



Best wishes for

2023

From all of us at 

Starting the year with climate action

As we embark on this new year, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who contribute to the work of ParIAmericas. We value your participation and partnership, and look forward to continued success as we advance parliamentary openness, gender equality, climate action, and sustainable development in 2023.

During this time of New Year's resolutions, we invite you to dedicate efforts in the coming months in response to the climate and environmental agreements made in the last months of 2022 at [COP27](#) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ([UNFCCC](#)) and [COP15](#) to the Convention of Biological Diversity ([CBD](#)).

Below, we present some of the main COP27 outcomes and identify parliamentary action points for the new year to continue promoting an ambitious and inclusive climate agenda.

Parliamentary climate action points for the new year

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 [CBD](#), ensuring that **words become action**.

- During COP26, the [Glasgow Climate Pact](#) was adopted, urging parties to reduce the gap between existing emission reduction plans and what is required to reduce emissions to meet the Paris Agreement. However, many countries did not come with new strategies. **You can check whether your country has submitted an [updated Nationally Determined Contribution](#) since COP27** 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**.

Read our joint publication [Parliaments and the Paris Agreement](#) for more information and good practices on how to support the implementation of climate commitments from around the hemisphere.

COP27 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. Due to a lack of consensus, the outcome document did not note the need to “phase down” fossil fuels and peak global emissions by 2025 to stay below 1.5°C, as called for in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [report](#) on the mitigation of climate change.

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.

Other news

Read the latest **declarations** adopted at the **14th Gathering of the ParIAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality and the 19th ParIAmericas Plenary Assembly**, hosted by the Congress of Colombia in November/December 2022.

- [The care economy](#)
- [Parliamentary engagement in the inter-American system](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

The **7th Gathering of the ParIAmericas Open Parliament Network** will be taking place in Chile from April 20 to April 22, 2023.