What you need to know to take part in COP26.

Whether traveling to Glasgow or participating from the U.S., this guide will help you follow all the major events during COP26 happening as part of America Is All In’s “U.S. Climate Action Center”.

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About the U.S. Climate Action Center

The U.S. Climate Center (USCAC) is the hub for U.S. non-federal leaders and institutions at COP26, and has served this role since COP23 in Bonn in 2017. Then convened under the “We Are Still In” banner, the USCAC was established to maintain a U.S. presence at the annual UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP). The Center returns this year, under the new banner of “America Is All In” along with a reengaged U.S. Federal government.

The **USCAC is a pavilion in the Blue Zone** of the COP venue hosting events in-person on **November 2nd, 6th, 8th and 9th and streaming online throughout the full two weeks**.

Our presence would not be possible without the generous support of Bloomberg Philanthropies. The Center is coordinated by America Is All In partners World Wildlife Fund, Climate Nexus, RMI, World Resources Institute, Ceres, and the University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability. Programming has been developed by these organizations and many other partners across the climate NGO community. The coordinators are grateful to the WWF Global Climate & Energy Practice for partnering to secure and design the pavilion space.

The map here shows the location of the USCAC inside the Blue Zone inside Hall 4.
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COP26 is being hosted at the **Scottish Event Campus** (SEC) located in downtown Glasgow. Access to events and exhibitions at this location require official credentials from the UN for each individual. The so-called **“Blue Zone”** is home to the U.S. Climate Action Center pavilion as well as the U.S. Center operated by the United States Federal government and many other national pavilions.

Across from the Scottish Event Campus is the **Glasgow Science Centre** which will host the **“Green Zone,”** another area open to the public with a free ticket hosting youth, civil society, academia, artists, and business from around the world. A full program for the Green Zone and registration information is available [here](#).

**Getting to the SEC is best done by public transportation. It has its own train station, Exhibition Centre Station.**

The UK government is encouraging attendees to use train and public transport as much as possible, but if car service is needed, recommend these trusted providers.

- **Little’s of Glasgow:** Inquire by email reservations@littles.co.uk or by phone +44 141 883 2111

- **TBR Global:** Dedicated email: cop26@tbrglobal.com or Michael Savage, michael.s@tbrglobal.com, +44 203 826 6004
Aerial Map of COP Venues

Source: Get Ready Glasgow
COVID-19 Protocols

The UK Government has instituted COVID-19 protocols for all attendees of COP26. A full guide for complying with these can be found [here](#). Below are the summary checklists of steps to complete before and when you arrive in the UK.

Before you travel

Get your COVID-19 vaccinations and declare your vaccination status on the UNFCCC registration portal (if you will have UN credentials and enter the conference venue).

Pre-Departure

All participants at COP26 must be able to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken in the 72 hours before departing to the UK. You may be asked to show this before boarding the service departing to the UK.

All arrivals to the UK, including those attending COP26 must complete a passenger locator form up to 48 hours before they arrive in the UK. You may be asked to show this before boarding the service departing to the UK or when arriving.

During the Conference

All participants will also need to comply with the relevant health protocols in accordance with the Code of Conduct when they are within the Blue Zone and when they are outside it. That includes:

- observe 3ft (1m) distance from others
- wear a face covering as required - **Face masks are required at all times in the USCAC**
- **undertake a self-administered Lateral Flow (LFD) test in your accommodation before travelling to the summit every day throughout the event** and report the result at: [https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). A negative result, sent to you by email or text, will be required to gain access to the Blue Zone each day. If a positive LFD result occurs, then a negative PCR test is required. There will be sites around Glasgow and the COP venue where LFD tests are available. They can also be purchased in some pharmacies.
Programming Schedule at USCAC

Events and meetings at the USCAC will have limited capacity to comply with COVID-19 protocols. Attendance for events is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a maximum capacity of 30 people in the event space, due to COVID-19 protocols. Closed events will require an invitation or discretion of USCAC staff. **Events that are listed in orange are virtual events only.**

Descriptions and speakers for each event can be found [here](#).

Virtual Engagement with USCAC

The virtual USCAC at COP26, which will complement the in-person USCAC in Glasgow, will be a space for U.S. subnational and non-federal leaders to showcase climate ambition, and operate between November 1st and 12th.

Events occurring at the in-person USCAC in Glasgow will be streamed on the platform and our [YouTube channel](#), along with events taking place virtually.


Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below to register:

![QR Code](#)

Once registered, you can find our attendee hub here: [https://bit.ly/COP26USCAC](https://bit.ly/COP26USCAC) or [usclimateactioncenter.com](http://usclimateactioncenter.com)

We will also be streaming live on our America Is All In YouTube channel, where no registration is required: [https://bit.ly/USCACyoutube](https://bit.ly/USCACyoutube)
Descriptions and speakers for each event can be found [here](#).

**Tuesday, November 2nd**

- **9:30-10:30 am GMT**
  - America Is All In Delegation Briefing [Closed Event]
  - Hosted by America Is All In

- **11:00-12:00 pm**
  - Culture Over Carbon: The US Cultural Sector Advancing Climate Action
  - Hosted by Environment & Culture Partners

- **2:00-3:00 pm**
  - U.S. Climate Action Opening Program
  - Hosted by America Is All In

- **3:30-4:30 pm**
  - Meet the Moment! Join the U.S. Action for Climate Empowerment Coalition
  - Hosted by US Action for Climate Empowerment

- **5:00-6:00 pm**
  - Financing Ambition for Climate and Nature
  - Hosted by WWF

- **6:30-7:30 pm**
  - U.S. Climate Alliance Press Briefer
  - Hosted by U.S. Climate Alliance

- **8:00 pm**
  - Reception TBC
Wednesday, November 3rd

11:00-12:00 pm  
7:00-8:00 am EDT  
**The Climate Leader Blueprint**  
Hosted by World Wildlife Fund

2:00-3:00 pm  
10:00-11:00 am EDT  
**Tackling Urban Heat in U.S. Cities**  
Hosted by U.S. Green Building Council

5:00-6:00 pm  
1:00-2:00 pm EDT  
**Designing an equitable carbon-free future in Minnesota & the Midwest**  
Hosted by Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

6:30-7:30 pm  
2:30-3:30 pm EDT  
**Improving lives and the environment with emissions-free solar cooking**  
Hosted by Solar Cookers International

Thursday, November 4th

2:00-3:00 pm  
10:00-11:00 am EDT  
**The Syrup Syndrome**  
Hosted by JLG Architects

5:00-6:00 pm  
1:00-2:00 pm EDT  
**Leading by Example, Collections Based Cultural Organizations Addressing Climate Change**  
Hosted by Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Friday, November 5th

3:30-4:30 pm  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm EDT  
**LEED Communities All-In for Net-Zero**  
Hosted by U.S. Green Building Council

5:00-6:00 pm  
1:00-2:00 pm EDT  
**Leveraging Technology to Positively Disrupt the Status Quo**  
Hosted by arbnco, Inc.
Saturday, November 6th

9:30-10:30 am  Food - The Forgotten Climate Driver: How can we help transform the food sector?
5:30-6:30 am EDT   Hosted by Oatly

11:00-12:00 pm  A Conversation with U.S. Senator Cardin on Coastal Climate Resilience
7:00-8:00 am EDT   Hosted by Office of Senator Ben Cardin

12:30-1:30 pm  Driving Progress: Advancing Sustainable Transportation
8:30-9:30 am EDT   Hosted by The Edison Electric Institute

2:00-3:00 pm  America Is All In Delegation Briefing [Closed Event]
10:00-11:00 am EDT   Hosted by America Is All In

3:30-4:30 pm  LEED for Cities: A Catalyst for Change in this Decade of Action
11:30-12:30 pm EDT   Hosted by U.S. Green Building Council

5:00-6:00 pm  Global Issues, Subnational Solutions: How US States Are Leading on Climate Action
1:00-2:00 pm EDT   Hosted by National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

6:30-7:30 pm  Change is Here: Youth Leading Climate Action in the U.S.
2:30-3:30 pm EDT   Hosted by Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network (CLEAN)
Monday, November 8th

8:00-9:00 am  
The Vital Importance of Rapid Decarbonization in the American Midwest  
Hosted by Science Museum of MN and Fresh Energy

9:30-10:30 am  
Accelerating Cross-Sector Climate Action through the Assets of Higher Education  
Hosted by Second Nature

11:00-12:00 pm  
Models for Implementing 50% by 2030 - Partnerships to Reduce Wasted Food on the North American West Coast  
Hosted by Pacific Coast Collaborative

12:30-1:30 pm  
All In for Net Zero: How A Whole-of-Society Approach Can Accelerate the Race to Zero  
Hosted by Alliance for Climate Action

2:00-3:00 pm  
Superheroes & Blue Carbon Habitats of the Southern Ocean  
Hosted by WWF International

3:30-4:30 pm  
A nature positive planet – our common objective  
Hosted by Velux and WWF International

5:00-6:00 pm  
“All In” This Together: A Clean Energy Transition Through Municipal, State and Federal Partnerships  
Hosted by U.S. Department of Energy and America Is All In

6:30-7:30 pm  
Integrated Policies for Ocean Climate Action: Building Coastal Resiliency in the U.S.  
Hosted by Int’l Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification
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**Wednesday, November 10th**

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**Offshore Wind: Critical to Achieving US Climate Goals**  
Hosted by Trustees of Tufts University, The Fletcher School

3:00-4:00 pm  
10:00-11:00 am EST  
**Leading on Embodied Carbon**  
Hosted by WAP Sustainability

**Thursday, November 11th**

5:00-6:00 pm  
12:00-1:00 pm EST  
**Focusing on the "S" in ESG - Achieve energy optimization in the built environment without compromising occupant health**  
Hosted by arbnco, Inc.

6:30-7:30 pm  
1:30-2:30 pm EST  
**Greening America’s Schools: An Opportunity for Climate Mitigation, Health, and Equity**  
Hosted by U.S. Green Building Council
Importance of COP26

COP26 this November in Glasgow will be the most important global meeting on climate since Paris in 2015. With the Paris Agreement built on the premise that countries’ voluntary commitments, while insufficient for systemic change at first, would continue to grow in ambition on regular intervals collectively, COP26 was to be the first major test.

The delays in negotiations created by COVID-19 mean there is even more ground to make up. COP26 must re-establish trust, rebuild confidence, and revitalize hope in the global climate regime’s ability to deliver sufficiently ambitious, equitable, and just outcomes. The world is looking to COP26 for confidence and clarity on the global pathway to achieving a transition to a zero-emission, climate resilient future that can keep global temperature rise from catastrophically exceeding 2°C at most and with vigorous effort keeping or stabilizing global temperature rise at 1.5°C.

Over the course of a highly charged year, momentum has begun to shift toward climate ambition with the U.S. government back at the table and reestablishing its global leadership and with the voice of subnational and corporate institutions continuing to grow across sectors of the economy. But despite this progress, COP26 has major obstacles to overcome.

Global Goals for COP26

Set by the COP Presidency of the UK and Italy

1. Secure global net zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees within reach

   Countries are being asked to come forward with ambitious 2030 emissions reductions targets that align with reaching net zero by the middle of the century.

2. Adapt to protect communities and natural habitats

3. Mobilize finance

   To deliver on our first two goals, developed countries must make good on their promise to mobilise at least $100bn in climate finance per year by 2020.

4. Work together to deliver
Messaging Guide

The bullets here give an overview of messages America Is All In will be using throughout COP26, pertaining to how U.S. federal and non-federal leaders show up. Additional messaging resources are linked below.

- The U.S. federal government is back to being fully engaged in global climate negotiations for the first time since 2016.

- The U.S.’ 2030 climate target was welcomed by other countries, but without sufficient action at home it won’t be credible abroad or spur other countries to take stronger action.

- The U.S.’ 2030 climate target shows the Biden administration understands the urgency of the climate crisis. But more action is still needed to limit warming to 1.5° Celsius.

- An all-in, whole-of-society approach to climate action combining the unique power and strengths of each part of society gives us the best chance for the rapid, durable, transformative change needed to cut emissions by at least 50 percent by 2030 and set the stage for a fully decarbonized economy well in advance of mid-century.

- An all-in strategy to reach an ambitious climate target can enable a positive, rapid, thorough, self-reinforcing, and more durable transformation of the U.S. economy, delivering better jobs, improved health, increased equity, and reduced energy costs.

- Climate action by cities, states, and business make climate targets achievable. But we still need federal action.

- American cities, states, tribes, companies, colleges and other institutions buoyed U.S. leadership on climate during the previous administration by stepping up their own efforts to keep the U.S. from falling too far behind on its climate commitments.

- Their actions built a solid foundation the US federal government can build on to strengthen and implement its climate targets.

- Actions from different parts of society are mutually reinforcing and synergistic.

- The United States’ ability to meet its NDC and contribute to a climate-safe future relies on continued non-federal leadership to accelerate the pace of change.

**America Is All In COP26 Messaging**
America Is All In has assembled key messages on U.S. action, COP26 desired outcomes and expectations, supporting facts and figures, as well as additional background messages.

**Backgrounder on What the U.S. is Bringing to COP26**

Since the U.S. rejoined the Paris Agreement earlier this year, the Biden Administration has pursued several tracks to increase climate ambition and policy. This document outlines all of those steps.

**Reconciliation and COP26 Overlapping Messaging**

The Build Back Better Act through budget reconciliation is changing on a daily basis but is central to how the U.S. government engages at COP26. You can find our latest messaging, to be updated as things change, in this document.