**Supplementary Materials : *Survey and Interview Question***

At COP26 two different surveys were distributed. The first comprised of 9 question in length of which questions 1,2,3,4, and 8, are reported in this paper. The second survey was a truncated version of the first, comprising of only questions 1,2,3 and 8 from the first survey. This truncated version was distributed in order to increase responses to these selected questions with the time and resources available. In total, 193 responses were collected for the truncated second survey.

For questions 1-4, very broad categories of classification were used to assure participants that their anonymity was to be maintained in the survey results as no material could be used to identify them post survey.  The observer group labels were taken from formal classifications used by UNFCCC for observer group constituencies (UNFCCC, undated).

Table S1: Question 1

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| **Which country group do you reside in? (please mark which box applies to you)** |
| China, India, Russia, Brazil, Indonesia |  | Other developing countries |  | US, EU, Canada, UK, Japan  |  | Other developed countries |  |

Table S2: Question 2

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| **Which description best fits your professional role at COP 26?** **(please mark which box applies to you)** |
| Country negotiator? |  | Observer?  |  |

Table S3: Question 3

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| **If you are an observer, what observer group do you belong to?** **(please mark the box that applies to you)** |
| BINGO |  | YOUNGO |  | LGMO |  | RINGO |  | ECONGO |  |
| ENGO |  | Farmer organisations |  | Indigenous organisations |  | TUNGO |  | Women/Gender groups |  |

Table S4: Question 4

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| **If you use energy-climate-economic analysis where do you get this information from? (please mark all that is relevant)**  |
| IPCC reports |  | International Energy Agency Reports |  | Analysts within your organisation  |  | Individual academics/groups |  | Reports from national public agencies |  | UN/NGO Reports |  |

Table S5: Question 8

*What is your preferred approach? Please mark your preferred approach on the scale below taking into account what you consider as a realistic approach to policy setting.*

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| **I prefer a specific and stable timeframe for achieving climate policy goals** |  |  |  |  |  | **I prefer a more flexible approach to the timeframe for achieving climate policy goals.** |
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |

*Some policy makers and business leaders prefer climate policy goals (e.g. reaching net zero by 2050) to focus on specific and stable timeframes to support long term planning and investment. An alternative view is that the timing of mitigation goals should be flexible to allow decision makers to incorporate new information, as it becomes available, and/or respond to changing circumstances.*

*What is your preferred approach? Please mark your preferred approach on the scale below taking into account what you consider as a realistic approach to policy setting.*

Reference

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