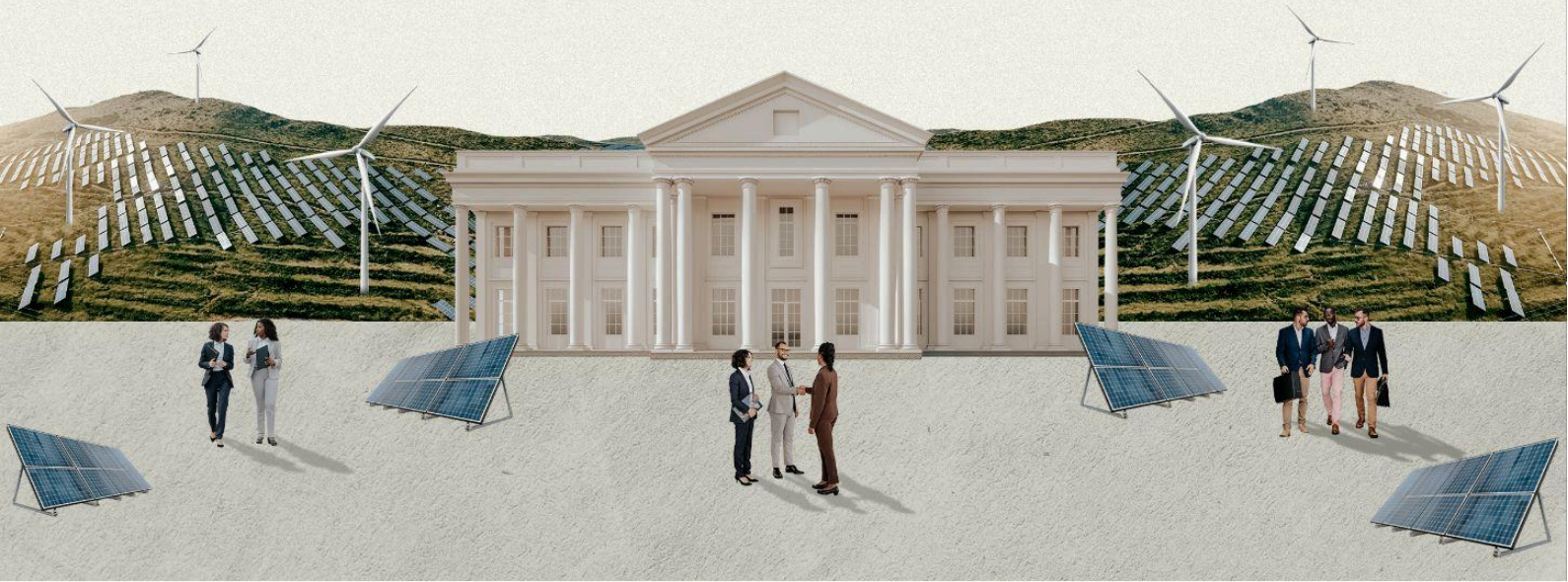
CONCEPT NOTE

LEGISLATING RESILIENCE: PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE ON ADAPTATION AND LOSS & DAMAGE

13 NOVEMBER 2025 (THURSDAY) | 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (BRT)

Radisson Hotel Maiorana
Belém, Brazil



BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Climate change impacts are intensifying worldwide, leading to more frequent and severe extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and widespread ecosystem disruptions. These trends have escalated the urgency for effective adaptation measures and responses to loss and damage. Ahead of COP30, there is increasing international consensus on the critical need to scale up climate finance to meet these challenges, especially to support vulnerable communities.

The climate finance landscape, however, remains complex. Developing countries are calling for scaled-up, predictable, and need-based climate finance to address mounting adaptation and recovery costs. Meanwhile, donor countries are grappling with fiscal constraints, reflected in tightening public budgets and declining official development assistance. This divergence presents significant challenges in aligning global commitments with available resources.

Despite these obstacles, resilience-building efforts continue across both developing and developed countries. In the Global South, local actors are advancing context-specific adaptation and recovery initiatives — often with limited external support — alongside emerging legislative frameworks aimed at strengthening national climate responses. Similarly, regions in the Global North are developing municipal adaptation strategies and enacting legislation to address climate impacts.

These efforts illustrate that resilience is a shared priority requiring sustained legislative and financial backing. They also highlight the critical role of parliamentarians in ensuring that climate finance is effectively mobilized, that policies respond to local needs, and that governments are held accountable for delivering on adaptation and recovery commitments. Yet, parliamentary action is often constrained by competing budget priorities, political complexities, and limited cross-regional collaboration.

Recognizing the essential role of parliaments in shaping national climate responses and community resilience, DanChurchAid (DCA), GLOBE Legislators, and the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) are convening a COP30 Parliamentary Dialogue on Loss and Damage and Adaptation Finance. This event aims to engage legislators from the Global North and South in targeted discussions on legislative frameworks, fiscal oversight, and cross-regional cooperation to enhance the allocation and impact of climate finance for adaptation and loss and damage at the national level.

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide a platform for parliamentarians to share legislative experiences, challenges, and best practices across regions, fostering mutual learning and collaboration.
2. Strengthen parliamentarians' understanding and capacities to effectively legislate and oversee climate adaptation and loss and damage finance.
3. Explore innovative and forward-looking legislative approaches to ensure climate finance is mobilized, allocated, and monitored to support resilient communities.
4. Encourage parliamentarians to champion sustained and predictable climate finance within national budgets, despite competing fiscal demands.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Increased understanding between parliamentarians from different countries and regions, and awareness about the need for parliamentarians to engage in initiatives to promote adaptation and efforts to address loss and damage.

FORMAT

The dialogue will be structured as an informal, interactive session designed to foster open and candid exchanges among parliamentarians. It will begin with opening keynote speeches to set the tone, emphasize the urgency of financing for adaptation and loss and damage, and highlight parliamentarians' pivotal role in advancing effective climate responses at the national level.

This will be followed by roundtable discussions, where parliamentarians will engage in facilitated small-group conversations to share country-level experiences, identify common challenges, and highlight legislative innovations. The session will conclude with closing remarks synthesizing key takeaways and outlining next steps to strengthen cross-regional parliamentary collaboration.

To encourage honest and constructive dialogue, the event will be held under the *Chatham House Rule,* providing a safe space for open engagement.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

TIME (BRT)	AGENDA ITEM
9:00 AM	**Welcome and Introduction**
9:05 AM	**Agenda Setting** A concise overview framing the current climate challenges, finance complexities, with a focus on adaptation and loss & damage finance.
9:13 AM	**Keynote remarks: Parliamentary Leadership for Climate Resilient Societies** Strategic reflections on emphasizing parliamentary responsibility, political will, and collaboration across regions
9:20 AM	**Table-Talks: Legislating Resilience** In small, round-table groups, parliamentarians will engage in open, candid exchanges on country-specific experiences, challenges, and legislative responses to climate adaptation and loss & damage finance. Guided by representatives from DCA, CVF, and GLOBE, these roundtable discussions will surface practical insights and foster cross-regional cooperation on climate finance, governance, and parliamentary oversight. The dialogue will begin with a round of introductions.
10:25 AM	**Closing Reflections and Way Forward** A concise collective closing that captures key insights from each discussion group, followed by brief reflections and next steps to advance cross-regional cooperation on climate finance oversight and legislative action