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Scottish Parliament to host an international summit of parliamentarians on climate change

One of the largest gatherings of international parliamentarians to discuss the climate emergency will take place at the Scottish Parliament in November, it has been announced today*.

The two-day event, which is being organised by GLOBE International in partnership with the Scottish Parliament, forms part of the wider programme of events surrounding the UK hosted, COP26 conference in Glasgow.

The International Legislators' Summit is due to take place in a hybrid format at the Scottish Parliament on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 November 2021. The Summit will invite international parliamentarians to engage in discussions around the theme of 'accelerating climate action and delivering a green, fair and resilient recovery'.

Ken Macintosh MSP, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament, said;

"The eyes of the world will soon turn to Glasgow as we look towards what international progress can be made to tackle the issue of climate change as it hosts COP26 later on this year.

"The Debating Chamber of this Parliament has not shied away from tackling important issues. So it is particularly fitting that the Parliament can support this global event and provide a platform for international parliamentarians to discuss some of the most important issues that will affect the world in the coming years."

Gillian Martin MSP & Convener of Holyrood's Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee said;

"This event will help highlight the critical role that Parliaments all over the world will have to play if we are to effectively tackle the climate emergency. Only through effective law-making and detailed scrutiny can we be confident that national Governments can deliver on their global and national commitments.

"It will facilitate collaboration, open communication and shared learning which will be so important to us all on our shared journey through the climate emergency."



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Juan Carlos Villalonga, President of Globe Argentina & Chairman of the Board of GLOBE International, said;

“Five years on from Paris, few could have foreseen that the world would be thrown off course by a global pandemic and COP26 delayed by a year. COVID19 has revealed the systemic and interconnected nature of crises.

As we gather in Glasgow to address the climate emergency, our response as legislators must be similarly systemic and interconnected. We must work together to raise ambition for accelerated action on climate change. Action which succeeds most when it delivers co-benefits and simultaneously addresses related crises such as biodiversity loss and inequality in our communities.”

** Hybrid/virtual arrangements are assumed for this event to ensure that it is able to proceed despite any COVID-19 restrictions in place on 5 and 6 November*

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Notes to Editors

- The summit will be held in three languages – English, French and Spanish
- **GLOBE International** is a cross-party network of parliamentarians dedicated to improving governance for sustainable development. Founded in 1992 by Senators Al Gore, John Kerry and their counterparts in the European Parliament, Russian Duma and Japanese Diet, it has grown to include legislators from every global region.
- GLOBE International's current work includes supporting implementation of the Rio Conventions (climate change, biodiversity, desertification), the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- COP26 will be held in Glasgow from Monday 1 to Friday 12 November 2021. It is set to be the largest intergovernmental summit the UK has ever hosted, with up to 30,000 delegates and 200 world leaders to attend.
- It is also the most important gathering on climate change since the Paris Agreement in 2015 and widely considered to be the last opportunity to ensure delivery on commitments to keep global temperature rise to within 1.5-2°C.

For more information, please visit the GLOBE COP26 Legislators [Summit website](#) or email secretariat@globelegislators.org

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