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Glasgow's bid to host a major summit on climate change next year is "more evidence of the union dividend", the Scottish Conservatives have said.

The UK Government announced today that Glasgow would host the UN's COP 26 event if its bid for presidency of the organisation is successful.

The event at the Scottish Events Campus by the Clyde would last for two weeks at the end of 2020, and attract 30,000 delegates.

Shadow environment secretary Maurice Golden said it was an opportunity for Scotland to lead the world on climate change, and showcase Glasgow as a major global conferences location.

He added that it was more evidence of the economic opportunities presented by Scotland remaining within the UK.

Scottish Conservative shadow environment secretary Maurice Golden said:

"This announcement is excellent news for Glasgow and Scotland.

"It would underline the city's reputation for hosting world-leading summits, and showcases Scotland's potential as a world-leader on climate change.

"It's also more evidence of the union dividend – an example of the UK Government placing Scotland's biggest city right at the heart of its future plans.

"We are much stronger when we work together and we will have more impact tackling climate change as part of the UK.

"Nicola Sturgeon's relentless drive to break up Britain would make bids like this considerably more difficult as well as weaken our efforts to tackle climate change."