

PM meeting with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi: 1 November 2021

Press release

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They agreed that Glasgow must be a pivotal moment for countries to deliver real action on coal, cars, cash and trees, looking ahead to Egypt's Presidency of COP27 next year. The leaders also discussed the importance of all countries transitioning to renewable energy.

More widely, they reiterated their commitment to deepening cooperating between the United Kingdom and Egypt on security, defence, education and trade.

Prime Minister and President Sisi agreed to work together closely at COP26 and beyond to secure ambitious change on climate change and ensure the benefits of green technology and growth are felt around the world.

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PM meeting with Indonesian President Joko Widodo: 1 November 2021

Press release

Prime Minister Boris Johnson met with Indonesia's President Joko Widodo at the COP26 Summit today in Glasgow.



The Prime Minister met with Indonesia's President Joko Widodo today in Glasgow.

He reiterated the importance that the United Kingdom places on building a strong strategic partnership with Indonesia, across climate, defence, trade and investment.

The Prime Minister welcomed Indonesia's domestic climate action and leadership at COP26, including on protecting forests.

They discussed how the UK and Indonesia could cooperate more closely on the transition to renewable energy and development of sustainable infrastructure, including through the UK's new Clean Green Initiative.

The leaders also agreed to intensify cooperation across a range of shared priorities on diplomacy and prosperity, including through ASEAN.

The Prime Minister offered the UK's full support to Indonesia for their G20 Presidency, and looked forward to working together on building back better and greener globally.

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PM meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi: 1 November 2021

Press release

The Prime Minister met Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi today at the COP26 Summit in Glasgow.



The Prime Minister met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India at COP26 in Glasgow today.

The leaders welcomed the opportunity to meet in person and highlighted the growing strength of the wider United Kingdom-India relationship.

The Prime Minister highlighted India's leadership on climate change and they discussed ways to work together on global approaches, including scaling affordable green technology. Prime Minister Modi welcomed the new UK India Green Guarantee to unlock World Bank funding.

The Prime Minister hoped to see India submit an ambitious emissions reduction target at COP26, as a key player in the international effort to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. He offered the UK's support as India transitions away from coal to renewable energy.

They agreed to further strengthen cooperation on bilateral defence and security and on international issues, including the situation in Afghanistan.

The leaders also discussed recent talks on a potential UK-India free trade deal, and the Prime Minister reiterated the UK's commitment to deepening trade, investment and business ties between our two countries.

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[**GSE Profession Diversity and Inclusion Mission Statement and Strategy launch**](#)

News story

The Government Science and Engineering (GSE) Profession has launched its Diversity and Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan.



The [D&I Strategy and Action Plan](#) strategy sets out how the Profession will deliver equality through diversity and inclusivity, which is a key theme of the 2021 [GSE Profession Strategy](#). The detail within the strategy reinforces the Profession's commitment to fully representing the community that it serves.

A key element of the strategy is the use of tools such as the [Returners' Pack](#), which promotes the development of returners' programmes to attract the return of talented individuals. Following the launch of the D&I Strategy, the GSE Profession will make a number of improvements as suggested by its members to facilitate diversity and inclusion. The Profession aims to monitor the strategy's progress by regularly engaging with its member groups to seek feedback.

GSE Profession Diversity and Inclusion Mission Statement

The strategy has been developed in collaboration with the GSE Diversity and Inclusion Action Group (DIAG), alongside other GSE members and stakeholders where possible. Working with these groups, the Profession has developed a new diversity and inclusion mission statement to support its strategy:

The Government Science and Engineering Profession values the diversity of science and engineering skills found in government. It is a profession where everybody's STEM talent or interest is nurtured and celebrated, delivering world class science and engineering.

The GSE Profession Diversity & Inclusion Action Group

The GSE Profession DIAG continues to lead on work to progress towards greater inclusivity. Its recent successes include increasing its volunteer members over the summer, establishing task and finish groups to manage upcoming challenges and appointing learning and development champions to ensure members have equal access to opportunities and fair outcomes.

[Read more about the GSE Profession's successes.](#)

[Read the full GSE Profession D&I Strategy.](#)

If you have any questions about the strategy or wish to be involved in the Profession, please email gse@go-science.gov.uk.

Advocacy

Dr Vicki Chalker, Head of Science and Engineering Profession, UK Health Security Agency and Chair of the GSE Profession's DIAG has outlined the importance of this strategy:

I am proud to work with the GSE Profession on improved diversity and inclusion in scientific and engineering. We should all do all that we can to ensure good practice is embedded, growing the huge breadth of talent in Science and Engineering in government, inspiring current and future generations to have rewarding careers of importance for the nation.

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[Fusion energy at COP26](#)

Fusion energy promises a step change in the way the world's future energy demands are met in a low-carbon, safe and sustainable way.

That will be the message from scientists and engineers from the fusion energy community to world leaders meeting in Glasgow at the [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\) COP26 conference](#).

UKAEA will be running a series of events at COP to tell policymakers and other delegates about fusion and its place in the future energy mix.

On Friday 12th November, the last day of the conference, an international panel is inviting world leaders to look towards a fusion-powered future. The panel, in the UK Pavilion, will be led by Bernard Bigot, Director General of the ITER international fusion project, and speakers will include UKAEA's Director of Materials, Amanda Quadling. The event is at 11.30am-12.30pm and will be livestreamed at: <https://youtu.be/v2WdlxZqLYM>

The previous day, the same panel, plus British astronaut Tim Peake, will appear at a side event at the University of Edinburgh from 2.00-3.00pm. The panel discussion will give local students the chance to ask the experts about

fusion. [A livestream will be available here.](#)

For COP26's 'Youth Day' on 5th November, UKAEA scientist Chantal Nobs will take part in an International Atomic Energy Agency event. 'Net Zero Beyond 2050' will particularly focus on the young generation's role in fusion energy research and innovation, followed by a Q&A session. [Details and livestream here.](#)

Throughout the conference, UKAEA and international research partners from the private sector will have a fusion exhibit in the ['Green Zone' at the Glasgow Science Centre](#), allowing members of the public to find out about fusion energy.

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