

Briefing Notice

What Congress Needs to Know in the Lead Up to COP26 Briefing Series on the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Glasgow October 15, 20, and 22, 2021 1 PM – 2:30 PM EDT

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute** (EESI) invites you to join us for a briefing series on what Congress needs to know in the lead up to the 26th Conference of the Parties ([COP26](#)) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Momentum on Climate Adaptation

Friday, Oct 15

1 PM – 2:30 PM EDT

Climate adaptation is one of the priority work areas for COP26. This briefing will focus on the initiatives launched or scaled up in recent years that underpin the momentum on adaptation and resilience and that will inform conversations at COP26. Speakers will discuss national adaptation plans, country dialogues on adaptation, early-warning systems, and locally-led adaptation. The briefing will explore how these efforts advance work towards the [global goal on adaptation](#) ‘to enhance adaptive capacity and reduce vulnerability.’ Intro remarks by **Gonzalo Muñoz**, a High-Level Climate Champion for Climate Action.

- **Ben Webster**, Head of Secretariat, Risk-informed Early Action Partnership
- **Tamara Cogger**, Senior Associate, Climate Resilience Practice, World Resources Institute
- **Carlos Sanchez**, Executive Director, Coalition for Climate Resilient Investment (CCRI)

The Role of International Climate Finance

Wed, Oct 20

1 PM – 2:30 PM EDT

International climate finance is a critical tool to increase access to climate mitigation and adaptation resources to address the growing threat of climate change. The briefing will discuss the current state of international climate finance, the role and status of the Green Climate Fund and other funding mechanisms, and Congress's role in meeting U.S. climate finance commitments. Panelists will also describe how international climate finance dovetails with ongoing efforts of the State Department, Department of Defense, and the U.S. Agency for International Development to address the impacts of climate change abroad. **Kate Hughes**, Director for International Climate Change, Department for Business Energy, and Industrial Strategy, UK Government, will make introductory remarks.

- **Bella Tonkonogy**, Associate Director, Climate Policy Initiative
- **Ricardo Nogueira**, Member, Independent Technical Advisory Panel at Green Climate Fund
- **Joe Thwaites**, Sustainable Finance Center Associate, World Resources Institute
- **Sashi Jayatileke**, Senior Climate Finance Advisor, USAID



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The Negotiations: What's on the Table

Friday, Oct 22

1 PM – 2:30 PM EDT

COP26 is set to cover a wide range of topics, from negotiations on carbon markets to discussions on loss and damage, climate finance, and updated emission reduction goals in countries' nationally determined contributions (NDCs). This briefing will bring together experts to explain the key areas of negotiation expected to be at play at COP26, review possible outcomes, and explore what it all means for Congress.

- **Jennifer Allan**, Writer/Editor, Earth Negotiations Bulletin, International Institute for Sustainable Development | @IISD_ENB
- **Tracy Bach**, Co-Focal Point, Research and Independent NGOs, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Visiting Professor of Law, Washington University in St. Louis
- **Derik Broekhoff**, Senior Scientist, Stockholm Environment Institute

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This event is free and open to the public.

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