

PRESIDENCY PROGRAMME COP26



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The COP26 Conference kicks off in Glasgow on Monday 1st November with the two day World Leaders Summit which will set the scene for the next two weeks.

The full two week schedule can be found on the next page and live coverage is provided by Sky on channel 525 as well as live updates on various news channels.

There are five sessions that we feel will be of particular interest to our members which are highlighted in red on the following page with further information on subsequent pages.

The Green Zone sessions (<https://ukcop26.org/the-conference/green-zone-programme-of-events>) are being streamed live on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/c/cop26>) some of which may also be of interest

We will be publishing short papers from our previous three plenary meetings to coincide with the Presidency Programme as well as re-publishing previous reports via social media aligned with the daily events

PRESIDENCY PROGRAMME 1ST TO 12TH NOVEMBER

WEEK ONE						
SUNDAY OCTOBER 31ST	MONDAY NOVEMBER 1ST	TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2ND	WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4TH	FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5TH	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH
PROCEDURAL OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS	WORLD LEADERS SUMMIT Welcoming world leaders to COP to put forward high level ambition and action towards securing global net zero and keeping 1.5 degrees in reach; adapting to protect communities and natural habitats; and mobilising finance.		FINANCE Mobilising public and private finance flows at scale for mitigation and adaptation.	ENERGY Accelerating the global transition to clean energy.	YOUTH AND PUBLIC EMPOWERMENT Elevating the voice of young people and demonstrating the critical role of public empowerment and education in climate action.	NATURE Ensuring the importance of nature and sustainable land use are part of global action on climate change and a clean, green recovery.
WEEK TWO						
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH	MONDAY NOVEMBER 8TH	TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH	WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10TH	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11TH	FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12TH	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13TH
REST DAY AHEAD OF THE SECOND WEEK OF NEGOTIATIONS	ADAPTATION, LOSS AND DAMAGE Delivering the practical solutions needed to adapt to climate impacts and address loss and damage.	GENDER Progressing gender equality and the full and meaningful participation of women and girls in climate action.	TRANSPORT Driving the global transition to zero emission transport.	CITIES, REGIONS & BUILT ENVIRONMENT Advancing action in the places we live, from communities, through to cities and regions.	CLOSURE OF NEGOTIATIONS	
		SCIENCE AND INNOVATION Demonstrating that science and innovation can deliver climate solutions to meet, and accelerate, increased ambition.				

FINANCE – WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

DATE & TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT
09:00-09:45	HEADLINE EVENT FINANCING OUR FUTURE	The opening event of Finance Day will show how COP26 represents a step-change in mobilising finance at scale to keep 1.5°C within reach and support climate resilient development. As the COP26 Ministerial lead for finance, the UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak will open Finance Day with an event marking the progress since Paris. The event will focus on progress on the \$100bn climate finance commitment, the mobilisation of private finance at scale to where it's needed most, and the resetting of the financial sector to support the real world outcomes on mitigation and adaptation across the globe.
10:15-11:30	A FINANCIAL SYSTEM FOR NET ZERO	Mark Carney, UN Special Envoy and the Prime Minister's Finance Advisor for COP26, will lead this event showcasing the transformational steps taken by the global financial sector to deliver the tools, markets and financial commitments needed to align global financial flows with the Paris goals. Contributions from international organisations and the public and private sectors are now able to ensure that every financial decision takes climate change into account.
12:00-13:15	FINANCING A MORE RESILIENT WORLD	This event will bring together leadership from across the world, multilateral development banks and the private sector to discuss the major advances in financing adaptation since Paris in 2015. It will showcase achievements on managing climate risk including innovative approaches that get finance quickly to people most vulnerable to climate change or free up fiscal space after a disaster. Speakers will discuss a roadmap for greater action, including the work of the Taskforce on Access to Climate Finance, to drive new commitments from donors and the private sector to organise finance behind country plans.
12:00-13:15	COALITION OF FINANCE MINISTERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION (CLOSED DOOR EVENT)	Finance Ministers, Central Bank Governors and Financial Institutions have a central role to play in aligning financial flows with the Paris Agreement. The Coalition and the Network for Greening the Financial System will meet to discuss best practices to mainstream climate-related risks and opportunities into their financial and economic policy decision-making.
14:15-15:30	DELIVERING FINANCE FOR EMERGING AND DEVELOPING MARKETS	This mobilisation event will demonstrate that private climate finance is being mobilised at scale through new and strengthened initiatives, using both public and private interventions. It will highlight increased efforts by Multilateral Development Banks, Development Finance Institutions and donors to unlock private climate finance, showcase the private sector's commitment to supporting the climate transition in emerging markets and developing economies, and discuss the further structural shifts required to scale mobilisation in support of the \$100bn goal and beyond.
15:15-18:00	4TH HIGH LEVEL MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE ON LONG-TERM CLIMATE FINANCE	The Presidency will convene the fourth High Level Ministerial Dialogue on Long Term Climate Finance, which will be informed by the reports on the in-session workshop on long-term climate finance and the fourth (2020) Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows. This dialogue will include panels on enhancing support for developing countries and realising the \$100bn goal, supporting a financial system for a net zero and resilient future, and scaling climate finance to mobilise the trillions needed in developing countries. There will then be an open plenary for Parties. This session follows previous dialogues at COP20, COP22, and COP24.

ENERGY – THURSDAY 4th NOVEMBER

DATE & TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT
09:30-11:00	HEADLINE EVENT ACCELERATING A JUST AND INCLUSIVE ENERGY TRANSITION: ENERGY DAY OPENING EVENT	Ending unabated coal power is vital if we are to keep the 1.5 degree goal within reach. At the COP26 Energy Day's opening event, global ministers and non-state actors will come together to announce ambitious progress in the coal to clean power transition, and discuss how to work together to deliver a just and inclusive energy transition.
11:30-13:00	MAKING THE GLOBAL TRANSITION TO CLEAN POWER A REALITY – HOSTED BY THE ENERGY TRANSITION COUNCIL	A Presidency event, convened by the Energy Transition Council, featuring two panel sessions where senior figures from governments and international organisations will announce and discuss new measures to scale up clean power more quickly, shift away from coal and ensure access to affordable, sustainable energy for all.
13:30-15:00	GREEN GRIDS INITIATIVE EXPO (ATTENDANCE BY INVITE OR REQUEST ONLY)	An exciting exploration into the global green grids agenda, including the newly launched partnership "Green Grids Initiative - One Sun One World One Grid" (GGI-OSOWOG), which has the ambition of accelerating the development and deployment of modern green grids globally. The event will feature speeches by energy ministers from the UK, India and across the world, and convene key financial and technical institutions and other stakeholders, providing the opportunity for networking and to showcase leading projects, initiatives, and other activities across the green grids field. Limited attendance by invite or request only.
15:30-17:00	POWERING THE WORLD PAST COAL – HOSTED BY THE POWERING PAST COAL ALLIANCE.	This event will showcase action by Alliance members to accelerate the phase out of coal globally and will explore priority actions to put us on a pathway to net zero. Discussion between leading global figures will include progress on ending public and private coal finance and the important role of non-state actors in driving the transition from coal to clean energy.

GENDER, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION – TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER

DATE & TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT
09:30-11:00	FROM RISK TO OPPORTUNITY: MAKING SCIENCE WORK FOR SOLUTIONS	The climate crisis paints a necessarily stark picture of our current trajectory, but rising to the challenge of climate change presents our best opportunity for generations to create a future we want. This session will bring together experts and citizens from across the world to discuss how to better use the knowledge on climate risks to guide action on climate towards ambitious, just and climate resilient trajectories. The event will explore what science can tell us about desirable futures, the benefits of ambitious climate action, and the solutions that can get us there.
10:00 - 11:15	CLIMATE ACTION FOR HEALTH	Climate change is the greatest threat to global public health and wellbeing in the 21st century. This session brings together leaders from government, the health sector and climate change to set out the health arguments for ambitious global action on climate change. It also highlights the leadership role of health through the trusted voices of health professionals, and by demonstrating the global health sector's commitment to building climate resilient and sustainable health systems.
11:00-13:00	HEADLINE EVENT (GENDER) ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY IN CLIMATE ACTION	Women and girls, particularly those facing intersecting inequalities, are disproportionately impacted by climate change, but they are also critical leaders at all levels of climate action, from local communities to global forums. Building on the UN Women convened Action Coalition on Feminist Action for Climate Justice and the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan, this event will bring together Ministers, civil society, business leaders and activists, and will drive progress through the announcement of new and strengthened commitments. This event will showcase some of the best and brightest examples of gender equality in climate action, sending a message that the time for gender-responsive implementation is now.
11:30-13:00	ROAR: SCIENCE & INNOVATION FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION	Effective climate adaptation requires a paradigm shift that harnesses the full potential of science and innovation. Science needs to be more action-oriented and user-centred; action needs to be evidence-driven and fuelled by innovation; investment needs to be scaled up. We need Results-Oriented Adaptation Research (ROAR). To realise this systemic shift, climate adaptation researchers, practitioners, community-based organisations, and action and research funders from across the globe have formulated the Adaptation Research for Impact Principles as guiding tenets for all stakeholders engaged in climate adaptation, and co-developed the Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA), an innovative initiative that co-creates adaptation solutions with those on the frontline of risk and catalyses investment in support of results-oriented adaptation research.
13:30-14:45	HEADLINE EVENT (S&I) RESPONDING TO THE IPCC RE- PORT: KEEPING 1.5°C ALIVE	In the headline event of Science & Innovation Day, representatives from Parties, Observers and Non-State Actors will come together to discuss what is needed from the UNFCCC process, the COP26 outcome, and climate action over the coming years to respond to the IPCC Working Group I Contribution to the 6th Assessment Report and keep the 1.5 degree goal within reach.
15:30-17:30	ACCELERATING INNOVATION: COOPERATION FOR A NET ZERO FUTURE	As the flagship innovation event on the COP26 Science and Innovation Day, this event will bring together Ministers, CEOs and leaders from around the world to showcase clean energy solutions. The event will see the launch of new commitments that enhance international cooperation and ensure innovation delivers for all in order to meet our shared goals of the Paris Agreement.

TRANSPORT – WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

DATE & TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT
09:15-10:30	GREEN SHIPPING CORRIDORS: LAUNCH OF THE CLYDEBANK DECLARATION	The Clydebank Declaration is a global initiative within the Zero-Emission Shipping Mission, encouraging governments to support the establishment of 'green shipping corridors' – decarbonised shipping routes between two ports. This event will bring together Ministers and CEOs to launch the Declaration and start an evidence-based and collaborative discussion about the next steps in establishing green shipping corridors.
10:45-12:15	HEADLINE EVENT ACCELERATING THE ZEV TRANSITION: A ONE WAY STREET	Leaders, representing a substantial proportion of the global new car market, will come together to show their commitment to a zero-emission road transport future. All involved will have committed to 100% zero emission vehicles sales by 2040 (or earlier) as this accelerated pace of transition is needed to meet our 1.5°C Paris goals. Ministers, vehicle manufacturers, business leaders, fleet managers and city leaders have signed the statement in agreement that this is the COP that will kick start the mass market for zero emission vehicles. Alongside this the Netherlands and CALSTART will launch their HGV MOU, with countries committing to 100% of all new HGV sales being zero emission by 2040.
15:00-16:15	INTERNATIONAL AVIATION CLIMATE AMBITION COALITION	The International Aviation Climate Ambition Coalition is a new group of states that want to meet the challenge of net zero for aviation, and are encouraging all states to do the same. The Coalition will be launched at COP26 with an ambitious and comprehensive declaration on aviation emissions. It will kick-start a year of increased collaboration between governments, with the near-term target of securing an ambitious long-term goal for international aviation emissions at the next Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization in September 2022.
16:30-17:45	FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ROAD FREIGHT	The Future of International Road Freight event will bring together leading female voices from across the road freight landscape, including government ministers, manufacturers, operators and NGOs to galvanise a shared understanding of the action needed to ensure sales of new HGVs are zero emission by no later than 2040.

CITIES, REGIONS AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT – THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER

DATE & TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT
09:00-10:30	HEADLINE EVENT BUILDING A BETTER WORLD TOGETHER: ACCELERATING DEEP COLLABORATION FOR BUILT EN- VIRONMENT CLIMATE ACTION	COP26 offers an opportunity to ensure a global and just transition to a sustainable and resilient built environment. National and subnational governments, as well as the private sector, must work together to deliver the Paris Agreement goals. This event will bring together national governments, cities, regions and the private sector to build deep collaboration for built environment climate action.
14:00-15:30	CLIMATE LEADERSHIP OF SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE UK AND BEYOND	Collaboration between subnational states and regions is essential to setting and reaching climate targets globally; together, they can share experience and learn from one another to reach climate goals. This event will showcase the Under2Coalition High Ambition to keep warming within 1.5°C. The event will feature key Coalition members Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and outstanding international members, highlighting the ambition and actions their Regional Governments are taking.
TIME TO BE CONFIRMED	MINISTERS AND MAYORS ON BUILDINGS AS A CRITICAL CLIMATE SOLUTION	Ministers and mayors are uniting behind the urgency for action with one voice, one ambition: to deliver and enable a zero-emission, efficient, and resilient built environment. Panelists will discuss built environment action at the national and local level, the need for collaboration and the need for government to provide an enabling framework throughout the value chain. The event will feature local governments as 'challengers' who can bridge the policy gap.