

# World Environment Day in Ashgabat

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To mark [World Environment Day](#) on 5 June, Her Majesty's Ambassador Hugh Philpott took part in an internal United Nations (UN) event dedicated to celebrating [World Environment Day](#) in Turkmenistan. In his speech, Ambassador Philpott explained that climate change was a global challenge which affects all, and that no country would be spared the impact of global temperature rises. The Ambassador continued by stressing that mitigating climate change, protecting nature and building resilience in our societies was an opportunity which would improve not only our lives, but also contribute to global prosperity. He concluded that preserving the environment and tackling climate change was not optional and had to be enshrined in law everywhere and recognised as the duty of every human being on this planet.

During the event, Ambassador Philpott outlined why this was a critical moment to amplify the UK's climate messages in the lead up to [COP26](#). The United Kingdom is proud to have been nominated as Presidency of the [COP26](#) process, in partnership with the Italian partners. [COP26](#) will provide an excellent opportunity to deliver a step change on the global crises of Climate Change and biodiversity loss. These are central themes to COP26 Presidency and the UK wants to use the event to show the commitment to addressing climate change through nature-based solutions and biodiversity.

[World Environment Day](#) also sees the launch of [RaceToZero](#) the global [COP26](#) campaign to mobilise businesses, cities, regions and investors towards the goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2050 at the latest.

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