COP26 Presidency Briefing

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Overall COVID Mitigation Measures

- Overall the COVID-19 mitigation measures for COP26 include:
  - A bespoke COP26 travel regime
  - A bespoke event-time testing regime (daily LFDs and arrival PCRs)
  - Expected high vaccination rates (helped through the UK government vaccine offer to COP26 registered attendees who would otherwise be unable to access a COVID-19 vaccine)
  - Enhanced cleaning protocols developed in coordination with our hygiene partner Reckitt
  - A Code of Conduct to ensure all attendees comply with the COVID mitigation measures
  - Plus a specific set of measures for those entering into the Blue Zone which includes:
    - face coverings/ masks
    - 1m+ social distancing
    - extensive signage throughout the Blue Zone to promote and support adherence checks for a negative LFD result daily at Blue Zone entry points
COVID testing

- All Blue Zone attendees will need to complete a daily self-test in their accommodation, and register their result on the gov.uk portal (manual reporting route for WLs);
- Evidence of a negative test result (SMS or email) will be required to access Blue Zone venues;
- All event time testing will be provided for attendees by our national systems NHS Test and Trace and the UK Health Security Agency. Test kits will be delivered to c.120 hotels in Glasgow and Edinburgh to collect on check-in; and to 6 ‘micro-hub’ collection points in Glasgow and Edinburgh;
- Anyone who tests positive or has COVID symptoms will need to self-isolate, book a confirmatory test, and engage with Public Health Scotland Test and Protect contact tracing. We will provide support and guidance to delegations as needed.
- Assistance is available through an NHS Test and Trace telephone helpline; and our in-person asymptomatic testing site next to the Blue Zone; Full guidance will be available online later this week in English, and shortly in all 6 UN languages.
The COP Platform

The COP Platform is a web based app designed to enhance the COP26 experience for Blue Zone registered participants and provide contingency for negotiations. Virtual participation is secured by Virtual ID Checks.

Features include:

1. Participants who have completed a Virtual ID check will be able to check-in quicker at the physical site.
2. Scheduling information for sessions relevant to the participant's badge type.
3. The ability to add sessions to their personal schedule.
4. Access to watch live and on demand events and negotiations (relevant to meeting and badge types).
5. Active participation (two way communication) in Global Climate Action, Side Events and Press conferences.
6. Engagement with world leading climate change scientists (poster sessions).
7. Visit virtual exhibits and COP26 partners.
8. The ability to set up informal virtual meetings (round tables).

An email was issued by UNFCCC to all registered participants this weekend to encourage registration on the COP Platform to enhance their experience in Glasgow. They will be invited to join training, familiarisation sessions, provided with ‘how to’ guides and be able to access live support - in advance and during event time.
Participation approach

- **Open sessions** (for example, statements in plenary sessions and the World Leaders’ Summit) can be watched by anyone, anywhere, either on the online platform (which is available to Blue Zone registered participants only) or on the UNFCCC website and social media channels (when webcast by the UN).

- **Closed negotiations** can be watched on the online platform by Blue Zone registered participants (including observers), with the rights to do so who are in the UK only. This service is to enhance the safety of all participants, and is for use by those who are self-isolating, or in the event that access to negotiating rooms is limited due to social distancing requirements. Prior arrangements for linked-up rooms will be made where possible but we kindly ask for understanding and cooperation from everyone to support this process.

- **Non-negotiations events**: Blue Zone registered participants who are not in the room, for whatever reason, will be able to watch these events and, for events such as side events and Global Climate Action events ask questions and participate through the online platform. Participation for these events can be toggled on and off if requested in advance through the in-room Digital clerk. Many of these events can be watched by anyone on the UNFCCC website or social media channels (when webcast by the UN).

- **Press Conferences**: Active participation will be available to registered participants by default.