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## Canada at COP26

### COP26 at a Glance

- What?** 26<sup>th</sup> United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties, in Glasgow, United Kingdom, from 31 October to 12 November 2021.
- Who?** All signatories of the [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change](#), represented by government officials, businesses, environmental groups, Indigenous organizations, youth & more.
- Why?** World leaders meet to re-evaluate their climate change strategies against the [Paris Agreement](#) goal of limiting warming to well below 2°C, ideally 1.5°C, above pre-industrial temperatures.

### Important Links

[Official COP26 website](#)

[Flyer “COP26 Explained”](#)

[COP26 YouTube account to watch the sessions](#)

### Canada's Leadership

#### Canada renewed climate commitments at Pre-COP in Milan

Canada [joined 40 countries to shape the negotiations](#) ahead of COP26. Minister Wilkinson implored youth delegates to continue advocating for climate action at the [Youth4Climate](#) summit.

#### Global Methane Pledge: Canada among first supporters

Canada [announced support](#) for the [Global Methane Pledge](#) to be launched at COP26, which aims to reduce global methane emissions by 30% below 2020 levels by 2030. Canada [also committed](#) to reducing domestic oil and gas methane emissions by at least 75% below 2012 levels by 2030.

#### Canada is co-leading an international climate finance plan

The [Climate Finance Delivery Plan](#) outlines the trajectory to deliver on the developed countries' goal of mobilizing \$100 billion per year in climate finance. It was released on 25 October 2021 ([press release](#)).



Discussions at the Pre-COP26 Conference in Milan ©UNFCCC



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### Schedule: Themes and Sessions

- [Presidency Program](#) outlining the daily negotiation and discussion sessions based on themes (see right column).
- [Green Zone Program of Events](#) outlining related events, exhibitions, cultural performances, workshops, and talks.

#### CANADIAN FOCUS

Steven Kuhn, Chief Negotiator for Climate Change, shared insights on Canada's role at COP26 at our recent speaker event:

- Prime Minister Trudeau will attend the World Leaders Summit and provide a national statement for Canada.
- Canada's co-developed [Climate Finance Delivery Plan](#) will be discussed on 3 November (Finance Day).
- Canada's leadership in supporting the transition to clean energy as part of the [Powering Past Coal Alliance](#) will be discussed on 4 November (Energy Day).
- COP26 will be a significant meeting in part because the United States re-joined the Paris Agreement.

#### LEGISLATOR MEETING: GLOBE COP26 Legislators Summit

- [Official website](#), [Registration](#), [Program](#).
- On 5-6 November, in Edinburgh, UK, cross-party legislators will share best practices and strategize for success at COP26.
- Keynote will be by John Kerry, US Climate Envoy, on the critical role of parliaments in addressing the climate crisis.
- Canadian Senator Rosa Galvez will speak in the session on financial support for net zero decarbonisation, on 5 November.

#### Week 1: November

1<sup>st</sup> World Leaders Summit

2<sup>nd</sup> World Leaders Summit

3<sup>rd</sup> Finance

4<sup>th</sup> Energy

5<sup>th</sup> Youth, Public Empowerment

6<sup>th</sup> Nature

#### Week 2: November

8<sup>th</sup> Adaptation, Loss, Damage

9<sup>th</sup> Science, Innovation

9<sup>th</sup> Gender

10<sup>th</sup> Transport

11<sup>th</sup> Cities, Built Environment

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