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**The United Nations Climate Talks
start this weekend –
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COP 26 Information Sheet

What?

COP stands for “Conference of the Parties” and is an annual UN climate conference. It is the decision-making body responsible for monitoring and reviewing the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Paris Agreement in 2015 was a result of COP21 in France, and 197 nations and territories, called Parties, participate.

COP26 will be the first COP in two years, due to Covid-19, and will address the pandemic as well as how to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius as this limit approaches. Other goals include protecting communities and natural habitats, mobilizing financial resources, and strengthening multilateralism.

Who?

COP26 will be hosted by the UK in partnership with Italy. World leaders, UN staff, and civil society will attend. The World Leaders Summit will occur on November 1-2, 2021. Civil society organizations will be contributing to the blue zones (UN official events), as well as hosting and participating in green zones (side and parallel events).

There are concerns with vaccine equity with many countries not having access to the vaccine, thus will not have access to attending the conference.

Where?

COP26 will occur in Glasgow, Scotland. The conference will be held in person and there are some virtual options. You can watch the COP virtually on their Youtube channel listed below!

When?

October 31st to November 12th.

How Can You Learn About and Support COP?

Videos & Documents

- Overview of COP26 from Sky News: <https://youtu.be/12q3WcTJYgM>
- Sir David Attenborough's statement to the UN Security Council: <https://youtu.be/MaweqwsN62k>
- **COP Youtube Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/cop26>
- Official COP26 Explained: <https://ukcop26.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/COP26-Explained.pdf>
- Net-zero, Paris Agreement, COP26, Carbon budget — understanding climate change buzzwords: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1-vQI_Pm-g



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Social Media

- COP26 Social Media Links: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)
- Loretto's Social Media Toolkit: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ENednpD5LP-lybkQNCAUL03aiDbqvCtRS1pDju7k3DI/edit?usp=sharing>

Pre COP

- October 31st: Interfaith Glasgow is hosting a vigil, in person and virtually, at 2 pm GMT (10am EDT). Sign up to watch the live stream here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9wDI36mJms> Their Youtube channel has other great COP26 content!
- For inspiration as much as preparation: Join TED.com live on YouTube at 12pm ET on October 30 for an informative and timely event laying out a realistic pathway to a net-zero future: <https://countdown.ted.com/>
- Note well that Net Zero is not Real Zero – read more here: <https://www.corporateaccountability.org/resources/fact-file-still-a-big-con/>
- Be sure to be posting and sharing content about COP26 to spread awareness about this momentous event!

During COP

- November 1st-5th: Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) will be hosting a virtual Zero Emissions Solutions Conference (ZESC) alongside COP26. This is a great opportunity to attend zoom events on net-zero! You can find more information here: <https://unsdsn.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a04105bfca6c4cb8c24ff8680&id=8407e69edb&e=ba3e2c2f98>
- Continue posting and sharing content. Also, share info and content being posted by delegates in the blue and green zones to keep the conversations going globally!

Post COP Events - COP activism doesn't end when the conference does. Much of the work to ensure that we reach Agenda 30 begins once the treaties and agreements are signed. Help us continue advocating for action to reach real zero, not just net zero, at these upcoming events:

- March 14th-25th, 2022: The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66) will convene on the theme of gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of climate change and environmental disasters. Many of the conversations from COP will be completely relevant at CSW, and will help continue the goal of addressing the climate crisis with unity and finality. More information can be found here: <https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw66-2022>
- For Inspiration: The Earthshot Prize: <https://earthshotprize.org/>
- February 7th-16th, 2022: The Commission for Social Development (CSocD60) will focus on sustainable living and food systems. More information can be found here: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/united-nations-commission-for-social-development-csod-social-policy-and-development-division/csod60.html>
- Libby Comeaux of LEN has alerted us to the work of Jim Laurie (Biodiversity for a Liveable Climate) who proposed a strategy of ecological restoration by which the private sector can re-enliven and stabilize the planet – see <https://bio4climate.org/>

Thank you for reading and your interest in COP! Please follow Loretto at the UN online (esp @LorettoattheUN on Twitter) for information leading up to and during the Summit!