

Parliamentary Meeting on the Occasion of the United Nations Climate Change Conference
Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow, 7 November 2021

Venue

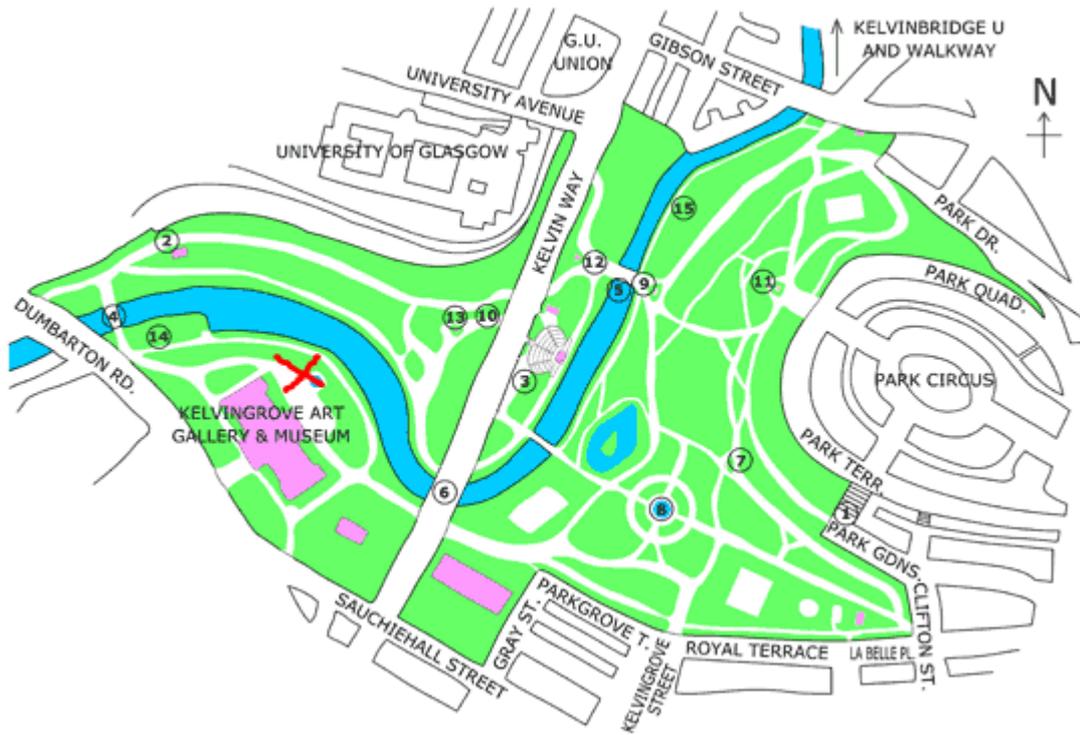
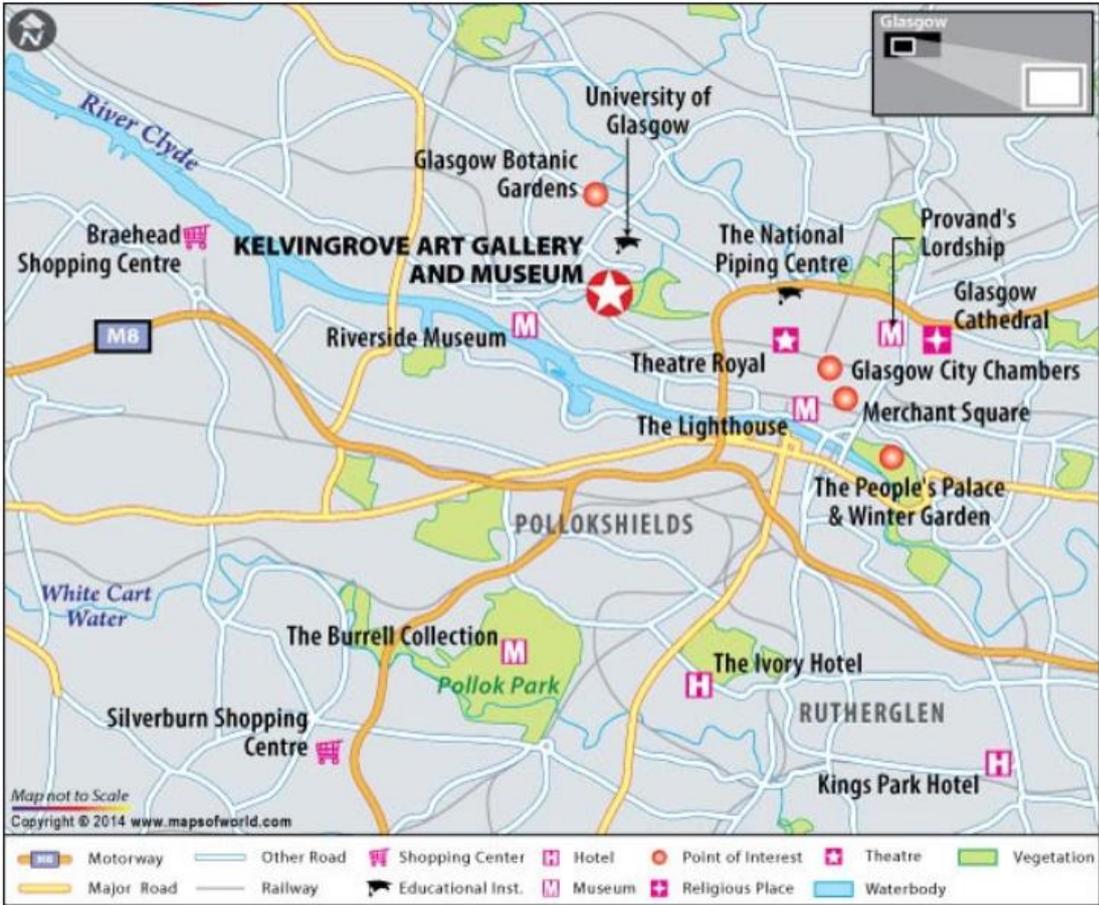
1. The Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) will be organized jointly by the IPU and the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (BGIPU). The Meeting will take place on **Sunday, 7 November 2021** at the **Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow**.



2. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum houses one of Europe's great art collections. It is the most popular free-to-enter visitor attraction in Scotland and the most visited museum in the United Kingdom outside London. The museum opened in 1901 and features 22 galleries, including works by Monet, Gauguin and Renoir. Further highlights are Rembrandt's 'Man in Armour', 'Christ and the Adulteress' by Titian and Salvador Dali's 'Christ of St John of the Cross'. Scottish art in the collection includes paintings by the Scottish Colourists and the Glasgow Boys. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum has achieved a Gold Award from Visit Scotland's Green Tourism Scheme. The award acknowledges good environmentally-friendly practice and is a recognized hallmark of 'green quality'. Delegates will have the opportunity to explore the gallery during the lunch break and the evening reception.

Getting there

3. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is in the west end of Glasgow. There is car parking at the venue, but space is limited. The car park has 10 spaces reserved for blue badge (disability parking permit) holders. Access to the Kelvingrove is signposted from Sauchiehall Street into Kelvin Way. It is easy to reach the museum on public transport from the city centre. First Bus services 2, 3, 19A and 747 all stop directly outside the Kelvingrove. The Kelvingrove is five minutes' walk from Kelvinhall subway station and ten minutes' walk from Kelvinbridge subway station. All delegates will **enter the building using the back entrance** which faces Kelvingrove Park. This is marked by an X on the second map below.



Programme

4. The Meeting will last one day: **Sunday, 7 November, 09:30-18:30.**

5. BGIPU is creating an engaging programme which will include an update on COP26 proceedings from the COP26 team, a presentation from the representative of the UNFCCC, an address by a keynote speaker, panel sessions and debate sessions. A detailed programme for the Meeting will be circulated and posted on the IPU website closer to the date.

6. Delegates' kits will not be provided. All documentation will be made available electronically through the IPU website.

Participation and registration

7. To ensure the success of the Meeting, it is of paramount importance that each parliament nominates parliamentarians who are directly involved in activities dealing with climate change issues.

8. Due to the limited capacity of the venue, **delegations should be limited to three.** This can be two parliamentarians and one member of staff, or three parliamentarians with no staff member. Parliaments are encouraged to nominate gender-balanced delegations.

9. The deadline for registration is **15 October 2021.** All invited participants are encouraged to use the IPU online registration system on the event webpage at <https://registration.ipu.org/COP26ParlGlasgow>. Only one person should be designated as delegation coordinator and have access to the system. Should delegations encounter any difficulties, they are requested to contact the registration service at postbox@ipu.org.

10. Please note that **registration for the Parliamentary Meeting is completely separate from accreditation to the UN Climate Change Conference.** The latter is managed by the UNFCCC Secretariat and ID badges for the Parliamentary Meeting do not allow access to the COP26 premises. The IPU and BGIPU cannot facilitate accreditation to COP26. These matters should be dealt with by each delegation individually, as part of the overall accreditation procedure for the UN Climate Change Conference.

11. The Registration Desk will be located at the entrance of the venue and will be open from 08:30-18:00 on 7 November. Delegates should present a formal photo ID in order to receive their conference badge. Badges will be prepared by the IPU Secretariat in advance of the Meeting, based on registrations received.

List of delegates

12. A provisional list of delegates will be available at the beginning of the Parliamentary Meeting. The Registration desk should be notified of any changes to be made to the provisional list. The final list will be published on the IPU website after the Meeting.

Working modalities

13. All agenda items will be addressed in plenary. The programme of the Meeting will include a series of interactive panels and keynote presentations with leading international experts and officials from the United Nations and the UK COP26 Presidency.

14. The format of the Meeting is interactive. Therefore, delegates are discouraged from reading formal statements. Instead, they are invited to ask questions and participate in the debate by making brief contributions and suggestions.

15. No formal list of speakers will be drawn up in advance of the meeting. The order of interventions and questions will be decided by the Chair.

Outcome document

16. At the end of its work, the Parliamentary Meeting at COP26 in Glasgow will adopt an outcome document. The **preliminary draft of this document is on the [IPU website](#)** and will be presented by the co-Rapporteurs, On. Alessia Rotta and Alex Sobel MP at the pre-COP meeting in Rome. Comments and observations received both in advance of and during the Rome meeting will be used by the co-Rapporteurs for the preparation of a revised draft, to be posted on the IPU website soon after the meeting.

17. During the closing sitting of the Parliamentary Meeting in Glasgow, the co-Rapporteurs will make an oral presentation of the outcome document with a view to its adoption by consensus.

Languages

18. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in **English, French and Spanish**. Official written documentation of the Meeting will also be available in English, French and Spanish.

Official receptions

19. BGIPU will host a lunch for all participants, which will be served on the Meeting premises. Vegetarian options will be available. Tea, coffee and water will also be served free of charge outside the meeting room.

20. BGIPU will host an evening reception immediately after the Meeting. Drinks and canapes will be served, and the dress code will be business attire.

Visas

21. All delegates requiring an entry visa to the UK have a duty to obtain one in advance of the Meeting. The IPU and the BGIPU cannot provide visa support for entry into the UK. These matters should be dealt with by each delegation individually.

Hotel accommodation

22. Delegates should make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

23. Parliaments should note that accommodation in Glasgow is limited and are strongly encouraged to book rooms for their delegates as soon as possible.

COVID-19

24. This will be an in-person Meeting. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are aware that some participants will not be able to travel to the Meeting so we will also be livestreaming the proceedings. Details of the stream will be sent out by the IPU closer to the time. A recording will be uploaded to the IPU website after the Meeting.

25. Whilst in the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, delegates will be subject to public health measures as set out by the Scottish Government. **Wearing a mask while at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is mandatory while moving around**, however delegates may remove their mask when seated. During the Meeting and the evening reception, **delegates are asked to respect social distancing**. BGIPU and Kelvingrove staff will be on hand to ensure that these requirements are adhered to, to make the meeting as safe as possible.

26. The COP26 Parliamentary Meeting is taking place within the confines of COVID-safe restrictions and while COP26 itself will have COVID-19 testing facilities, the COP26 Parliamentary Meeting will not. However, **we strongly advise that all delegates attending the Parliamentary Meeting undergo testing prior to the event**. Please note that neither British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union nor the Inter-Parliamentary Union can facilitate COVID-19 vaccinations or COVID-19 related documents required for entry into the UK or transit countries.

Requests for further information

28. Please contact the IPU Secretariat for more information about the Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow: postbox@ipu.org