The recent Code Red report by the IPCC makes it clear that it is time for the world to step up its ambitions if the 1.5-degree temperature goal is to be reached.

Updates from the UNFCCC and COP26 Presidency

As we build up to the COP 26 events in Glasgow, we bring you bi-weekly updates on important news items relevant to the Parliamentary Group. Please help us by sharing your own news and intel, so we can share with the wider group.

Access to COP 26 – latest news

Access to COP26 for delegates and observers alike has been a hot button issue. Here is an overview of recent updates from the UK Presidency:

UK COP26 COVID-19 Updates: On 1 September 2021, the UK Presidency provided the following update for delegates:- Delegates - UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) at the SEC – Glasgow 2021 (ukcop26.org) As suspected, numbers are significantly down from COP25 in Madrid, with the COP26 Blue Zone (restricted to delegates) designed to hold a maximum capacity of 10,000 delegations at any one time.
UNFCCC info for COP26 Participants can be found at [Information for COP 26 participants (A-Z) | UNFCCC](https://www.unfccc.int) This information is relevant for all those who have been assigned COP26 Blue Zone badges and are now officially accredited to attend.

**UK Visa alert**

For intending participants who already have been accredited, please click here for visa updates: [https://bit.ly/3C6R2az](https://bit.ly/3C6R2az)


**IMP: We are collecting details on which government delegation is including parliamentarians in their official delegations. This is an important way to ensure parliamentary presence at COP26 and we will be working with UNFCCC to monitor the situation. Please do keep us informed of any updates from your side. Thank you <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>**

**Latest updates from COP26 Communications Department**

Here are some recent updated released by the COP26 Communications Department:

To keep 1.5 alive, we need countries and investors to step up action to consign coal to history and support a just transition. Read the COP President’s thoughts about progress so far and further action needed by COP26.

Do you or someone you know have what it takes to be a #OneStepGreener Ambassador? If so, we want to hear the story of those green achievements. Applications close Sunday 3rd October.

Over the next two months there are several important events that will help to prepare us for a successful COP26. See what lies ahead on the journey to Glasgow.

The COP 26 President Designate, Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma has concluded his visit to Tianjin where he held critical discussions with the Special Representative for Climate Change Affairs of China, Xie Zhenhua. Read more here: [https://bit.ly/2X8euVY](https://bit.ly/2X8euVY) COP26 President-Designate Alok Sharma has stated that cutting global emissions is essential to keeping 1.5 degrees alive. Rt. Hon. Sharma made this known during a speech presented at a High-Level Dialogue on Climate Action in the Americas.

**Parliaments in the News**

Monday, September 13, 2021, "The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee [of the British House of Commons] are looking at what local councils can do to achieve Net Zero carbon emissions."
On September 22, 2021, there will be a high-level UK-Nigeria Parliamentary Workshop to discuss possible ways Nigerian legislators can help engender just transition to net zero and get the government to scale up on its ambitions.

The Agriculture Committee of the European Union (EU) Parliament on Thursday September 9, 2021 approved a deal that will overhaul the region's farming subsidies and help cut down on the 10% of EU emissions that come from agricultural produce. The full EU Parliament will vote on this later in the year. Read more here: https://bit.ly/3tvFM4G

Calendar of Upcoming Parliamentary Climate Events

GLOBE Legislators Summit

During the COP26 events, GLOBE International shall be hosting a cross-party Legislators' Summit at the Scottish Parliament Edinburgh on November 5-6, 2021. The Summit which will have 150 participants physically present is expected to have an additional 5,000 participants join virtually. It will provide a platform for legislators to network, share ideas on innovative actions to be taken to address the issues of Climate Change and sustainable development. Register here: https://bit.ly/3k2vc1

“The Moment”

Ahead of COP26, GLOBE will be working with partners to promote dialogue between young people and parliamentarians on how to solve the climate crisis. These will take the form of Student-MP Climate Surgeries in London, and across Scotland with MSPs and MPs, on Friday 29 October. It is intended as a means of improving political understanding and supporting informed engagement on a critical issue for young people. The dialogues, billed as "The Moment", will take place across Scotland with the support of Scotland's Children and Youth Parliaments.

Member News

* Please send us your news for inclusion here!* 

GLOBE International will be hosting a regular blog series by parliamentarians on the key issues they wish to be heard by governments at COP26.

Make your voice count! Please write to us if you wish a short blog by a parliamentarian to be considered for inclusion in the ‘Road to COP26’ series.

Relevant Reports & Briefings

Accessing the Blue Zone:
Constituents intending on coming to Glasgow for the COP must note that the Blue Zone inside the Pavilion is only accessible to accredited individuals and organisations. It is important that intending participants to the events, including our Daily Briefings during the COP, must endeavour to get their UNFCCC accreditation badges.

Contact Us

*We look forward to your opinions/insights or views on how Parliaments can help scale up climate ambition ahead of COP26. Is there any pre-COP event for parliamentarians happening around you? Please keep us posted and help share the word with the larger parliamentary community. Thank you! <focalpoint@globelegislators.org>*