

## **COP26 and the Way Ahead – Role of Parliaments in Climate Politics & Implementation of the Paris Agreement**

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The Paris Agreement is the international vehicle to combat climate change. It was adopted by the 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2015 in Paris, more than two decades after the international negotiations under the UNFCCC had started. Currently, almost all the parties of the UNFCCC have ratified the Paris Agreement, and thus, agreed to adherence to this international legal framework.

This panel will provide a short summary of the Paris Agreement, the results of COP26 and the targets set for further implementation of the former. It will invite Members of the Parliaments of Pakistan, Germany and the European Union (EU) to present their views on COP26 and the way ahead, especially in terms of the role of national parliaments in climate politics and in the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The guiding questions will include the following:

- Was COP26 able to significantly further the implementation of the Paris Agreement?
- Are the decisions of COP26 sufficient for combatting Climate Change? What is missing?
- Which are the most important decisions / measures for future climate action in your opinion?
- What is the role of national parliaments in combatting Climate Change?
- Which additional measures are required for limiting global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels?
- How can Pakistan, Germany, and the EU play their role in enhancing efforts to combat Climate Change?
- How can developed countries support Pakistan in tackling Climate Change?
- What are the other important international processes for climate action? How effective have they been as compared to the Paris Agreement?
- What are your priorities as a Parliamentarian for enhancing climate action in your country / in the EU?
- Are the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) sufficient for limiting global warming to 2°C above pre-industrial levels? What should be improved?
- Is the National Adaptation Plans (NAP) process sufficient for helping vulnerable countries adapt to the adverse effects of Climate Change? What should be improved?

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