Our top 7 events relevant to climate in 2021

Keep life on earth.
US Climate Change Summit

During first 100 days of Biden’s tenure I likely to be virtual

Who is participating?
Heads of state of world’s major economies

What is the background?
Hosted by the US in first 100 days of Joe Biden’s tenure
Important opportunity for the US to show new leadership role on climate under Biden

Why is it relevant?
Global event serving as initial sentiment barometer for upcoming developments and preparedness for action
Political occasion to get major emitters like Australia, India and Brazil to increase ambition
Great opportunity for funders and philanthropists to gather insights on potential US strategy and related action points to get involved in

To date no website
International Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS 2021)

Virtual I 25. - 26. January 2021 I Netherlands

Who is participating?
International leaders dedicated to climate adaptation

What is the background?
Participants work towards launch of a comprehensive Adaptation Action Agenda
Aims at setting out clear commitments to deliver concrete new endeavors and partnerships to make world more resilient to effects of climate change

Why is it relevant?
Climate adaption and resilience key issues when dealing with climate crisis, managing future climate risk, and reducing future economic, environmental and social costs
Good political backing: among participants are Emmanuel Macron, Boris Johnson, Vice-President of the EC Frans Timmermans and IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva
Great insights for funders and philanthropists aiming to fund projects related to accelerated climate adaptation and resilience

https://www.cas2021.com
China's Five-Year-Plan

March 2021 | Beijing, China

Who is participating?
Communist Party of China, national and international think tanks

What is the background?
While it has low per capita emissions, China is the largest emitter of CO2 in absolute terms.
The plan will define China’s economic development initiatives for the years 2021-2025, including China’s interpretation on the meaning of “green development”
The plan is a test of how seriously China implements its pledge to achieve peak carbon before 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2060.

Why is it relevant?
As the energy demand of the Chinese economy grows continuously, phasing out fossil fuels should be on top of the national agenda. Funders can foster knowledge transfer amongst state officials, businesses and civil society to ensure that this transition is implemented swiftly.
UN Biodiversity Conference - CBD COP 15

17. - 30. May 2021 | Kunming, China

Who is participating?
Representatives of the member states and UN officials

What is the background?
Key event for exploring the intersection between climate change and biodiversity loss as destruction of ecosystems accounts for 23% of worldwide emissions
Reviewing achievement and delivery of the CBD’s Strategic Plan for Biodiversity from 2011-2020
Final decision on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework anticipated together with decisions on related topics, e.g. capacity building and resource mobilization

Why is it relevant?
Philanthropy has been a driver of environmental conservation for years. The CBD offers an opportunity to connect this work to the fight against climate change.

https://www.cbd.int/cop/
G20 Summit

30. - 31. October 2021 | Italy

Who is participating?
Heads of state of the Group of Twenty (G20) consisting of 19 major and emerging economies and the EU

What is the background?
Italy, also co-host of COP26, has put COVID recovery, climate change, innovation and overcoming poverty and inequality as priorities of the summit agenda.

Opportunity for a coordinated approach by the biggest economies on climate friendly COVID recovery packages.

In preparation of COP26 seen as important political moment to increase ambition amongst big emitters and advance on other potential sticking points ahead of climate change negotiations.

Why is it relevant?
The G20 is the most important international forum for international economic cooperation. Its members account for 85% of the world economy and about 80% of global emissions. The success of COP26 will largely depend on the willingness of G20 countries to increase their ambition.
COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference

01. - 12. November 2021 hosted in Glasgow by UK in partnership with Italy

Who is participating?
Delegates from all 197 parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) including heads of state, climate experts and negotiators

What is the background?
Five years after the Paris Agreement, countries are set to increase their ambitions for emissions reduction for the next ten years

Original pledges were largely insufficient to meet the temperature goals and a ratchet up mechanism was agreed to increase ambition every five years

Further key issues: climate finance, loss and damage as well as carbon markets – all aspects of the Paris Agreement that still need to be finalized

Why is it relevant?
Most important international milestone since the Paris Agreement

Urgency: Emissions need to halve by 2030 for a chance to keep global temperature increase below 1.5°C.

A lot of side events and a huge networking opportunities

https://ukcop26.org
2021 Global Conference on Health and Climate Change

Who is participating?
Representatives from national governments and civil society

What is the background?
The same human activities that are destabilizing the Earth’s climate also contribute directly to poor health, damaging our economies.
Event embeds the COP26 into the current global health crisis and puts special focus on climate justice and the health benefits of climate action.
Mobilizes rapidly growing movement of health professionals around the world who are now driving ambitious climate action.

Why is it relevant?
As countries are rolling out recovery programs across the economy to tackle the effects of the COVID pandemic, funders can shape the discourse at home so that we are building back better and more climate-neutral societies.