



Regional Climate Weeks 2021  
**COP26 Communique**  
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Dear Mr. Alok Sharma, President of COP26,

In advance of COP26, a partnership of UN Climate Change, UN Development Programme, UN Environment Programme, the World Bank Group and regional organizations<sup>1</sup> convened stakeholders under the Regional Climate Weeks 2021 banner. Held in regions around the world, each Climate Week featured discussions on themes that explore how to collaborate to achieve the Paris Agreement goals. Partners have come together to present the outcomes of the Regional Climate Weeks 2021.

The Regional Climate Weeks 2021 began early in the year with regional roundtable discussions to set priorities in advance of the crucial COP26. A series of three Virtual Thematic Sessions were then held – Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2021 in May, Asia-Pacific Climate Week 2021 in July and Africa Climate Week 2021 in September. We welcomed the COP Presidency team to share this platform for regional outreach related to COP26. In total, these events engaged more than 12,000 diverse stakeholders around three themes:

- ✓ National actions and economy-wide approaches
- ✓ Integrated approaches for climate-resilient development
- ✓ Seizing transformation opportunities

Key takeaways from the Regional Climate Weeks have been compiled into three Output Reports and summarized in an analysis document. The partners have published these resources to a dedicated webpage for Parties, non-Party stakeholders and civil society. In these takeaways, regional collaboration emerged time and time again as a powerful enabling force for climate action and ambition.

As the world accelerates implementation, the Regional Climate Weeks join all COP26 contributors in forming a foundation on which to build a credible and durable response to climate change.

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<sup>1</sup> UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC), CAF-Development Bank of Latin America, and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), African Development Bank (AfDB), African Union Commission (AUC), UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

The Regional Climate Weeks 2021 partners encourage the COP26 President and all Ministers to explore the output reports and leverage regional collaboration to implement national climate action plans and strategies.

Signed,



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