

Cambridge University Press Elements Series *Blog Symposium*

**Glasgow and Beyond:  
Organizational Response to Climate Change**

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The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of Parties is scheduled for October 31-November 12, 2021 in Glasgow. This Blog symposium seeks to explore organizational responses – both individual organizations and their networks -- to climate change and how the Glasgow summit might reveal and possibly alter organizational dynamics.

Since the industrial revolution, the availability of cheap fossil fuels has shaped production processes, consumption choices, and household behaviors in industrial economies throughout the world. For centuries, all manner of governmental, economic, and social organizations adapted to economic systems centered on carbon-intensive economic processes. Meanwhile, the physical consequences of climate change are becoming manifest, just as pressures for action and government policies are mounting.

What is less clear is how these organizations are responding to the robust challenges that are growing from this mix of climate, political, social, and economic change. Are they resisting, reluctantly changing, or enthusiastically incorporating decarbonization in their internal governance systems and external advocacy? Is it business as usual with a new focus on climate issues, or are they incorporating transformative changes to take advantage of or protect themselves from the profound societal changes that decarbonization will bring about?

These large-scale structural changes will certainly disrupt the status quo, creating winners and losers. Organizations will have diverse experiences of, and responses to, the complexities of this new world, depending on both their internal and external factors.

The Symposium is organized by the editors of the recently launched **Cambridge Element Series in Organizational Response to Climate Change: Business, Governments, and Nonprofit**. It will be hosted on the [fifteeneightyfour blog website](#) of Cambridge University Press.

## **Logistics**

We invite submissions (maximum 1,000 words) that summarize existing research or report on new research. All commentaries must be written in an accessible style; references, tables, and appendices should be provided as links embedded in the text. In order to assure a timely review, please first email the story pitch to <[cupelements@gmail.com](mailto:cupelements@gmail.com)> in the following format:

- (1) What is the story/argument? What is the takeaway? (maximum 100 words).
- (2) How does this illuminate organizational dynamics on climate change? (maximum 100 words).

Based on these submissions, the guest editors will invite the selected authors to submit their commentaries (1,000 words maximum).

## **Timeline**

Submissions of the pitch: September 15-onwards

Invitation to submit commentaries: September 20-onwards

Submission of the Commentary: September 25-onwards

Guest editors revert with comments: September 29

Online publication: October 1-onwards