

Pre-COP26 Parliamentary Meeting

Information note

The **Pre-COP26 Parliamentary Meeting in Rome (Italy) to be held on 8 and 9 October 2021** is being co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Italian Parliament as part of a series of pre-COP26 events hosted by Italy. The meeting will be followed by a Parliamentary Meeting on 7 November 2021 at COP26 in Glasgow which will be co-organized by the IPU and the British Group of the IPU (UK).

The Rome parliamentary event is planned as an in-person meeting and is targeted at parliamentarians affiliated with climate and environment-related committees. This note is intended to provide a preliminary overview of the general organizational aspects of the Rome Parliamentary Meeting.

Schedule of meetings

The Rome Parliamentary Meeting will be held in the Plenary Hall at Palazzo Montecitorio on Friday, 8 October, and Saturday, 9 October. It will run from 14:30 to 18:30 on 8 October, and from 09:00 to 13:00 on 9 October.

Four panel discussions will be held over the course of the two days, addressing topics linked to the overall theme of the Parliamentary Meeting (see draft programme).

A limited number of rooms at Palazzo Montecitorio will be available for **bilateral meetings**. The rooms can be booked through the Italian Parliament.

Participation

The Meeting will include the following categories of participants:

- Chairs and members of parliamentary climate- and environment-related committees
- Special guests
- High-ranking officials of the United Nations and other international figures who will address specific topics.

Delegations attending the Speakers' Summit (P20) which will be held in Rome on 7 and 8 October 2021 will also be invited to participate.

Size and composition of delegations

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing rules in place in Italy, the size of delegations to the Pre-COP26 Parliamentary Meeting is limited to **five persons for each House of Parliament** (3 MPs plus 2 members of staff; or 10 persons in the case of bicameral parliaments).

Outcome document

The Rome Pre-COP26 Parliamentary Meeting will adopt a revised draft outcome document the aim of which will be to charter a course for increased parliamentary action on climate change. The Meeting co-Rapporteurs, Ms. Alessia Rotta, appointed by the Italian Parliament, and Mr. Alex Sobel, appointed by the British Group of the IPU, have prepared a preliminary draft of the Rome outcome document which the IPU Members have been invited to examine and provide comments on. The revised draft outcome document will be finalized and adopted at the Parliamentary Meeting at COP26 in Glasgow.

Cultural programme

A cultural programme will be organized to allow inter-parliamentary dialogue to continue outside the formal setting of the Pre-COP26 Parliamentary Meeting.

Languages

Interpretation will be provided in **five languages** (Arabic, English, Italian, French, and Spanish). Speakers addressing the Meeting in any other language will need to have their individual statements translated into one of these five languages.

A number of booths on a first come first served basis will be available for delegations that will bring their own interpreters.

The Meeting's official documents will be available in English and French.

Registration

The deadline for registration is **10 September 2021**.

All invited participants are encouraged to use the IPU online registration system which will be operational as of **22 July 2021** on the event webpage at <https://www.ipu.org/event/pre-cop26-parliamentary-meeting>. Only one person should be designated as delegation coordinator and have access to the system.

Should delegations encounter any difficulties, they are requested to contact the registration service at postbox@ipu.org.

List of delegates

A provisional list of participants will be compiled based on the registrations received. Delegates will have an opportunity to check the accuracy of this list before the end of the Meeting.

IT services and workstations for the press

Delegations will have a Wi-Fi connection and will be able to use common computer stations, equipped with printers. Workstations will also be made available to the press.

Entry passes

Due to strict security measures in effect at the Italian Chamber of Deputies, every delegate to the Meeting will need an identity badge in order to enter the Chamber's premises. Badges will be distributed at the registration desk set up at the main entrance of Palazzo Montecitorio.

Dress code

As a general rule, men are required to wear a jacket to enter parliamentary buildings. Traditional attires are also admitted.

Hotel accommodation and visas

The IPU and the Italian Parliament are not in a position to facilitate accreditation to Pre-COP26 or to assist with any logistical arrangements, notably visa support for entry into Italy, travel and hotel accommodation. Those matters are to be handled by each delegate individually.

As for hotel bookings, the Italian Parliament has provided a list of hotels available for booking in the city centre, close to the Meeting venue (see the attached list). October is a particularly busy month for hotels in Rome. Delegates are therefore advised to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible.

All delegates requiring an entry visa to Italy must obtain the visa sufficiently in advance. Please refer to the Italian Embassy in your home country or to your Embassy or diplomatic representative office in Rome.

Transportation

Transport and escort arrangements are the responsibility of the respective delegations. Please coordinate with your Embassy or diplomatic representative office in Rome. The Italian Parliament will only provide bus transfers to and from the social events.

Public health information

Given the constant evolution of the pandemic, delegations should refer to the Italian Embassy in their home countries or to their diplomatic representative office in Rome to verify requirements for entering Italy.

The Italian Parliament will define and adopt coronavirus safety measures at Palazzo Montecitorio depending on the situation in autumn. Wearing a mask while at the Chamber of Deputies is currently mandatory. During the meetings and at social events participants will be asked to respect social distancing. Upon entrance to the building, Meeting participants will go through a thermal scanner. More detailed information will be announced at a later stage.