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With the UK hosting the **26th UN Conference of Parties on Climate Change (COP26)** in November 2021, CPA UK, in partnership with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), are delighted to invite nominations for the first virtual Commonwealth Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change.

The Forum will endeavour to engage a pan-Commonwealth parliamentary audience in discussion on the role of parliamentarians in holding governments to account, setting ambitious climate commitments and complying with international agreements.

It will provide participating parliamentarians with a unique opportunity to increase their knowledge about effective oversight and scrutiny of climate policies. The Forum will also allow delegates to network and exchange ideas with a wide range of experts in the field.

During the Forum, a working group of five parliamentarians and two youth parliamentarians will be elected by the attending delegates. This working group will take forward an action plan to coordinate efforts and maximise impact in the lead up to the COP26 summit.



Building on the success of a number of virtual conferences and seminars delivered by CPA UK in the last year, including the 69th Westminster Seminar in November, the Forum will be held on the virtual event platform Hopin. The virtual format will allow a higher number of delegates to attend, at far lower cost, and crucially with much reduced environmental impact.

I am delighted to invite your legislature to apply for up to ten places to participate in the Climate Change Forum - eight for parliamentarians and two for clerks. To ensure the success of the Forum, nominations should be gender balanced, represent both government and opposition parties and nominees should have a demonstrable interest in climate change.

Please follow the application procedures outlined below and submit your nominations by Friday 22nd January 2021.

My colleagues and I look forward to receiving your nominations and to meeting the selected candidates, virtually, in March 2021.

With best wishes,



Jon Davies

Chief Executive, CPA UK



Application Process

Places per legislature

1.01 Legislatures may apply for a maximum of ten places: eight for parliamentarians and two for clerks. To apply for places at the Forum, please complete the online registration form for nominees linked in the email no later than 22 January 2021.

1.02 Due to high demand, any applications received after the stated deadline will be held in reserve.

Nomination Criteria

2.01 When selecting participants for nomination, you are requested to meet the following criteria:

- a.** To ensure that the Forum has as high an impact as possible, nominees will be expected to have a clear and demonstrable interest in climate change. Priority will be given to parliamentarians who sit on relevant environmental committees or have other parliamentary experience in this area.
- b.** It is CPA UK policy to encourage diverse participation in its events. Please nominate Members from both government/majority parties and opposition/minority parties and consider youth representation when nominating.
- c.** Legislatures will be expected to ensure there is a gender balance through their nominations.

2.02 To increase the chance of selection, *please ensure that all the above criteria are met before providing a nomination.*

2.03 *Legislatures whose nominations do not meet the criteria may be asked to reconsider.*

Acceptance of Participant Places

3.01 CPA UK will inform legislatures of the outcome of the application and selected participants by 05 February 2021. We regret that we are unable to answer any queries about applications before this date.

Funding

4.01 As this is a virtual Forum there will be no costs for the Forum and therefore no funding assistance provided for attendees.

4.02 If it is anticipated that your legislature will require support to cover certain aspects of your delegation's participation at the Forum, such as upgrading broadband, or access to IT equipment, please notify the team as soon as possible and they will endeavour to find a solution where possible.

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5.01 Legislatures are requested to inform CPA UK immediately if a delegate cancels, or if for any reason they will not be able to attend the Forum.

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