

[PM meeting with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison: 30 October 2021](#)

Press release

The Prime Minister met Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison today at the G20 in Rome.



The Prime Minister welcomed Australia's new net zero target announced this week and emphasised the need for countries to take further action to ensure a successful COP26 Summit.

The leaders celebrated recent advances in the UK-Australia relationship, including the agreement in principle of a UK-Australia free trade deal and the new AUKUS security alliance.

The Prime Minister and Prime Minister Morrison looked forward to enhancing the relationship further through the UK's increased engagement in the Indo-Pacific.

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[PM meeting with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen: 30 October 2021](#)

Press release

Prime Minister Boris Johnson met European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen today at the G20 in Rome.



The Prime Minister met European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen today at the G20 in Rome.

He thanked President von der Leyen for her leadership on climate issues including protecting nature and reverse deforestation. The Prime Minister and President von der Leyen agreed on the need for countries to increase climate ambition and targets to reduce emissions to make COP26 a success.

The Prime Minister welcomed the constructive talks which have taken place and are continuing between the UK and the EU over the Northern Ireland Protocol. He noted, however, that substantial gaps remain between our positions, including on the issue of governance, and noted that real progress must be achieved soon.

The Prime Minister underlined the need to agree solutions rapidly to safeguard the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement and reduce disruption to families and businesses in Northern Ireland.

The Prime Minister also raised his concerns about the rhetoric from the French Government in recent days over the issue of fishing licences. The Prime Minister stressed that the French threats are completely unjustified and do not appear to be compatible with the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement or wider international law.

The Prime Minister reiterated that the UK has granted 98% of licence applications from EU vessels to fish in the UK's waters and is happy to consider any further evidence for the remaining 2%.

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COP 26: Ground-breaking summit on climate hosted by the UK begins on Sunday

It comes as the British High Commission's #26For26 campaign continues to smash its target of having 26 Pakistani companies commit to halving emissions by 2030 and getting to net zero by 2050. 28 companies have so far signed up.

COP26 is the largest international event of its kind ever to be held in the UK with more than 25,000 delegates arriving in the city of Glasgow- including world leaders, opinion formers and top businesses. It will work to prevent global temperatures rising above 1.5C and protect our planet and people from the impacts of climate change.

The UK has already achieved notable successes so far. Around 70% of the world's economy is now covered by net zero targets, up from less than 30% when the UK took on the Presidency of COP26. This will help the most vulnerable countries like Pakistan.

Pakistan is the 8th most vulnerable country in the world to climate change. Some experts have warned that Karachi could be completely submerged by 2060 if the current trajectory of rising sea levels continues. Temperatures in Karachi this year have already been the highest in 74 years and by 2030, property damage due to coastal storm surges and rising sea levels is set to increase tenfold. By 2100, rising temperatures mean 36% of glaciers along the Hindu Kush & Himalayan range will be gone. The critical situation means Pakistan needs to act now, alongside the rest of the international community.

The UK is already working closely with Pakistan on climate change, and will provide £7m this year in grant financing and technical support to help Pakistan achieve its climate change objectives. Earlier this year the UK launched a new programme in Lahore to promote cleaner brick production practices which will help improve air quality, reduce smog and fight climate change.

Pakistan's leadership on some environmental issues has been recognised globally. The UK Prime Minister praised the country's 10 billion tree tsunami at last month's United Nations General Assembly. Earlier this week, HRH the Prince of Wales spoke to Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan and agreed on the need for greater global cooperation on climate change and protecting the environment. HRH the Prince of Wales congratulated Prime Minister Imran Khan on the 10 billion tree tsunami initiative.

Climate finance will be key at COP26. To support the transition to net zero, climate resilient economies, getting public and private finance flowing is crucial, especially to emerging markets and developing economies. Under the UK's COP26 & G7 Presidencies, we have seen clear moves towards this goal. G7 countries have committed new finance towards the \$100bn in climate finance

goal, including more funding for adaptation.

In terms of mobilising international finance the UK is committing funds to help Pakistan develop innovative climate financing instruments, including Nature Performance Bonds. The UK will invest more in Pakistan over the next 5 years, helping communities adapt to climate change and improve community level resilience and supporting the efficient use of water resources.

As hosts of COP26 (co-hosted with Italy), the UK has been driving international action and support to adapt to the effects of climate change, which are already impacting lives, livelihoods and natural habitats across the world. Thirty five countries have joined the Adaptation Action Coalition, and over 2,000 businesses, investors, regions, cities and other non-state actors have joined the Race to Resilience. Over 40 countries and organisations have joined the Risk-Informed Early Action Partnership, committing to make 1 billion people safer from disaster by 2025.

By signing up to the Race to Zero, over 3,000 companies and 170 investors, have committed to halving emissions by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions by 2050 at the latest, with transparent and robust action plans. Under the UK's G7 Presidency, the first net zero G7 saw all countries commit to deep emission reduction targets in the 2020s and put an end to funding fossil fuels & coal power this year.

The UK has been leading the way and shown that green growth is possible – over the last 30 years our economy has grown by 78% while cutting emissions by 44%. The UK was the first country to commit to reduce carbon emissions by 78% by 2035 and is on course to be the fastest G7 country to decarbonise cars and vans by 2030.

As part of the brick kiln programme launched earlier this year, the UK will support a targeted training programme on “Zig Zag” technology for the brick industry to substitute coal and reduce emissions. This programme will be implemented in collaboration with Government of Punjab, Brick Kiln Owners Association of Pakistan (BKAOP) and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).

In 2015, the National Institute of Oceanography warned that Karachi could be completely submerged by 2060 if the current trajectory of rising sea levels continues.

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PM meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau: 30 October 2021

Press release

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The Prime Minister congratulated Prime Minister Trudeau on his re-election last month. The leaders looked forward to continuing to work together in the years ahead, including as fellow members of Five Eyes, the Commonwealth, the G7 and the G20.

The Prime Minister welcomed Canada's work to tackle climate change, including to double its climate finance commitment. The Prime Minister and Prime Minister Trudeau stressed that it was possible for countries to grow economically while reducing emissions.

The leaders discussed wider areas of UK-Canadian cooperation, including boosting trade between our countries through a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement.

They also agreed to work together to promote stability and security in the Indo-Pacific region, and also discussed wider foreign policy issues including Afghanistan.

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PM meeting with Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi: 30 October 2021

Press release

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The Prime Minister thanked Prime Minister Draghi for hosting the G20 Summit, a crucial milestone ahead of the COP26 Summit, co-hosted by the UK and Italy.

The leaders agreed that close UK-Italian coordination throughout this year on the G7, G20 and COP26 has been crucial in making much-needed progress on issues including the coronavirus pandemic and climate change.

The leaders agreed on the importance of phasing out the use of coal to keep the goal of 1.5 alive. The Prime Minister encouraged Prime Minister Draghi to go further in his climate finance commitments to help developing countries grow in a clean and sustainable way.

The Prime Minister expressed his hope that Italy will lead the way in making further commitments on coal, cars and trees in the days ahead.

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