Following the conclusion of COP26, the Glasgow Climate Pact has been agreed to by parties. The Pact provides a pathway for the world to address the climate change challenges and lay the groundwork for achieving the goals set out in the Paris Agreement.

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crisis and keep 1.5 degrees alive. You can download it here:  

Key outcomes of COP26 Outlined

There are actions that need to be taken to address the climate crisis. Here is a summary of the key outcomes of COP26 as compiled by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC): https://bit.ly/30Qlnx7

COP26 High Level Statement on Behalf of the Parliamentary Group

On 10th November Malini Mehra, CEO, GLOBE International Secretariat, delivered the COP26 High Level Statement on behalf of the UNFCCC Informal Group on Parliamentarians. Watch the speech here. Read the full text here in English, Spanish and French.
Nigeria Gets Climate Change Law

Nigeria has made a statement of intent post-COP26, as the President, Muhammadu Buhari signed into law, on November 18, 2021, the Climate Change Bill sponsored by GLOBE Nigeria President, Rep. Sam Onuigbo. Read more here: https://bit.ly/3cz9YEq

Oman Signs on to Green Grids Initiative

The Sultanate of Oman has signed on to the Green Grids Initiative (GGI) which was launched at COP26. The GGI, championed by Climate Parliament, is an endeavour aimed at constructing a renewable and clean energy transmission network across the globe, powered by the sun. Read more here: https://bit.ly/3p4omKL

"The warmer the world gets, the less food, drinking water & other key contributions nature can make to our lives.” — Prof. Hans-Otto Pörtner
Efforts to Phase Out Coal Gathers Momentum

“I hold a vision of this blue green planet, safe and in balance. At the end of the Fossil Fuel Era, we are emerging to a new reality. We are ready to make the next leap – as momentous as abolishing slavery or giving women the vote.” --Elizabeth May

28 nations, regions, financial institutions, and businesses joined the Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA) at COP26. The PPCA is an alliance committed to strengthening and accelerating efforts to consign coal to history in a collaborative manner. With the new members, a quarter of the world has joined the PPCA. Read more here: https://bit.ly/3kWFMro

New Alliance to Phase Out Oil and Gas Launched

A new alliance targeted at phasing out fossil fuel and gas exploration was announced on November 11, 2021, during the closing days of COP26. The alliance known as Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA), championed by Denmark and Costa Rica, believes that attaining 1.5 degrees is impossible if the production of oil and gas continues. Read more here: https://bit.ly/3xapsbd
Major Emitters Reject Key Provision of the Glasgow Climate Pact

Image credit: Energy Industry Review

Key emitters such as Australia have stated that they do not have any intention of reviewing their 2030 climate action plans by the end of 2022, as stipulated by the Glasgow Climate Pact. Read more here: https://bit.ly/3x8ukxr

Group Calls for Multilevel Action to Combat Climate Change

Image credit: Subnational Advocacy for Nature

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) on behalf of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency has stressed the need for multilevel action which recognises the important role of the sub-national in the fight against climate change. The group which called for the inclusion of Regional and Locally Determined Contributions (RLDCs) to the Paris Climate Agreement Inventory made this known in a press release which was followed by their “COP26 Political Declaration”. Read more here: https://bit.ly/3CCeBYP and access the declaration here: https://bit.ly/3qT5dxP

“Climate change is the single greatest threat to a sustainable future but, at the same time, addressing the climate challenge presents a golden opportunity to promote prosperity, security and a brighter future for all.” --Ban Ki-Moon, Fmr. UN Secretary-General
COP26: African Countries Settle for Informal Commitment by the U.S

“...we have gone, going for us, is that humanity has done hard things before. I believe we can do hard things again.” -- Barack Obama, Fmr. U.S President

Image credit: The Africa Report

Reports say that in order to push the Glasgow Climate Pact over the line, African countries had to settle for an oral commitment by the U.S that increased finance to aid adaptation will be provided by them for developing countries. Read more here: https://bit.ly/3oKwAHy

Parliaments’ Review of COP26

British House of Lords Debate COP26 Outcomes

The British House of Lords has reflected on the outcomes of COP26. This followed a “Climate Change: COP26–Motion to Take Note” moved by
Baroness Young of Old Scone (Labour MP). See the text of the debate here: https://bit.ly/3oNV1E8

**Scottish Parliament Reviews COP26 Outcome**

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**GLOBE Parliamentarians @COP26 Webinar**

The last of the “GLOBE Parliamentarians @COP26” webinar holds on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. You can still register for it by clicking here: https://bit.ly/2Yy6eiq.

**ParlAmericas To Hold Plenary Assembly**

ParlAmericas will on November 26 and 29, and December 10, 2021, hold its “18th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly: Rebuilding the Social Contract.” Taking into account that the health and socio-economic crises generated by the COVID-19 pandemic have exacerbated the already notorious inequalities in the hemisphere, deepened citizens’ mistrust in institutions, and sparked growing
social discontent, the 18th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly is slated to convene parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, experts, and representatives of civil society and youth organizations from the Americas and the Caribbean to rethink the social contract under democratic, inclusive, and sustainable paradigms that ensure no one is left behind. Register and access the agenda here: https://bit.ly/3qUIaT3

Relevant Reports & Briefings

INTER-PARES Holds Event with the Deutscher Bundestag

INTER-PARES and the Deutscher Bundestag’s event “Peer-to-Peer Parliamentary Strengthening” held on November 17,2021. Discussions centered around innovative approaches to effective capacity development; moving beyond a teacher-student dynamic in peer-to-peer parliamentary support; sharing parliamentary knowledge across different parliamentary systems: approaches, advantages, limitations, drawbacks; institutionalizing international parliamentary development as a core function of Parliaments; advocating for enhanced donor support to parliamentary strengthening; delivering donor-funded parliamentary development without compromising Parliaments’ independence and overturning the executive oversight relationship; effectively integrating peer-to-peer support between elected officials and between parliamentary administrations; and assessing and measuring the impact of parliamentary development work.

“Quite literally it is the last-chance saloon. We must now translate fine words into still finer actions.” --Prince Charles
Fourth GLOBE Parliamentarians @COP26 Webinar Holds

The fourth GLOBE PARLIAMENTARIANS @COP26 WEBINAR SERIES held on November 9, 2021. This fourth webinar entitled “Live Briefings from Week 2” featured the following speakers: Jennifer Tollman of E3G, Leo Horn-Phathanthai of World Resources Institute, Senator Rosa Galvez from the Canadian Parliament, and Hon. Cedric Frolick from the South African Parliament. You can watch the webinar here: https://bit.ly/3CHTLra

CPA signs new MOU with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

On November 18, 2021, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding at an event in Rome, Italy, to promote cooperation on aspects of parliamentary democracy, equality, and human rights with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean.

“Climate change is the greatest threat to our existence in our short history on this planet. Nobody’s going to buy their way out of its effects.” -- Mark Ruffalo, Actor.