

ParlAmericas COP26 Communication #1



About COP26

Dates: October 31-November 12

Location: Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom

Agendas currently available: The [presidency programme](#) showcasing the main cross-cutting themes of the Conference and the [green zone programme of events](#) (a platform for the general public, managed by the UK government) have been released. The blue zone schedule (UN-managed space which hosts the negotiations) has not been released.

We encourage parliamentarians to consult with their respective national parliament and government authorities about the opportunity to join the country's official delegation to attend COP26. **If you are attending as part of your national delegation, please inform us at maria.boada@parlAmericas.org so that we may be able to assist you remotely during your participation and share relevant information.**

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

Legislators and parliamentary staff interested in listening to the official side events of COP26 can visit the [COP26 YouTube Channel](#). You may also like to follow these online platforms for updates and news on COP26:

- **Website:** [UNFCCC](#), [COP26](#), and [IISD Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#)
- **Twitter:** [ParlAmericas](#), [UNFCCC](#), [COP26](#), and [IISD Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#)
- **Facebook:** [ParlAmericas](#), [UNFCCC](#), and [IISD Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#)

Parliamentary Meetings on the Margins of COP26

COP26 Legislators Summit, hosted by GLOBE in collaboration with the Parliament of Scotland

- **Date:** November 5-6, 2021
- **Location:** Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom & Virtual
- **Registration** is open for both *virtual and physical participation*. Simultaneous interpretation in English, Spanish, and French will be available.

Parliamentary Meeting at COP26, hosted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union

- **Date:** November 7, 2021
- **Location:** Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom (*virtual participation will not be possible*)
- **Registration** is open. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available.

Informal Parliamentary Group

ParlAmericas is pleased to announce its membership in [UNFCCC's informal parliamentary group](#), with [GLOBE International](#) as the focal point. This new group aims to support parliamentary participation at the COP26, including providing updates on COP26 through [newsletters](#), and during COP26 by hosting a daily briefing for parliamentarians. If you would like to be involved or want more information, please contact us at maria.boada@parlAmericas.org.

Travelling to COP26

To prepare for your participation, please consult the [immigration and quarantining rules](#) for entering the UK.

Travel Restrictions for accredited delegates of COP26 as they enter England and Scotland:

- Requirement for unvaccinated individuals that have been in a [red list country](#) 10 days before arriving to the UK to quarantine for the standard 10 days, and a reduced quarantine period of 5 days for fully vaccinated individuals from red list countries*.
- No requirement for self-isolation on arrival to the UK for those [not in the red list of countries](#), whether vaccinated or not.
- The UK Government will fund all required [managed quarantine service](#) stays for UNFCCC Registered COP Attendees (vaccinated or unvaccinated) who would otherwise find it difficult to attend COP26.

Visa and immigration guide: please let us know if you are attending and require assistance translating this document to one of ParlAmericas' official languages.

* ParlAmericas has sent a communication to the COP26 presidency expressing concern about the inclusiveness COP26, given that quarantine restrictions are imposed on delegates from red-listed countries and territories.

Key Resources



WFD | GLOBE | INTER PARES

The new publication, [Parliaments and the Paris Agreement](#), authored by ParlAmericas, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, INTER PARES, and GLOBE provides advice to strengthen the alignment of parliaments' oversight, legislative, and budgetary efforts to national climate commitments, highlights good legislative practices, and features guidance questions for legislators undertaking this work.

Other good resources:

- **Statement** from ParlAmericas and WFD highlighting the urgent need for public empowerment to be a top priority at COP26 and underscoring its role in ensuring the overall success of the Paris Agreement.
- Parliamentary **declaration** adopted at the [5th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change](#) on Addressing Inequalities to Enable Climate Ambition: A Just Transition to Achieve the Paris Agreement.
- Main topics discussed during the [Pre-COP26](#) ministerial discussions.
- The [Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2021 output report](#) provides an overview of the events and the key messages that will be used as input of the regional context at COP26.
- [The State of the Climate in Latin America & the Caribbean 2020](#) reports on climate trends, extreme weather & climate events recorded in 2020, as well as identifies areas for improvement in the management of hydrometeorological risks, data, and knowledge gaps.
- The [Sixth Assessment Report, Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis](#) by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports on the current state of the climate, how it's changing, the role of humans, and possible climate projections.
- The [NDC Registry](#) lists each country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), consult it to see if your country has submitted an updated NDC.