

COP27 Communication #1



Parliamentary Engagement at the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27)

Parliamentarians have an important role in advancing solutions to the climate crisis and ensuring that there is continued long term political support for such international agreements and their national implementation. COP, as the supreme decision-making body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), is held every year to provide an opportunity to review progress and make decisions regarding legal instruments, and institutional and administrative arrangements in support of climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts.

We encourage parliamentarians to consult their respective national parliament and government authorities regarding the opportunity to join the country's official delegation to attend COP27. **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 support you remotely during your participation and share relevant information.**

This communication serves to provide parliamentarians with currently available information in support of their physical and virtual participation at COP27.

The Conference of Parties

Dates: November 6-18, 2022

Location: Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

Host: UNFCCC and Egyptian Presidency

Travelling to COP27: To prepare for your in-person participation, please consult the COP27 [trip planning](#) advice.

Themes and targets: The [presidency vision](#) outlines the main goals for the negotiations of the Conference as well as the targets to work towards. Key [thematic days](#) have also been established to guide discussions.

UNFCCC observer handbook: This [handbook](#) is particularly helpful for those attending COP for the first time as it provides an overview of logistical considerations and tips for how observers can engage during formal sessions of the UNFCCC.

Side events: In-person attendees are invited to visit the side events hosted at the [green zone](#) (a space for the general public, including academia, youth, civil and Indigenous societies, managed by the Egyptian government) and the [blue zone](#) (the UN-managed space that is open only to attendees accredited by the UNFCCC and hosts negotiations as well as **pavilions led by various organizations and countries**). The blue zone [schedule](#) of official side events and exhibits is now available.

Virtual Participation: Legislators and parliamentary staff interested in viewing the official side events of COP27 can visit the [COP27 YouTube Channel](#) and the official [UNFCCC secretariat-managed YouTube channel](#) where a COP27 side events playlist will be added.

You may also like to follow these online platforms for updates and news on COP27:

- **Website:** [UNFCCC, COP27](#), and [IISD Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#)
- **Twitter:** [ParlAmericas](#), [UNFCCC, COP27](#), and [IISD Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#)
- **Facebook:** [ParlAmericas](#), [UNFCCC, COP27](#) and [IISD Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#)

Parliamentary Meetings on the Margins of COP27

[COP27 Legislators Summit](#), hosted by GLOBE

- **Hybrid event: Call to Action for COP27 from African legislators**
 - **Date:** November 7 & 8, 2022
 - **Location:** Sheraton Hotel in Cairo, Egypt & Virtual
- **Virtual full-day event: Addressing the interlocking Rio+30 agendas and highlighting risk governance**
 - **Date:** November 9, 2022
 - **Location:** Virtual Meeting

Registration is open for both physical and virtual participation. Interpretation in English, Spanish, and French will be available.

[Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's Side Event: Climate Change Policy and Science Divide, and Climate Financing](#)

- **Date:** November 10, 2022
- **Location:** Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

Information on the agenda and registration will be provided on our social media once it is available.

The [Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie \(APF\)](#) and the [Francophone Institute for Sustainable Development \(IFDD\)](#)'s Side Event: Synergies between parliaments and governments for accelerated climate action for French-speaking countries

- **Date:** November 10, 2022 (3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Sharm El Sheikh local time)
- **Location:** Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt (Francophone Pavilion in the Blue Zone) & Virtual

The events of the Francophone Pavilion will have live broadcasting through the [Climate E-Pavillion](#).

[Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition \(OPCC\)](#)'s Side Event: Latin American Parliaments Leading: Mobilizing climate finance

- **Date:** November 10, 2022 (4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Sharm El Sheikh local time)
- **Location:** Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt (Euroclima+ Pavilion in the Blue Zone) & Virtual

Additional information will be provided on our social media once it is available.

[Parliamentary Meeting](#) at COP27, jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Egyptian House of Representatives

- **Date:** November 13, 2022
- **Location:** Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt (*virtual attendance is possible*)

Registration is open. Interpretation in English, Spanish, and French will be available.

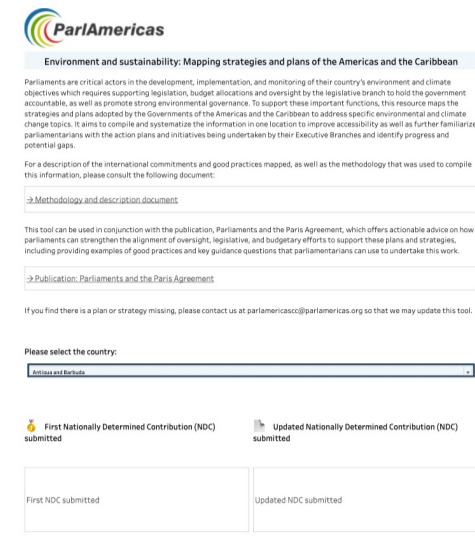
Partner Events

- ILO is hosting a [Just Transition Pavilion](#) (Blue Zone).
- IICA is hosting a pavilion called the [Home of Sustainable Agriculture in the Americas](#) (Blue Zone) which will feature 60 high-level political and technical events over the two weeks of COP 27, under the theme of "Feeding the World, Nurturing the Planet."
- The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), and IPU are hosting a [side event](#) titled Designing governance systems to enable effective implementation of the Paris agreement (Blue Zone) on **Thursday, November 17, 2022**.
- ParlAmericas is pleased to continue its membership in [UNFCCC's informal parliamentary group](#), with [GLOBE International](#) as the focal point. This group will be supporting parliamentary participation at the COP27, including providing updates on COP27 through [newsletters](#), and hosting daily briefings for parliamentarians.

Key Resources



The 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.



The resource [Environment and Sustainability: Mapping the Strategies and Plans of the Americas and the Caribbean](#) compiles the most recent strategies and plans, **including submitted NDCs**, developed by member countries of the region in a centralized location, to provide easy access to parliamentarians as they work to ensure national legislation and parliamentary initiatives reinforce the objectives of environmental multilateral agreements. **In anticipation of COP27, updates to the Environmental Repository are in-progress.**

Other relevant resources:

- Parliamentary [declaration](#) adopted at the [6th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change](#) on Realizing our Green Future: The Road to Low Emissions.
- Outcomes of [PreCOP27](#).
- The [Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2022 output report](#) provides an overview of the events and the key messages that represent a step on the road to COP27.
- [The State of the Climate in Latin America & the Caribbean 2021](#) reports on several climatological indicators such as temperature, precipitation, glacial mass balance and sea level rise while also illustrating how the trends observed have impacted human development, food security, and migration.
- Recent 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:
 - [Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability](#)
 - [Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change](#)
 - [Special Report: Climate Change and Land](#)
 - [Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5 °C](#)