



# Briefing Notice

## What Congress Needs to Know About COP28: Congress and International Climate Finance

Thursday, October 26, 2023  
2:00-3:30 PM EDT  
Capitol Visitor Center, Room 217  
First St SE, Washington, DC 20515

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a briefing on Congress's role in the global effort to finance climate solutions. While investments in climate action are expensive, the impacts of climate change at home and abroad are even more costly. With demand for climate-related finance increasing around the globe, what levers are available to Congress to scale up financial flows? How does Congress's approach to international climate finance impact actions by the private sector, multilateral development banks, and other global financial institutions? This briefing will bring together a panel to explore these questions and discuss possible policy solutions.

Introductory remarks by:

- **Rep. Adriano Espaillat**, U.S. Representative (D-N.Y.)

Speakers for this forum are:

- **Bella Tonkonogy**, Director, Climate Policy Initiative
- **Joe Thwaites**, Senior Advocate, International Climate Finance, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- **Valerie Laxton**, Senior Associate, Development Finance Institutions, Finance Center, World Resources Institute (WRI)
- **Stacy Swann**, Founding Partner and Former CEO, Climate Finance Advisors, BLLC
- **Elizabeth Lien**, Senior Director, Federal Climate Policy and Subnational Programs, World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

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- Nov. 27: The First Global Stocktake

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