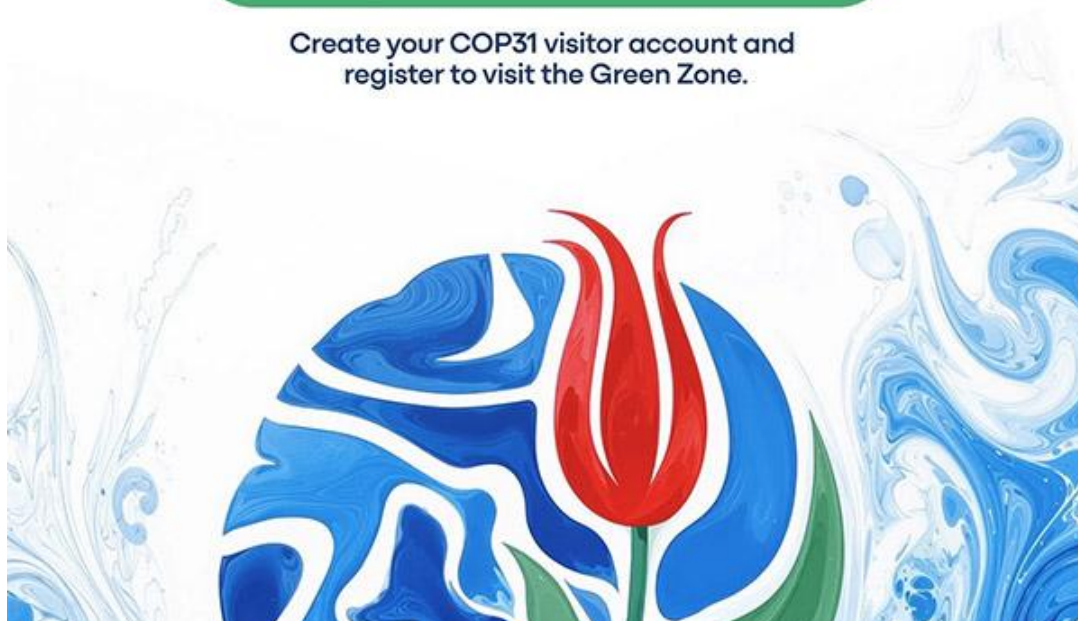


Image credit: COP31

The COP31 Presidency has opened registration for intending visitors to the Green Zone at COP31. Visitors are required to complete the registration process through the official COP31 website, after which a QR code will be generated for entry to the Green Zone. The Green Zone will host activities alongside the formal COP31 negotiations, providing a space for broader participation and engagement. Visitors should note that the Green Zone will be closed on 11–12 November during the Leaders' Summit. [Register to Visit the COP31 Green Zone](https://cop31.tr/register-to-visit)

Pre-COP31 Website Goes Live: Programmes Listed



Image credit: The Fiji Times

Ahead of COP31, Fiji, Tuvalu and Australia will host the official Pre-COP from 5 to 8 October 2026, bringing ministers, senior representatives and stakeholders together to build momentum for the negotiations in Antalya. Australia, which is leading the negotiations, is working with its Pacific partners to place Pacific priorities, perspectives and solutions at the centre of global climate discussions. The newly launched Australia-Pacific Partnership website provides the programme and key information for the Pre-COP, including the Leaders' events in Fiji and Tuvalu and the stakeholder programme in Nadi. [More here](#)

On the Road to COP31, a Series of Business Forums



The COP31 Presidency has launched a series of Business Forums as part of the buildup to Antalya, creating space for businesses and investors to engage with the COP31 agenda. The series began during London Climate Action Week and will continue through a number of engagements ahead of the conference, culminating in the COP31 Business Forum in Antalya on 12–13 November. The forums will focus on how businesses can contribute to climate action through investment, partnerships and practical solutions. [More here](#)

UNCCD COP17 Held



Image credit: Earth Negotiations Bulletin

The 17th session of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP17) was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from 17 to 28 August 2026 under the theme “Restoring Land. Restoring Hope.” The event concluded with governments adopting 34 decisions on land degradation, drought, rangelands, land tenure and related issues. A major focus was mobilising finance for implementation, including a US\$1.2 billion Rangelands Flagship Initiative covering 45 projects and a US\$1.3 billion portfolio for land restoration and drought resilience across 23 countries. UNCCD and Luxembourg also launched the Drought Resilience Investment Facility, which aims to mobilise up to US\$400 million in public and private capital., while negotiations on a legally binding global drought protocol were deferred to COP18. [More here](#)

UNFCCC Climate Week 4 & BCAW 2026 Held



Image credit: Universities for Climate

The fourth UNFCCC Climate Week was held in Baku from 7–11 September 2026, bringing together governments and other stakeholders to build momentum towards

COP31. Its programme included an Implementation Forum focused on translating decisions under the intergovernmental climate process into action. Running alongside it was the third edition of [Baku Climate Action Week \(BCAW\)](#), an annual high-level platform launched by the COP29 Presidency in 2024 to bring together stakeholders around practical climate solutions. Led by COP29 Climate High-Level Champion, Nigar Arpadarai MP and jointly MC'd again by Malini Mehra, GLOBE Legislators chief executive, BCAW 2026 featured 37 events focused on Azerbaijan's climate priorities and wider international climate action, complementing the UNFCCC programme with discussions on stakeholder engagement, partnerships, investment and implementation. [More here](#).

Türkiye to Have Final Say on COP31 Outcomes



Image credit: The Guardian

The division of responsibilities between Türkiye and Australia for COP31 has come under renewed attention after Türkiye's Environment Minister and COP31 President-Designate Murat Kurum said Türkiye would have the final say over the conference's outcomes. Under the Türkiye–Australia Partnership Modalities, Australia is serving as President of Negotiations, with responsibility for leading the formal negotiations, while Türkiye is leading the COP31 Presidency and the Action Agenda. The arrangement is intended to operate through consultation between the two countries, although Kurum's comments have raised questions about how differences between the two roles would be resolved if they arise during the conference. [More here](#).

COP31 Business Forum Holds New York Dialogue at UNGA81



Image credit: Kutso.org.tr

The COP31 Business Forum held its New York Dialogue on 22 September during the 81st United Nations General Assembly, bringing the COP31 Action Agenda to the global business community. Hosted by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB) and Bloomberg, the dialogue brought together business leaders to discuss the role of the private sector in advancing the COP31 priorities. The engagement is part of a year-long Business Forum process launched during [London Climate Action Week](#), which will culminate in the COP31 Business and Investment Summit in Antalya on 12–13 November. The recommendations developed through the Forum will be presented to heads of state and government at the Summit. [More here](#)

Global Updates

COP30 Presidency Opens Call for Events at its COP31 Pavilion



Image credit: BBC

The Brazil COP30 Presidency has invited organisations and stakeholders to propose events for its COP31 pavilion in Antalya, Türkiye. The pavilion will feature two spaces: the Belém Room, focusing on issues relevant to Brazilian society and

linking Brazil's experience in implementing climate commitments with the global agenda; and the Global Mutirão Room, which will focus on the six areas emerging from the first Global Stocktake and the 120 Plans to Accelerate Solutions. Proposed sessions will include panels, debates and presentations of climate solutions, bringing Brazilian and international perspectives into the COP31 programme. [More here](#)

Istanbul Climate Finance and Ocean and Seas Summits Held



Image credit: report.az

Türkiye's preparations for COP31 have included two high-level summits designed to advance key elements of the COP31 Action Agenda. The Istanbul Climate Finance Summit, held on 4–5 September, focused on mobilising finance and investment, and strengthening pathways for turning climate commitments into bankable projects. The Ocean and Seas Summit, held in Trabzon on 10–11 September, addressed the resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems, with attention to blue carbon, ocean observation, data sharing, finance and implementation partnerships. Both summits form part of the Presidency's broader effort to strengthen cooperation, develop scalable solutions and build implementation pathways ahead of the conference in Antalya.

The Istanbul Climate Finance Summit concluded with calls for stronger action to close the global climate finance gap ahead of COP31. The summit saw the Climate Implementation Bridge (BRIDGE), a flagship COP31 initiative aimed at connecting climate priorities with finance-ready projects, move towards operationalisation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) named as its delivery partner. Participants also endorsed the Istanbul Declaration on Climate Implementation and Finance, committing to greater cooperation among development banks, climate funds, financial institutions and other partners to accelerate climate investment. The

COP31 Presidency estimates that global climate finance needs stand at US\$7.5–9 trillion, compared with current investment of around US\$1.9 trillion. [More here](#)

BRICS Leaders Summit Declaration Backs Climate Action



Image credit: AllAfrica.com

The 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, held on 12–13 September 2026, concluded with the adoption of the New Delhi Declaration, which reaffirms the bloc's commitment to climate action and implementation of the Paris Agreement, with emphasis on adaptation, climate finance, and support for developing countries. It also highlights the need to address barriers to climate investment, including debt-related constraints, and calls for a more balanced and equitable approach to international climate cooperation. The declaration stops short of endorsing a phaseout of fossil fuels, noting that fossil fuels will continue to play an important role in the energy mix, particularly for emerging-market and developing economies. [More here.](#)

US EPA Scraps Emissions Limit



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The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has repealed most of the greenhouse-gas requirements introduced under the Biden administration for fossil fuel-fired power plants, while proposing to rescind the remaining federal emissions standards for the power sector. Announced on 14 September, the move removes requirements covering existing coal, oil and gas fired plants as well as standards based on carbon capture for certain facilities. The EPA says the changes will reduce regulatory costs and support reliable energy supply, while environmental groups and other critics have raised concerns about the implications for climate and public health. The proposal to remove the remaining standards is subject to a public comment process, and the EPA's move is expected to face immediate legal challenges. [More here](#).

UK to invest in Tropical Forest Forever Facility



Image credit: TFFF

The UK Government has announced its intention to invest £400 million in the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF), a COP30 Presidency initiative designed to provide long-term financing for countries that protect their tropical forests. The investment will be provided as a loan rather than a grant, reflecting the UK's approach of using climate finance as an investment while supporting forest conservation. The TFFF is designed to generate returns that can repay investors while providing performance-based payments to forest countries. [More here](#)

CCDA-14 Concludes in Addis Ababa



The 14th Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-14) concluded in Addis Ababa with strong calls for increased climate finance, greater African agency and faster delivery of climate commitments ahead of COP31. Held under the theme “From Pledges to Implementation: The Belém–Antalya–Addis Roadmap,” the conference highlighted the need for predictable, accessible and non-debt-creating climate finance, stronger African institutions and improved capacity to turn commitments into action. The outcomes are expected to feed into Africa’s engagement at COP31. [More here](#).

Independent’s 100 Climate Leaders Announced¹



Image credit: Press Reader

The Independent, a British newspaper, has published its third annual Climate 100 list, recognising 100 individuals and organisations working across climate activism, business and finance, food and agriculture, politics, science, arts and other fields.

The 2026 list is presented as a recognition list rather than a ranking, highlighting people and organisations pursuing different approaches to climate action. Those featured include climate activists, scientists, policymakers, business leaders and innovators from around the world. [More here](#)

New York Climate Action Week Ends



Image credit: Climate Week NYC 2026

New York Climate Week 2026, held alongside the 81st session of the UN general Assembly from 20–27 September, saw several new climate initiatives. Türkiye's COP31 delegation announced a global initiative exploring how artificial intelligence can support climate progress, while Climate Group's EV100 partnered with the Smart Freight Centre to accelerate freight decarbonisation, beginning in Mexico and South Africa. Catalonia also joined the Subnational Methane Action Coalition, strengthening subnational participation in efforts to reduce methane emissions. These announcements formed part of Climate Week's programme of new initiatives and partnerships, alongside discussions on accelerating climate action ahead of COP31. The week also provided a platform for new partnerships and commitments ahead of key international climate milestones.

35-by-35 Global Electrification Pledge Launched at UNGA81

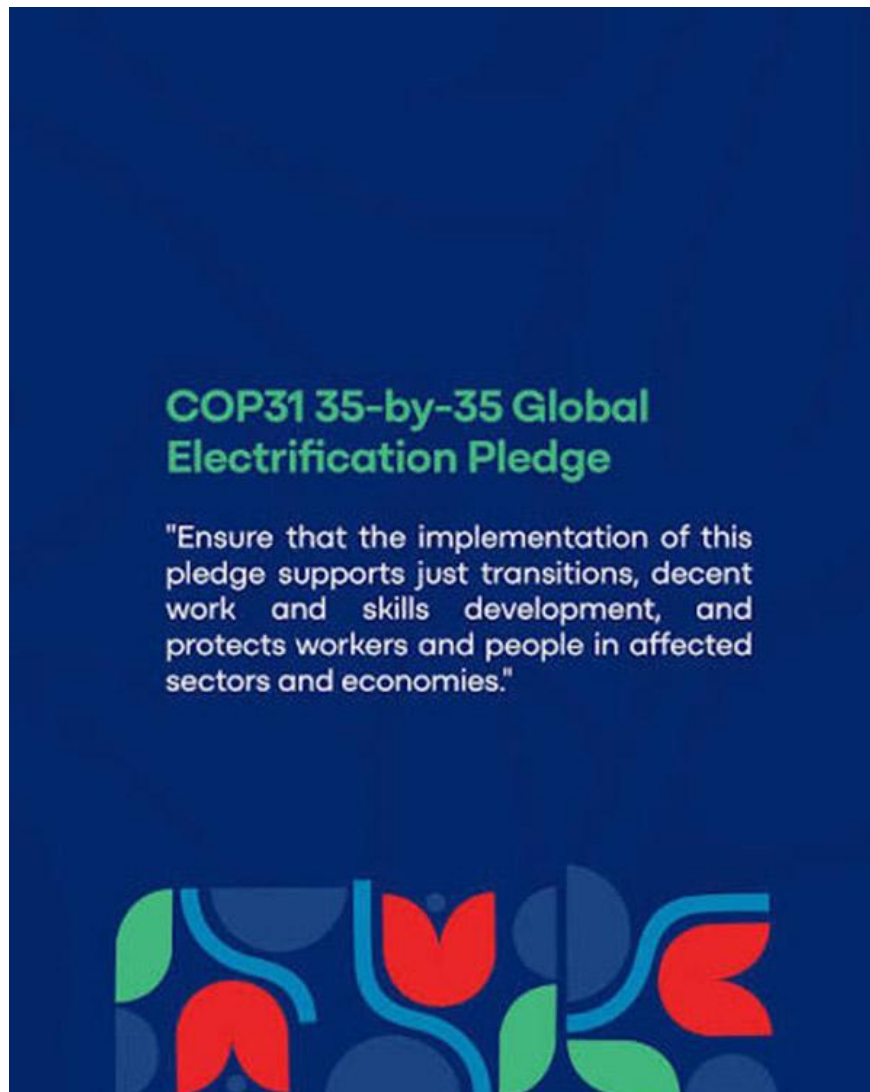


Image credit: COP31

The COP31 Presidency launched the 35-by-35 Global Electrification Pledge at UN Headquarters in New York during the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly. The pledge sets a global objective of increasing electricity's share of total final energy consumption to 35% by 2035, while recognising different national circumstances and pathways. Participating governments commit to accelerating electrification across sectors, strengthening electricity grids and storage, and mobilising finance for electrification, particularly in developing countries. [More here](#)

GLOBE President Calls for African Agency on Climate Change



Image credit: GLOBE Legislators

The President of GLOBE Legislators, Rt Hon Sam Onuigbo, has called on African leaders to leverage the opportunities of Africa's critical minerals, and need for industrialisation to lead on climate action. This was during the Fourteenth Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-XIV), which took place at the United Nations Conference Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 7–9 September 2026. Onuigbo's charge was contained in a paper entitled "From Pledges to Implementation: African Agency and the Belém–Antalya–Addis Roadmap" which he presented during the event. [More here.](#)

Tracking Parliamentary Climate Actions

UK Parliament Raises Concerns Over Climate Finance Cuts



Image credit: Britannica

The UK Parliament's International Development Committee has raised concerns that cuts to the UK's aid budget are undermining the country's ability to deliver its international climate finance commitments. In its latest report, the Committee warns that changes in accounting and the increasing use of loans rather than grants risk reducing the finance reaching low-income and highly climate-vulnerable countries. While the UK Government has maintained its commitment to international climate finance, including around £6 billion in Official Development Assistance (ODA) for climate finance between 2026–27 and 2028–29, MPs argue that the shrinking aid budget requires greater transparency, stronger spending priorities and measures to ensure climate finance delivers meaningful outcomes for countries most in need.

[More here.](#)

153rd Assembly of the IPU Slated for October



Image credit: BGIPU

The 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is scheduled to take place in Arusha, Tanzania, from 5–9 October 2026, bringing together parliamentarians from around the world for a week of parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue. Holding under the theme “Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all,” the Assembly will convene the IPU’s statutory bodies and address issues including governance, human rights, sustainable development, climate action and emerging technologies. The programme will also include the election of a new IPU President and discussions aimed at strengthening parliamentary action on global challenges.

[Register and read more here.](#)

Launches the Thriving Economy Project



Image credit: SEEC

The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) Institute has launched the Thriving Economy Project, a comprehensive menu of policy ideas developed with Members of Congress, former senior congressional aides, officials from multiple presidential administrations and energy and environmental policy experts. The project brings together more than 800 policy recommendations across nine areas. Its recommendations seek to address interconnected economic and environmental challenges while supporting more affordable, reliable and sustainable growth. [More here.](#)

Members of the US Congress Meet with UN Sec Gen



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Members of the US Congress met with UN Secretary-General António Guterres during the 81st United Nations General Assembly and New York Climate Week to discuss the intersection between climate action and economic affordability. The discussions reflected growing attention among US lawmakers to climate policy as part of broader economic concerns affecting communities, including energy costs, jobs and economic competitiveness. Members of Congress involved in the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) Institute's Thriving Economy Project were also advancing the project's policy proposals during Climate Week. The project brings together more than 800 recommendations across nine areas for consideration by the next US Congress. [More here](#)

Parliamentary Network Reports

Parliamentarians@COP31 Webinar

The next monthly Parliamentarians@COP31 webinar will take place on 30 September, 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 including parliamentary participation in NDCs. To register, please email [<focalpoint@globelegislators.org>](mailto: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>](mailto:focalpoint@globelegislators.org)

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