

Setting the stage with a few questions and answers

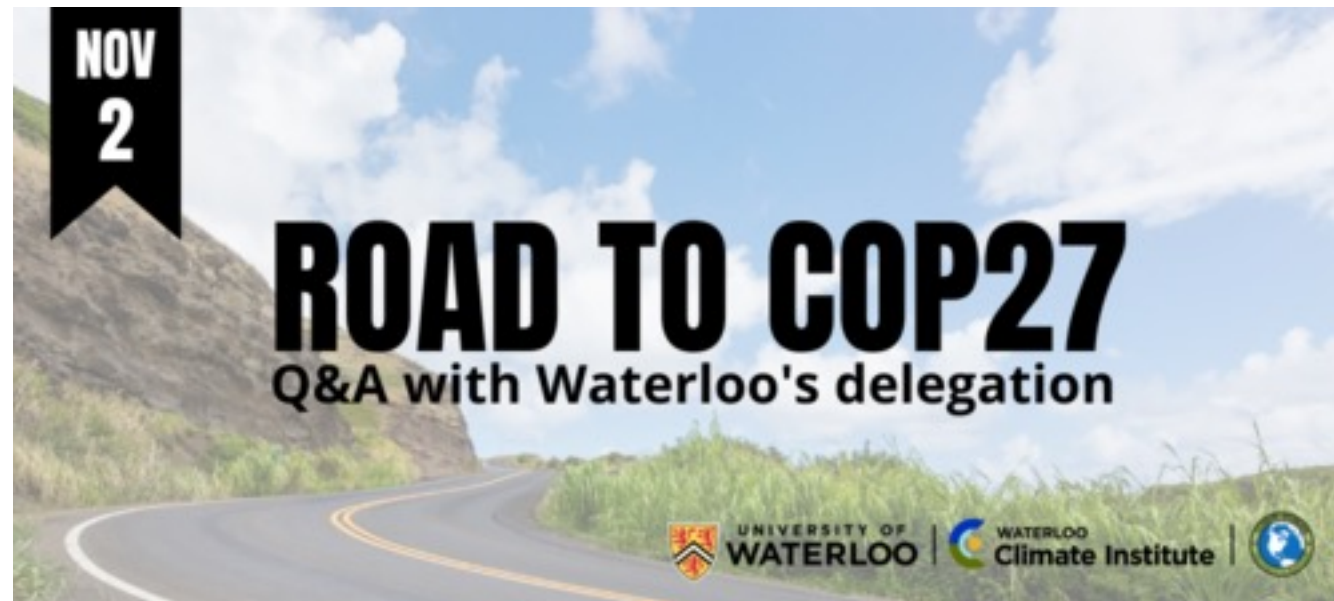
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What is an international agreement (and what is it meant to do?)?

global
international
transnational

~~GLOBAL GOVERNMENT~~

GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

↑ (including int'l agreements) ↑

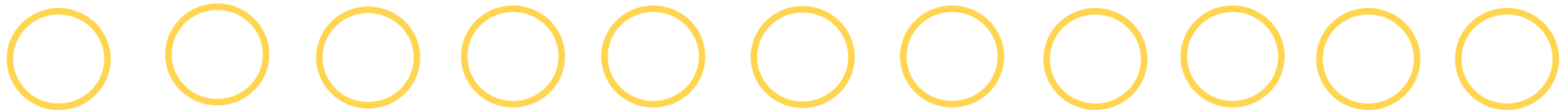
national
state
(*impact of
sovereignty*)

'Climate Change
Convention' (1992)

'Kyoto Protocol' (1997)

'Paris Accord' (2015)

sub-national
local




What is a COP?


- COP
 - Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
 - Once the FCCC came into force (1994), COPs were required → first in Berlin in 1995
 - Annually since then
- CMP
 - Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol
 - Once the Kyoto Protocol came into force (2005), CMPs were required → in parallel with COPs
- CMA
 - Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement
 - Once the Paris Agreement came into force (2016), CMAs were required → in parallel with COPs+

Who goes to a COP?

- “The UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP26) brought together 120 world leaders and over 40,000 registered participants, including 22,274 party delegates, 14,124 observers and 3,886 media representatives.”
 - <https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/cop26>
- 198/192/194 Parties
- “As of 2021, 3,047 (2,902 NGOs and 145 IGOs) are admitted as observers. The NGOs represent a broad spectrum of interests, and include representatives from business and industry, environmental groups, farming and agriculture, indigenous populations, local governments and municipal authorities, research and academic institutes, labour unions, women and gender and youth groups.”
 - <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/parties-non-party-stakeholders/non-party-stakeholders/overview/observer-organizations>

Have you, Ian, ever been to a COP?

 UNITED NATIONS

 Framework Convention on Climate Change


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COP1 (1995) – Berlin; COP2 (1996) - Geneva

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Is it a case of Good COP or Bad COP?

- ‘Bad COP’ →

Greta Thunberg: COP27 an opportunity for 'greenwashing, lying and cheating'

- ‘... The space for civil society is going to be extremely limited. ... It's important to leave space for those who need to be there. It will be difficult for activists to make their voices heard.’
 - ctvnews.ca

- ‘Good COP’ →

COP27 offers another chance to save the world

- It is for COP27 to be conducted in the spirit of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres’ statement that: “On every climate front, the only solution is solidarity and decisive action.”
 - arabnews.com

What's on the agenda for this COP?

Egyptian COP27 Presidency has defined the summit's four key goals as:

- **Mitigation:** All parties, especially those in a position to “lead by example”, are urged to take “bold and immediate actions” and to reduce emissions to limit global warming well below 2°C.
- **Adaptation:** Ensure that COP27 makes the “crucially needed progress” towards enhancing climate change resilience and assisting the world's most vulnerable communities.
- **Finance:** Make significant progress on climate finance, including the delivery of the promised \$100 billion per year to assist developing countries.
- **Collaboration:** As the UN negotiations are consensus-based, reaching agreement will require “inclusive and active participation from all stakeholders”.

How can I learn more about COPs and this COP?

- Stay where you are!
 - Prof. Zahid Butt (School of Public Health Sciences)
 - [Alexandra Ho (Master of Climate Change student)]
 - Prof. Sarah Burch (Department of Geography and Environmental Management)
 - Isra Saeed (PhD candidate in Sustainability Management)
- Questions by the moderator
- Questions by the audience

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