

Tec de Monterrey restates climate conference sustainability commitment



In the panel discussion “Lessons learned and challenges from COP26,” the Tec shared its challenges and objectives in the area of sustainability.

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After the **COP26 UN Climate Change Conference** held in **Glasgow, Scotland**, **Tec de Monterrey restated its commitment to fighting the climate emergency.**

Inés Sáenz, Vice President of Inclusion, Social Impact, and Sustainability, participated in the conference on behalf of Tec de Monterrey, representing the institution in a panel with the **Alliances for Climate Action (ACA)** organization.

Following the conference, the **Tec analyzed** lessons learned and challenges at the panel discussion “**Lessons learned and challenges from COP26,**” where **Juan**

Pablo Murra, Rector for Undergraduate Studies, participated alongside Saénz.

Also participating were **Cynthia Villareal**, Director of **Sustainable Development and Outreach**, who had also been to Glasgow, and **Miguel Ruiz-Cabañas**, Director of the Tec's **Sustainable Development Goals** initiative.

At the panel, the Tec executives **listed actions** that are being carried out on the subject, **ratified the vision and objectives**, and spoke about **challenges for the future**.

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Tec-government-university collaboration and efforts

Over the course of the panel, **Juan Pablo Murra**, Rector of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies, pointed out that the environmental issue is a **collective challenge** which demands that individuals, societies, and countries **learn, share, and reflect** on their responsibilities.

“We must find collaboration mechanisms to make our aspirations tangible.”

Inés Sáenz, Vice President of Inclusion, Social Impact, and Sustainability, emphasized how the **Tec has involved governments** with efforts such as the **Race to Zero** to lower carbon emissions.

In Glasgow, Saénz reported that the **Tec**, together with the ACA, **had successfully invited the government of Nuevo León and four municipalities** (Monterrey, San Pedro, Santa Catarina, and San Nicolás) **to join the Race to Zero**.

She added that the **Tec will seek** to do the same, making **partnerships with other universities and civil society organizations** of various types.

*“We want to **push** this race towards **carbon neutrality in Latin American universities. Collaboration is key** to achieving progress as a society during the climate emergency.*

“We had conversations with many global civil society organizations like [C40](#), a global network of mayors taking urgent action to tackle the climate crisis,” she said.

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The Tec is making progress on the 2025 Sustainability and Climate Change Plan

Cynthia Villarreal, Director of Sustainable Development and Outreach, listed some achievements and projections within the **six pillars** of the [Tec's 2025 Sustainability and Climate Change Plan](#).

The **Tec's plan includes six pillars** and puts **culture** at the center to guide and boost the other five: **mitigation, adaptation, education, research, and outreach**.

*"In the area of **Culture**, the achievements of 2021-2022 are the start of a communication campaign, processes, activation of living experiences, and sustainability training programs,"* said Villarreal.

*"In **Mitigation**, 39 campuses, high schools, and facilities at the Tec have been **evaluated for energy, water, fuel, waste, and mobility consumption**."*

*"We've launched competitive processes to build **new photovoltaic systems** at various campuses in the country,"* she said.

The **Adaptation** area this year has achieved an inventory of **34,745 trees** in the facilities of Tec de Monterrey campuses, she said.

Meanwhile, in **Education**, the design and deployment of pilot programs in **Tec Weeks** (TEC21 Educational plan activities) were implemented, and a special **sustainable development** track was opened at the [International Conference on Educational Innovation](#) (CIIE for its initials in Spanish).

*"In **Research**, we're looking for interdisciplinary research that can find systemic solutions. A fund to encourage this type of research **uses campuses as living laboratories**,"* said Villareal.

Finally, she explained that in **Outreach**, there's a drive to be an **active institution in local and global partnerships**, putting **the Tec's** academic, technical, technological, and human capacities **at the service of society**.

The Director announced that the **first sustainability report** for the [Tec's 2025 Sustainability and Climate Change Plan will be made available to the public](#)

in **April 2022**.

COP26 Climate Change Conference

On November 9, **Tecnológico de Monterrey participated** in the panel **“Together in the Decade of Delivery: How Collaboration Can Take Us from Commitment to Implementation”** at the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

At the event, which brought together global representatives of organizations and governments that work for the environment, the Vice President of **Inclusion, Social Impact, and Sustainability at the Tec** presented the institution’s actions for the environment:

*“(At COP26) we verified that the **Tec’s actions are at the level** of any highly prestigious university because our 2025 Sustainability and Climate Change Plan is **very comprehensive**,”* said Sáenz.

COP26, as the conference is also known, **brought together world leaders** who seek to protect the environment and curb **climate change**, including maintaining a **limit on the increase** in the world’s **temperature**.

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