

# Attending the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties

## Media Coverage from the COP itself

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### Are you coming to the COP? We have some tips for you on working at the COP venue!

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP) venue can be quite intimidating if you don't know where to work. Here are some helpful tips for you, tips we wished that someone had shared with us! We hope you find them useful.

#### WHERE CAN YOUR MEDIA PASS TAKE YOU?

Unless otherwise decided, members of the press have access to designated areas in open plenary sessions, side events, press conferences, public exhibitions and public spaces. Regional preparatory and coordination meetings, contact groups, bilateral meetings, UN staff meetings, Bureau meetings and any closed spaces where negotiations are taking place remain closed to and cannot be accessed by members of the press.

#### ABOUT THE MEDIA CENTRE

All accredited press and media will be able to access and work from the allocated Media Centre. You will also find workspaces including desks, chairs and electrical sockets. Some venues do offer a few desktop computers but you are best to take your own laptop and whatever other essential equipment. A multipurpose international power adaptor is a must.

#### SCREENS THROUGHOUT THE VENUE!

TV Monitors are available throughout the venue to provide live coverage of proceedings that are open to the public, including the delivery of national statements at the main plenary hall. On these screens will also feature proceedings including a scrolling agenda of all scheduled plenary and side event meetings on a daily basis.

#### ABOUT THE PRESS CONFERENCE AREA

There is usually one main press conference area where all key media conferences pertaining to the COP are held. But given the number of delegates at the meeting, the one press conference area cannot host all press conferences so constantly be on the lookout on the screens to see where and if other press conferences are scheduled. Sometimes these may even be held within the different pavilions.

#### KEEPING CONNECTED!

At the COP, there is internet access everywhere which reporters can use to file stories and provide social media updates from anywhere within the venue. The network is always and often configured in such a way so that all users have access to the full internet. We recommend, however, that you have a back-up internet plan, and this can be done through obtaining a sim card from an ISP provider in the host country. It may be challenging at times for everyone to have excellent access all the time.

#### DAILY PROGRAMME TO KEEP UP TO DATE

A daily programme is often posted on the UNFCCC website, and available on different screens throughout the venue. This is official, learn how to read it and plan where you may be, and who else may be there so you can interview them.

#### DOCUMENTS AND DECISIONS

Key decisions regarding the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement are available in all six UN languages, and can be downloaded from the UNFCCC website.



## RECORDINGS FOR EASY ACCESS

Recordings of UN Climate Change meetings and historical records are available on the UN Climate Change Archives website. Please consult our Terms of Use and credit material appropriately: UN Climate Change. Sometimes key activities that may be of media interest to you are also happening in pavilions - please visit the pavilions to find out their side event schedules, and if they do have them, are any of their side events available online?

## SNAPPED! PHOTOGRAPHS

The UN Climate Change secretariat provides high quality photographs on Flickr. Please credit material accordingly with UN Climate Change / Name of Photographer. The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) also collects photos and makes them available - you can find them on their Facebook page, and you can also reach out to them should you need high resolution versions.

## WHERE YOU CAN ACCESS THE CONFERENCE GUIDE AND MANUALS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE

Visit the UNFCCC website. The Conference Guide and Manuals are updated on a yearly basis, depending on the host country. You can find the latest [here](#).

## AND ONE LAST THING?

Don't forget to pack some snacks in your bag. Meeting hours vary depending on the agenda, and lines at the food areas can be long. The food at the venue can also be very expensive!

## GLOSSARY

### Plenary:

*Plenary is where the conference opens and closes, where major statements are made and broad-ranging debate may be conducted and where all decisions by the conference are taken.*

### Pavilion spaces:

*The Pavilion spaces are often small rooms or spaces found in a separate area to the negotiation halls where each Party or Observer organisation can host events, showcase research and expertise, and have open informal discussions with all COP participants.*

### Kyoto Protocol:

*The Kyoto Protocol, adopted on 11 December 1997, operationalises the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by committing industrialised countries and economies in transition to limit and reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions in accordance with agreed individual targets.*

## REFERENCES

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, A day in the life of a COP observer - An observer handbook for COP27 available [here](#).



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