

# KEY EVENTS ON THE ROAD TO COP27

## February 2022

**IPCC Climate Assessment Report:** This will provide an update (based on analysis from the world's leading climate change scientists) on the impact that the existing carbon reduction commitments are making on efforts to limit global warming to 1.5C. The analysis will provide renewed focus and urgency for the net zero.

## March 2022

**3rd March, UN World Wildlife Day:** Focused on promoting biodiversity and protecting endangered wildlife and habitats. Will likely build on COP26 discussions around biodiversity and nature-based solutions to global warming.

**March, IPCC socio economic climate pathways report:** This follow-up report will examine how these pathways would influence the climate.

**23rd March, World Meteorological Day:** The Ocean will be the focus of this year's World Meteorological Day. The Ocean transports 90% of the world's trade, and sea-bound economic activity is forecast to increase rapidly, therefore there will be a focus on progressing ocean research to continue economic activity sustainably.

**World Economic Forum DAVOS meeting:** Rescheduled from January is now set to take place in 'early summer' with COP27 and the net zero transition a key agenda point.

**March, IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC), (Rwanda):** The first ever continent-wide gathering of African leaders, citizens, and interest groups to discuss the role of protected areas in conserving nature, safeguarding Africa's iconic wildlife, delivering vital life-supporting ecosystem services, promoting sustainable development while conserving Africa's cultural heritage and traditions. Will provide an Africa-wide gathering ahead of the Egypt COP27 meeting.

## April 2022

**2April, TCFD:** Premium listed companies in the UK will be required on a 'comply or explain' basis for 2021 results (so March will be the first reporting season using TCFD as a mandatory standard).

**5th April, COP15 – Biodiversity summit:** The summit is expected to address targets on plastic pollution, pesticide use and harmful subsidies. However, although already postponed three times previously, Omicron could threaten the April summit again with rumours of a further delay.

## June 2022

**1st June, CITES COP19 (Costa Rica):** 19th meeting of the COP to the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. With the previous CITES COP18 revising trade rules for dozens of threatened wildlife species, this year's CITES COP19 will likely review such lists and consider amendments to encourage the progression of conservation efforts.

**2nd–3rd June, Stockholm+50:** The UN General Assembly's two-day international meeting, Stockholm+50, will mark the 50th anniversary since the UN Conference on the Human Environment. It will focus on ways to ensure a 'healthy planet for the prosperity of all' and looks likely to pick up from Davos and COP15 in taking forward some of the agenda points that will frame COP27.

**5th June, World Environment Day:** The theme will be "Only One Earth" mirroring the motto of the Stockholm Conference 50 years ago and promoting the need for humans to live harmoniously with nature. Coming on the back of the Stockholm+50 conference, it is likely to be a focus for climate activism as attention starts building towards COP27.

**8th June, World Oceans Day:** focuses on raising awareness of overfishing, and creating actionable outcomes to support sustainable fishing and ocean conservation.

**25th June–3rd July, London Climate Action Week:** This will be a focal point for discussions around the UK's role in driving the net zero transition and also a likely draw for climate activists and protests. Will see around 250 events with climate professionals and communities looking at new solutions to tackle the climate crisis.

**26th–28th June, G7 Leaders' Summit (Germany):** Climate change will be a key pillar of the discussions alongside strengthening multilateralism and democratic resilience. As the new G7 chair, Germany plans to "greatly expand" G7's mission to climate change mitigation, placing importance upon energy and climate partnerships. Will give insights into the position and progress likely to be seen at COP27 from the world's leading economies.

## July 2022

**5th–15th July 2022, High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2022:** Tenth session of the HLPF (UN's sustainable development forum) will review the Sustainable Development Goals with participation from UN member states and civil society organisations.

## September 2022

**13th–27th September 2022, 77th: Session of UN General Assembly:** The key issues that will be discussed in this session are yet to be announced, although green issues and solutions are likely to feature at the top of the agenda.

**TBC late September 2022, Climate Week NYC 2022:** This annual event provides an opportunity for businesses and organisations to showcase leading climate action.

## November 2022

**7th–18th November 2022, COP27, Sharm El-Sheikh (Egypt):** Global leaders will gather in the opening days with the first week likely to see a focus for announcements and corporate activity. Week two will see the diplomatic hard-yards as the Egyptian hosts seek to get agreement on emissions reductions that deliver the Paris Agreement of limiting global warming to 1.5C.

**Q4:** Announcements expected around mandatory net zero transition plans for UK businesses to come into effect in 2023. All listed businesses are likely to have to report net zero transition plans for scrutiny by investors, activists and other stakeholders and observers.

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