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OUTCOMES:

COP27 concluded with the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan, which for the first time mentions food security, nature-based solutions, tipping points, the right to a healthy environment, and a transformation of the financial system and its structures and processes. Countries reaffirmed their commitment to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C by the end of the century. However, according to a UNFCCC report, the fulfilment of current climate pledges will result in a 2.5°C increase. With these projections in mind, governments were requested through the Implementation Plan to revisit and strengthen the 2030 targets in their national climate plans by the end of 2023.

Other initiatives and decisions include the breakthrough agreement on a new “loss and damage” fund for vulnerable countries; adopting a four-year Action for Climate Empowerment action plan under the Glasgow work programme; the implementation of the gender action plan; the Debt Coalition Initiative; the launch of the Early Warnings for All Action Plan, among others. For more outcomes, read IISD's Summary report for COP27.

ACTION POINTS:

Through their oversight and other legislative responsibilities, parliamentarians can play pivotal roles in holding the executive branch accountable to the climate commitments made at COP27, and to other multilateral environmental agreements – like the Convention of Biodiversity, ensuring that words become action.

- Examine if your country has or plans to strengthen their Nationally Determined Contribution and whether it has, or is working on, developing a Long-Term Climate Strategy.
- Assess whether the national climate commitments and plans of your country are compatible with the goals of the Paris Agreement, including the 1.5°C temperature limit, and how they contribute to meeting national development priorities, including gender equality.
- Identify if your country has/is developing a gender and climate change national plan detailing how different sectors and plans are considering both these issues holistically.
- Request that your country’s government officials, national negotiation team, and/or parliamentary delegation to COP27 present the national commitments made at COP27 to the committee(s) responsible for environmental protection and climate action and/or in the plenary.
- Request progress reports on the environmental and climate commitments made at COP27, through one or more committees assigned responsibility to monitor the implementation of commitments.
- Examine how the commitments made at COP27 and national climate commitments can be promoted and implemented through existing or new legislation and adequate budget allocation.
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