

As the 26th annual summit of the United Nations climate change conference (COP26) approaches in November 2021, not only are we hosting an event that will be showcased during the conference, we are also helping our clients navigate an ever-growing body of climate-related regulation and supporting clients on their climate change journeys to net zero and beyond.

Summary

COP26 will see almost every country in the world gather together in Glasgow, Scotland to discuss the global priority of tackling climate change. With the UK and Italy acting as joint Presidents, the summit will allow countries to update their plans for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and work together to reach net zero. COP26 is based around four main goals of:

- securing global net zero by mid-century and keeping 1.5 degrees within reach;
- adapting to protect communities and natural habitats;
- mobilising finance; and
- working together to deliver on the challenges of the climate crisis.

Business will be critical in this journey. The UK as COP President has set out how it hopes these goals can be achieved, including by encouraging investment in renewables, accelerating the phase-out of coal, curtailing deforestation and speeding up the switch to electric vehicles. It plans to push for the mobilisation of at least \$100bn per annum in climate finance across the globe through public and private finance and to finalise the Paris Agreement rules, while encouraging collaboration between governments, businesses and civil society.

Businesses must therefore be in a position to respond effectively to what comes out of COP26.

What we do

We are well placed to advise on updated commitments arising from COP26 and can help businesses deliver sustainable business strategies. We have a leading global regulatory practice dedicated to working with governments, companies and stakeholders. We advise on sustainability and the impact of climate change on civil society, business, government and investors, navigating the complexities of the regulatory, policy and political environment. We understand the massive impact of climate change policy and advise clients on how to respond to the challenges, and make the most of the opportunities, in order to drive sustainable growth.

At COP26, we will be hosting a documentary and panel discussion on the Great Green Wall, an African-led movement to grow an 8,000km natural wall across the width of Africa. The wall presents solutions to many of the challenges facing Africa and the global community as a whole, including climate change, drought, famine, conflict and migration. This project is one example of what can be achieved when local communities and international investors collaborate in the face of climate change.

We take our own climate change commitments seriously. We are founder members of the Legal Sustainability Alliance and the Net Zero Lawyers Alliance. We have recently launched the next stage of our global sustainability plan, focusing on reducing our carbon impact and achieving the use of 100% renewable energy. We are committed to UN Business Ambition 1.5° and Race to Zero.

Our impact

- Advising multiple governments, corporates, social enterprises and other stakeholders on sustainability, social impact principles and best practices.
- The screening of the Great Green Wall documentary at COP26.
- Our pioneering Rewilding Hogan Lovells initiative supports leading rewilding organisations to scale this nature based solution to help systemically transform vast areas of land whilst protecting biodiversity and vital carbon sinks. Find out more and listen to our podcast [here](#).
- Advising the founder and designer of the Riversimple's Rasa hydrogen fuel cell car which is leading the way in clean vehicle technology and energy transition

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