

Glasgow COP 26 beyond the headlines: An international perspective

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Cop26 'literally the last chance saloon' to save planet - Prince Charles

Prince of Wales urges G20 to set aside differences and build sustainable economy



John Kerry says Glasgow COP26 is the last best hope for the world

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COP26: Boris Johnson to warn world leaders of climate countdown as summit gets under way - 'it's one minute to midnight'

At the COP26 opening ceremony, the prime minister will say humanity has "long since run down the clock on climate change", warning that if we don't get serious today, "it will be too late for our children to do so tomorrow".

As it happened: 'If Glasgow fails, whole thing fails', says Johnson

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Last chance to save the planet as world leaders gather for COP26

COP26: Sir David Attenborough warns world leaders must act now or 'it'll be too late' for planet

The veteran broadcaster has been a vocal critic of those who deny climate change, and warned world leaders ahead of Glasgow's climate conference that they must act.

 **Megan Baynes**
News reporter @megbaynes

Tuesday 26 October 2021 12:25, UK

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A dose of realism

- Challenging context: Covid-19, geopolitics
- Limits to the role of the COP
- Consensus decision-making

“If it is a good negotiation, all the parties are uncomfortable”. John Kerry



(Relatively) positive & collegiate atmosphere



Growing consensus over urgency, 1.5°C & deep 2030 emission cuts



I. Science and urgency

3. *Expresses alarm and utmost concern* that human activities have caused around 1.1 °C of warming to date, that impacts are already being felt in every region, and that carbon budgets consistent with achieving the Paris Agreement temperature goal are now small and being rapidly depleted;

5. *Stresses* the urgency of enhancing ambition and action in relation to mitigation, adaptation and finance **in this critical decade** to address the gaps in the implementation of the goals of the Paris Agreement;

Key role of U.S. engagement

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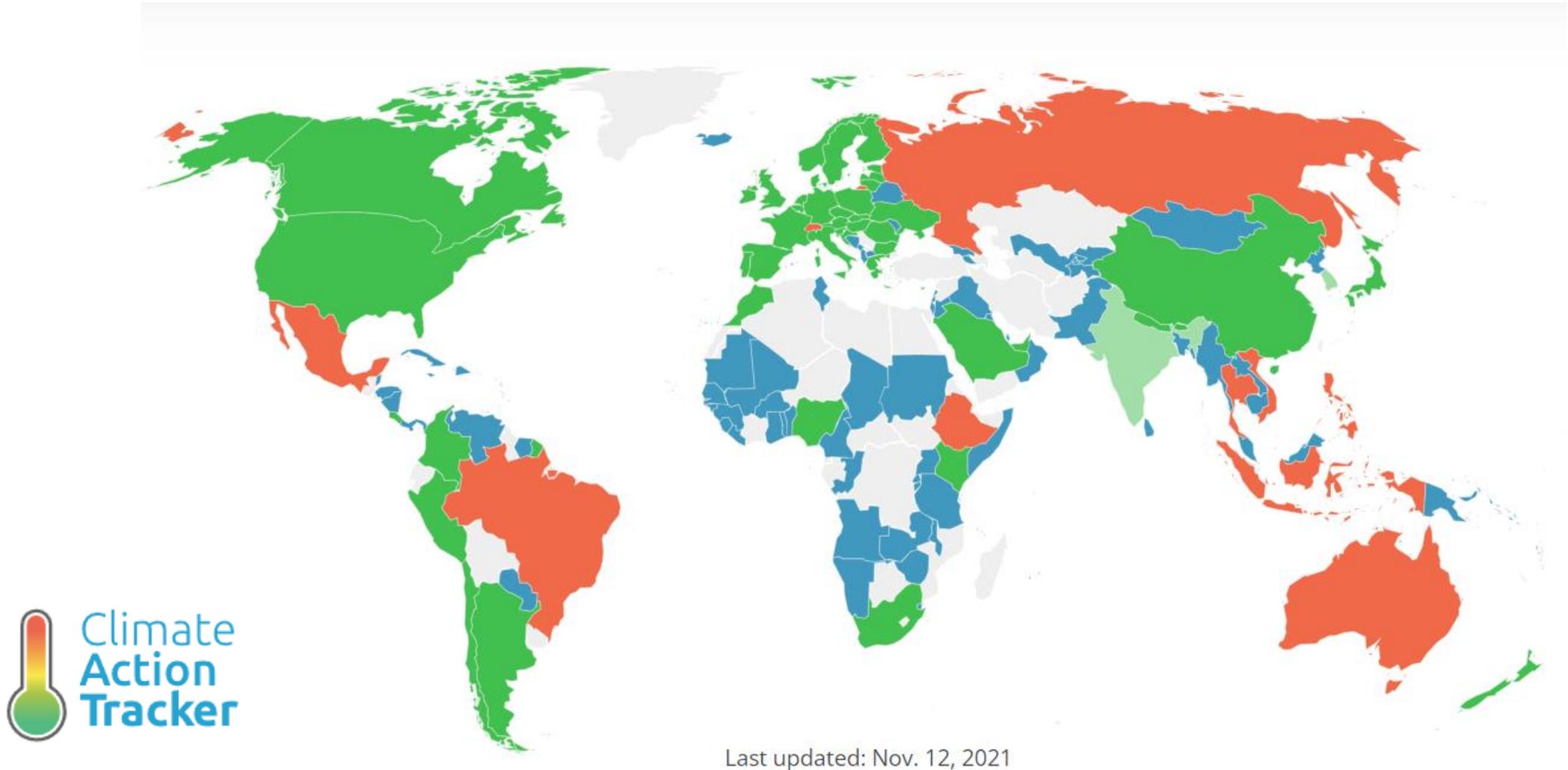
Cop26: 'Unexpected' US-China climate pact brings badly needed optimism as Glasgow talks near end

Analysis: Climate co-operation between superpowers surprises observers, coming amid period of mounting hostility

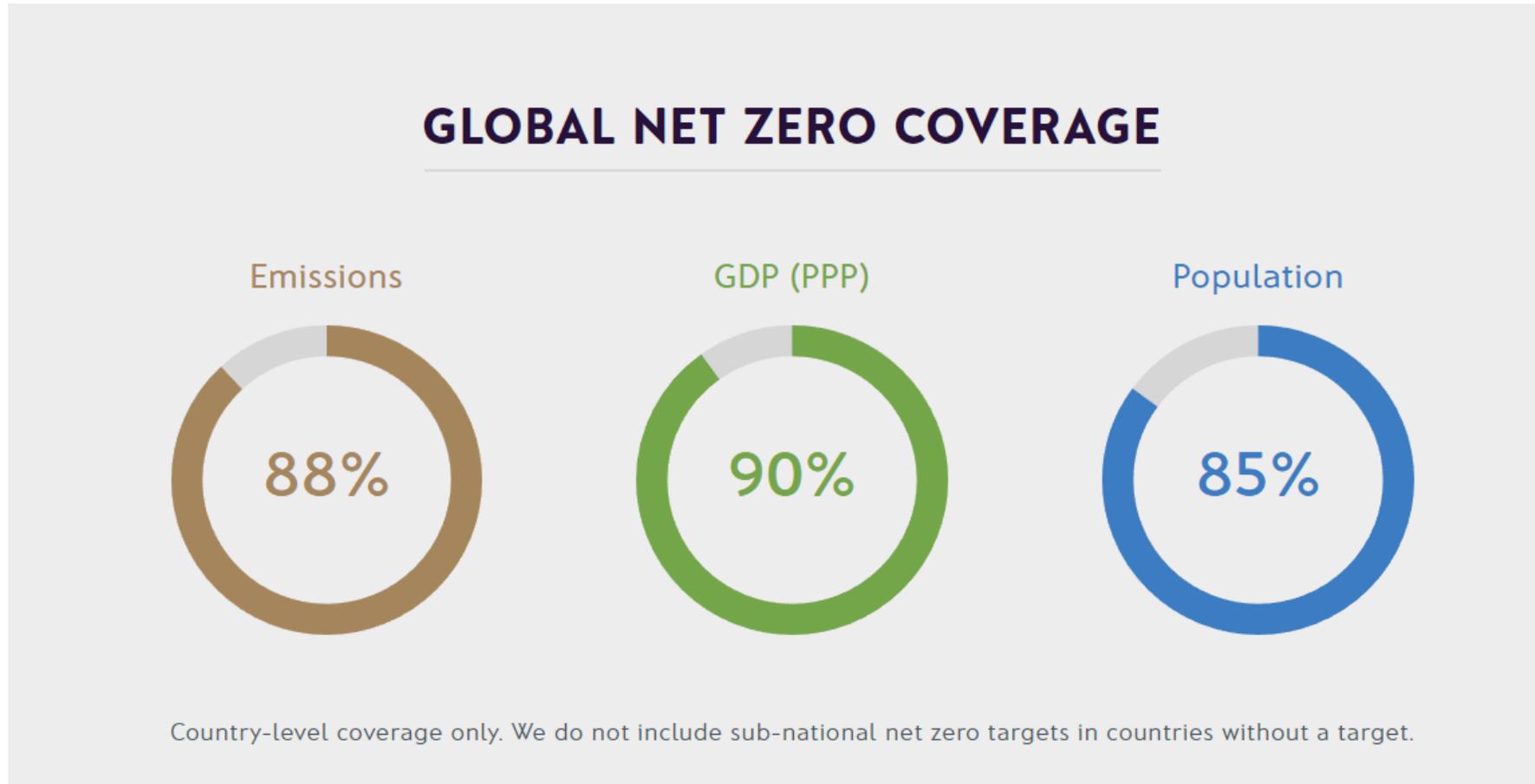
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Paris Agreement “ratchet mechanism” is starting to work



Wave of net zero targets



Sharpening focus on methane



Fast action on methane to keep a 1.5°C future within reach.

Statement | 2 November 2021 | Brussels

Launch by United States, the European Union, and Partners of the Global Methane Pledge to Keep 1.5C Within Reach

37. *Invites Parties to consider further actions to reduce by 2030 non-carbon dioxide greenhouse gas emissions, including methane;*

Critical role of finance & support

- Towards the missed \$100 billion
- New collective finance goal for 2025
- Loss and damage “funding arrangements”

- Ending of international support for fossil fuels, redirection of funds to cleaner energy
- “Bespoke”, targeted arrangements (eg South Africa)
- Opportunities under Article 6 & its market mechanisms



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Press release | 2 November 2021 | Brussels

**France, Germany, UK, US and EU launch ground-breaking
International Just Energy Transition Partnership with South
Africa**

Delivering on the Glasgow “wins”

- Financial package (100 billion; new 2025 goal; loss and damage)
- Encouraging countries with weak 2030 emission targets to “revisit” these by COP 27
- Following through on side-declarations: methane, ending international fossil fuel financing; deforestation ++
- Key role for U.K. & U.S. diplomacy...
- ...founded on DOMESTIC ACTION



EXTERNAL STATEMENT

"COP27 Starts Now" - António Guterres
at Closing of COP26