

# RCRC @ COP26

Programme as of 27 October 2021



## Overview of Events

- **COP26 UK Presidency Programme:** Registered delegates can access these events by completing the [online COP26 ID check](#) and registration at the venue in Glasgow (if attending in person) or by logging into the [COP26 Virtual Platform](#) (for both in-person and virtual participants).
- **COP26 Green Zone:** Open to the public at the Glasgow Science Centre. [Live programme](#) | [COP26 YouTube channel](#)
- **Resilience Hub:** A physical and virtual Hub at COP26 and the home of Race to Resilience. [Registration](#) required to access the programme and attend virtual events.
- **Development & Climate Days @ COP26:** Two-day event led by the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre and IIED from 9-10 November. Virtual platform will be live soon. [Registration](#) required to attend virtual events.
- **2021 Global Conference on Health & Climate Change:** A WHO-organized conference on 6 November on the margins of the COP26. Registration required to attend the conference. [Live Programme](#)

## Monday, 1 November – Opening

### ❖ Plenary | World Leaders Summit

As we recover from COVID19, the world expects and the science demands that world leaders come together to accelerate the urgent action needed to protect our planet and life on Earth. The World Leaders Summit will bring together heads of state and government, alongside heads of international organisations, civil society, and business leaders, to show that they are serious about working together to tackle climate change. They are invited to set out the ambitious actions that they are taking to reduce emissions, scale-up adaptation and mobilise finance, and to collectively signal their commitment to ensuring that COP26 keeps 1.5°C in reach.

### ❖ Resilience Hub | Opening of the Resilience Hub! ARTS, HERITAGE, CULTURE: Reimagining our climate journey from knowledge to action convened by the Resilience Hub in conjunction with the Development & Climate Days | 10:00 – 11:45 Glasgow | [Registration Portal](#)

Everyone talks about the need for action, but where's the inspiration? Will conventional talks stimulate the 'rapid, far-reaching, unprecedented changes in all aspects of society' so urgently needed? While science, financing and negotiations dominate the climate narrative at COPs and beyond, it is a well-known fact that our most important and courageous decisions are shaped by our evolving emotional truths. So, if we want resilience, let's genuinely examine what it takes to really help others notice, care, and act. In this intensely interactive out-of-the-box session, participants will first explore the links between climate, culture and heritage, then experience short, safe and

inspiring activities to activate their potential for creative breakthrough ideas, and then co-create actual art-infused expressions that will be shared at subsequent COP sessions in the Resilience Hub and beyond.

- ❖ **Resilience Hub | Advancing Climate Finance in Fragile and Conflict Affected Contexts / improving coordination on long term preparedness and crisis response** organized by the UK, ICRC and ODI | **17:00 – 18:30 Glasgow** | [Registration Portal](#)

The session will seek to support a conversation between development, humanitarian, political and business leaders on how to ensure that populations facing the double vulnerability of climate risks and conflict are more effectively supported.

## Tuesday, 2 November – Opening

- ❖ **Plenary | World Leaders Summit**
- ❖ **EU Pavilion | Climate change and conflict: prevention, foresight, resilience, and adaptation of populations at risk** organized by ICRC, EEAS, PIK, ODI, UNEP and German MFA | **13:00 – 14:00 Glasgow**
- ❖ **German Pavilion | Climate, peace, and stability: Weathering risk through COP and beyond** organized by ICRC, Adelphi, and German Government | **15:30 – 17:00 Glasgow**
- ❖ **Resilience Hub | Adaptation Action Coalition – Mobilizing Adaptation Action in Partnership** organized by AAC, WRI, WHO, AGWA and IIED | **17:15 – 18:45 Glasgow** | [Registration Portal](#)

Adaptation Action Coalition (AAC) is a country led coalition of over 38 countries, which seeks to accelerate global action on adaptation to achieve a climate resilient world by 2030. At COP the AAC would like to engage with the Resilience and Adaptation Community on key themes such as water resilience, locally led adaptation, and health. Country leaders and AAC technical partners will present examples of and frameworks for on-the-ground implementation that they are developing together, with the objective of sharing emerging best practices and expanding facilitating partnerships to advance adaptation action.

## Wednesday, 3 November – Finance Day

- ❖ **Health Pavilion | Colliding Disasters: Adapting to increasing climate and health risks** | **13:00 – 14:00 Glasgow** | [Event link](#)

This session will bring together health and climate researchers with practitioners to discuss adaptation options for key risks at the interface of climate and health, including: environmental and occupational heat, air pollution (including from wildfires), and climate-sensitive infectious disease. We will discuss how risks come together in the form of complex and often compounding events, and practical next steps for countries to reduce impacts on the most vulnerable people.

- ❖ **Migration Is a Sound Adaptation and Reparations Strategy: NYT Debate** organized by the New York Times Climate Hub | **14:00 – 14:50 Glasgow** | [Event link](#)

In the wake of rising climate disasters and extreme weather patterns, nations around the world must prepare for the mass displacement of those who will have to flee their homes.

- ❖ **Health Pavilion | Climate Change and One Health – An often-neglected component** organized by IFRC and UK HAS | **15:30 - 16:30 Glasgow** | [Event link](#)

This side-event will contribute to operationalize commitments for climate resilient health systems, empowering communities and leaving no one behind. It will promote the inclusion of integrated One health approaches into the post-pandemic recovery plans and into all climate-related interventions, raising the voice of all people and communities, include health professionals, while recognizing the inextricable links between human, animal, and environmental health, and the need to follow a systems approach to climate change. The event will also further push for adaptation research for health, recognizing that protecting and restoring nature ecosystems is after all the foundation of human health.

- ❖ **Resilience Hub | Local action to global policies: gateways and gaps** organized by IIED | **17:15 – 18:45 Glasgow** | [Registration Portal](#)

We know that a very small proportion of global climate finance reaches local communities. There's often a mismatch between what finance is available at local level and what communities need. As poor and marginalized communities are usually excluded from public decision-making, their concerns are often left out of policy debates. The session will bring together stakeholders from local communities, social movements and NGOs with institutions financing climate action, giving them opportunities to highlight: innovative strategies and partnerships to connect their priorities into public decision making processes and the major barriers to impacting global policy and financial institutions. The session will be an opportunity to reflect on approaches that have successfully shifted institutional approaches to community driven action; and go on to pinpoint changes that all actors should collectively strive for in order to effectively deliver resources and advance resilience at local level.

## Thursday, 4 November – Energy Day

- ❖ **Resilience Hub | Climate change and migration in the Sudano-Sahel region** organized by British Red Cross, University of Sheffield, IDRC, ODI | **9:00 – 10:00 Glasgow** | [Registration Portal](#)

The objective of this virtual event is to bring together key decision-makers/practitioners across east and west Africa to better capture these nuances of Sudano-Sahelian mobility and interrogate the resilience narratives of migration in the context of climate change, conflict and livelihood change across East and West Africa.

## Friday, 5 November – Youth & Public Empowerment Day

- ❖ **Science Pavilion | AA/FBF & IBF, technical session** organized by the UK Met Office | **9:30 - 10:30 Glasgow**

Weather forecasts, seasonal outlooks and longer- range climate projections are valuable scientific tools. However, they don't change anything when used in isolation since they can only describe what the weather will be and not what it may do (it's impacts).

- ❖ **AON Green Horizon Summit session: Mobilising private capital in the transition to net zero** organized by AON | **15:00 -16:00 Glasgow**

The Summit has been endorsed by Mark Carney as high-level champion for COP26 Presidency who will speak at various points throughout the summit. It is organised by the Green Finance Institute and the City of London Corporation. Panel discussion topic: The role of the insurance sector in closing the protection gap and building resilience.

## Saturday, 6 November – Nature Day

- ❖ **WHO Health and Climate Change Conference** organized by WHO | [Registration Portal](#)

The 2021 Global Conference on Health & Climate Change, with a special focus on Climate Justice and the Healthy and Green Recovery from COVID-19, will convene on the margins of the COP26 UN climate change conference. The aim of the conference is to call on governments, businesses, institutions, and financial actors to drive a green, healthy and resilient recovery from COVID-19. The Conference will support and highlight countries' ambitious and just Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement that promote and protect health. It will also mobilize the rapidly growing movement of health professionals around the world who are now driving ambitious climate action.

## Sunday, 7 November – Rest Day

- ❖ **Expert Opinion: “Working together to look beyond Glasgow to reach targets and mitigate impacts** organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow | **16:30 – 17:30 Glasgow**

## Monday, 8 November – Adaptation, Loss and Damage Day

- ❖ **BBC Media Action side event: The role of media and communication in addressing climate change** organized by the BBC and British Red Cross at the BBC building at Pacific Quay (right across the street from the Blue Zone) | **8:00 -9:30 Glasgow**
- ❖ **Resilience Hub | Scaling-up Comprehensive Risk Management for Climate and Disaster Resilience** organized by UNDRR, REAP, GNDR, and WTW | **10:00 - 11:30 Glasgow** | [Registration Portal](#)
- ❖ **Science Pavilion | Harnessing Climate Science for Adaptation** organized by the British Red Cross, UK Met Office, WMO, and IPCC | **11:00 - 12:30 Glasgow**

Building resilience by acting before a hazard: A Panel of humanitarian partners will describe how they use weather and climate information to inform actions that build resilience. Panellists will be encouraged to provide impact stories of how using weather and climate information has made a difference to individual beneficiaries as well as talking about overarching figures associated with interventions.

❖ **Climate Resilience Day | What does climate resilience mean in practice? Showcasing Risk Management Actions Across and Within Sectors** organized by Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, GRP, and FAO | **13:00 – 14:30 Glasgow**

Adaptation and mitigation go hand in hand to build resilience so we – and the ecosystems we depend on – not only survive but thrive in a 1.5 degree resilient world. This event brings together the Marrakech Partnership and Race to Resilience partners to show what adaptation and resilience means in practice for different sectors and how – by working together – we can achieve the Race to Resilience Goal of making 4 billion people resilient to climate shocks and stresses by 2030. It will bring the outcomes on resilience from MPGCA sector pathways and events into one place.

❖ **Plenary | Exploring Loss and Damage** organized by the UK | **14:15– 15:45 Glasgow**

Even with a rapid scale-up of adaptation action, climate change will still have an impact. So, the risk of losses and damages from climate change is growing. This session will bring together experts to deepen our understanding of loss and damage as well as debate how we can take practical actions to avert, minimise and address loss and damage.

❖ **Bridging the Gap: Directing Climate Finance to Communities Affected by Conflict and Violence** organized by ICRC and the African Development Bank

❖ **UK Pavilion | REAP High-Level Event: Welcome to 2025: Where Early Action is the Default** organized by REAP | **16:30 -18:00 Glasgow**

This event is an urgent call for ambitious commitments to avert climate impacts and minimise loss and damage. The event will introduce reach/scale that risk-informed early action partnerships can make when organisations work together; it tells the story of global commitment and local leadership on early action, bringing the focus on current good practices from around the world.

❖ **Humanitarians at the Forefront: Scaling up Climate Action and Finance Flows to Frontline Communities** organized by IFRC, ICRC, and ZFRA at the Multimedia Studio 1 (Blue Zone) | **18:30-19:45 Glasgow**

This session will focus on the humanitarian response to the climate and environmental crises. It will highlight opportunities for collective climate action and bring attention to gaps and challenges around protecting the most vulnerable, locally led adaptation and climate finance. Using case studies from climate vulnerable countries and countries experiencing both climate change and armed conflict we will explore how climate finance flows to national, local, and frontline communities and examine what climate finance is spent on when it reaches these local actors and communities. Additionally, we will highlight the need for greater investment in climate finance to help support humanitarian actors dealing with climate change impacts.

**Tuesday, 9 November – Gender Day + Science and Innovation Day**

❖ **Plenary | Resumed High-Level Segment**

❖ **Panel discussion: Preparing for the great climate migration** organized by Devex | **13:45 Glasgow**

❖ **One-on-One: A conversation with IFRC President Francesco Rocca** organized by Devex | **14:15 Glasgow**

❖ **D&C Days | Financing Mechanisms, Fragile Contexts and Locally-Led Adaptation** organized by RCCC, ZFRA, Mercy Corps, and the World Bank | **8:30 – 10:00 Glasgow** | [Registration Portal](#)

People and communities on the frontlines of climate change are often the most active and innovative in developing adaptation solutions. Yet, too often, they lack access to the resources and power needed to implement those solutions effectively. In fragile contexts, this is even more challenging. Locally led adaptation can unlock, support and leverage the enormous potential and creativity of individuals and communities to develop solutions based on their direct experience of climate change impacts. As a consequence, adaptation action will be more effective, and more accountable to communities.

❖ **UK Pavilion | Climate Science Partnerships for Global Action** organized by UK Met Office | **9:15 – 10:15 Glasgow**

Ministerial keynote on the contribution made by UK researchers and their partners in the Global South to climate change research. Followed by Partnerships for the planet - a talk by Professor Penny Endersby of the UK Met Office. Followed by an expert panel on how science can underpin and provide evidence for adaptations in policy, regulation, and development.

❖ **COP26 Science & Innovation Day: From Risk to Opportunity: Making Science Work for Solutions** | **09:30 – 11:00 Glasgow**

❖ **UK Pavilion | ROAR: Science and Innovation for Climate Adaptation** organized by the UK | **11:30 – 13:00 Glasgow**

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.

❖ **D&C Days | What are the opportunities and challenges of using green/grey infrastructure to increase flood resilience?** organized by IFRC and ZFRA, and WWF | **14:30-15:30 Glasgow** | [Registration Portal](#)

This session will discuss the opportunities and challenges of green infrastructure for flood resilience, including how it can be combined with hybrid solutions and gray infrastructure. Practical examples and experiences from community level will be presented – both from organizations and participants.

❖ **EU Pavilion | Why Investing in Scaling Up Gender-Responsive Climate Action Matters?** organized by UNFPA, InsuResilience, CARE, REAP, IFRC, ECHO | **14:30-15:30 Glasgow**



❖ **D&C Days | Hot Hot Hot: How Can Cities Adapt to Rising Heat? | 14:30 - 16:00 Glasgow | [Registration Portal](#)**

The July 2021 heatwave in the Pacific Northwest of the US and Canada shattered temperature records, led to hundreds of excess deaths and scientists found it would have been virtually impossible without climate change. The latest IPCC AR6 report makes it clear that extreme heat is affecting all land areas and it's here to stay, regardless of emission reductions, and will get markedly worse without reductions. The urban heat island effect only amplifies these realities in cities where the most vulnerable people also experience highly differential impacts. And yet, heat remains an "under-the-radar" hazard that does not get the same level of attention or funding as other, more eye-catchingly deadly, hazards like floods or typhoons. The session will focus on 1. Understanding heat risks in cities, 2. Assessing the barriers to action, 3. Exploring adaptation options and ways to incentivize heat protective actions in cities.

❖ **D&C Days | Unprecedented, widespread, and rapid: Is climate change being adequately accounted for in early warning early action? organized by RCCC and ZFRA | [Registration Portal](#)**

This session aims to underscore the most recent IPCC findings about extreme weather, highlight the voices of those affected by extreme weather events, and reflect on the implications of climate change for early warning early action.

**Wednesday, 10 November – Transport Day**

❖ **Plenary | Resumed High-Level Segment**

❖ **D&C Days | Drought, Desertification, Displacement, and Migration - Can Nature Offer Part of the Solution? organized by IFRC, Kenya Red Cross, UNCCD, and IUCN | 14:30 - 16:00 Glasgow | [Registration Portal](#)**

Session to discuss drivers of land degradation, drought, and displacement, whilst identifying potential solutions offered by nature that can reduce risk of drought and related migration and displacement.

❖ **D&C Days | What scale-up? Disentangling the Institutional Enablers & Barriers for Early Action organized by the Anticipation Hub and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre | 12:00 – 13:00 Glasgow | [Registration Portal](#)**

❖ **Resilience Hub | Locally-Led Solutions to DRR and Anticipatory Action: Challenges, Lessons Learned and Ideas for Scaling Up organized by REAP | 15:15 – 16:45 Glasgow | [Registration Portal](#)**

Locally-owned and locally-led solutions to adaptation and EWEA, with a focus on anticipatory action. 1st part: inviting local leaders from communities around the world to showcase their best practices of adaptation and EWEA, and international actors to share their view on supporting local leadership. 2nd part: hosting an interactive panel discussion with leading practitioner.

- ❖ **D&C Days | Leave No One Behind: How Can We Build Equitable Early Warning Systems That Enable Effective Early Action** organized by RCCC and the World Bank | [Registration Portal](#)

This session aims to examine early warning early action through an equity lens, highlight the principles of "leave no one behind" and "protect the most vulnerable", and showcase successful examples.

- ❖ **D&C Days | Closing Session** organized by RCCC and IIED | **18:00 – 19:30 Glasgow** | [Registration Portal](#)

## Thursday, 11 November – Cities, Regions and Build Environment Day

## Friday, 12 November – Closing of Negotiations

- ❖ **Health Pavilion | Climate Change and Health: From Evidence to Action** organized by IFRC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, the Finnish Red Cross Society, CSEM of UHC 2030, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre | **11:15 – 12:15 Glasgow** | [Event link](#)

The side event is the showcase that community system response and recovery strategies, placing individuals and communities at the centre of every action, are the best way to build back better after the COVID-19 pandemic. It will share recommendations and best practices for operationalizing our commitments to support communities affected by climate change, reaching those most vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations, and ensuring that no one is left behind.