



# YOUTH 4 COP

VOICES TO IGNITE CLIMATE ACTION

## Session 6

# Reference Materials

“Young people are the climate fighters our world needs.

We need their **voice**.

We need their **action**.

We need their **ideas**”

-ANTÓNIO GUTERRES

# Understanding Negotiations and Experiences at COP

This toolkit aims to provide youth with a comprehensive understanding of the negotiation processes at the Conference of the Parties (COP) under the UNFCCC. Participants will learn about the structure and functioning of COP meetings, the roles of various zones and events, and experiences from delegates.

## 1. Negotiation Process at COP

### Structure of COP Meetings

- **Annual Meetings:** COP meetings are held annually and attended by countries that are Parties to the UNFCCC.
- **Purpose:** These meetings serve as a platform for Parties to review the Convention's implementation and negotiate new commitments.
- **Participants:** Government delegates, civil society, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, and the media.

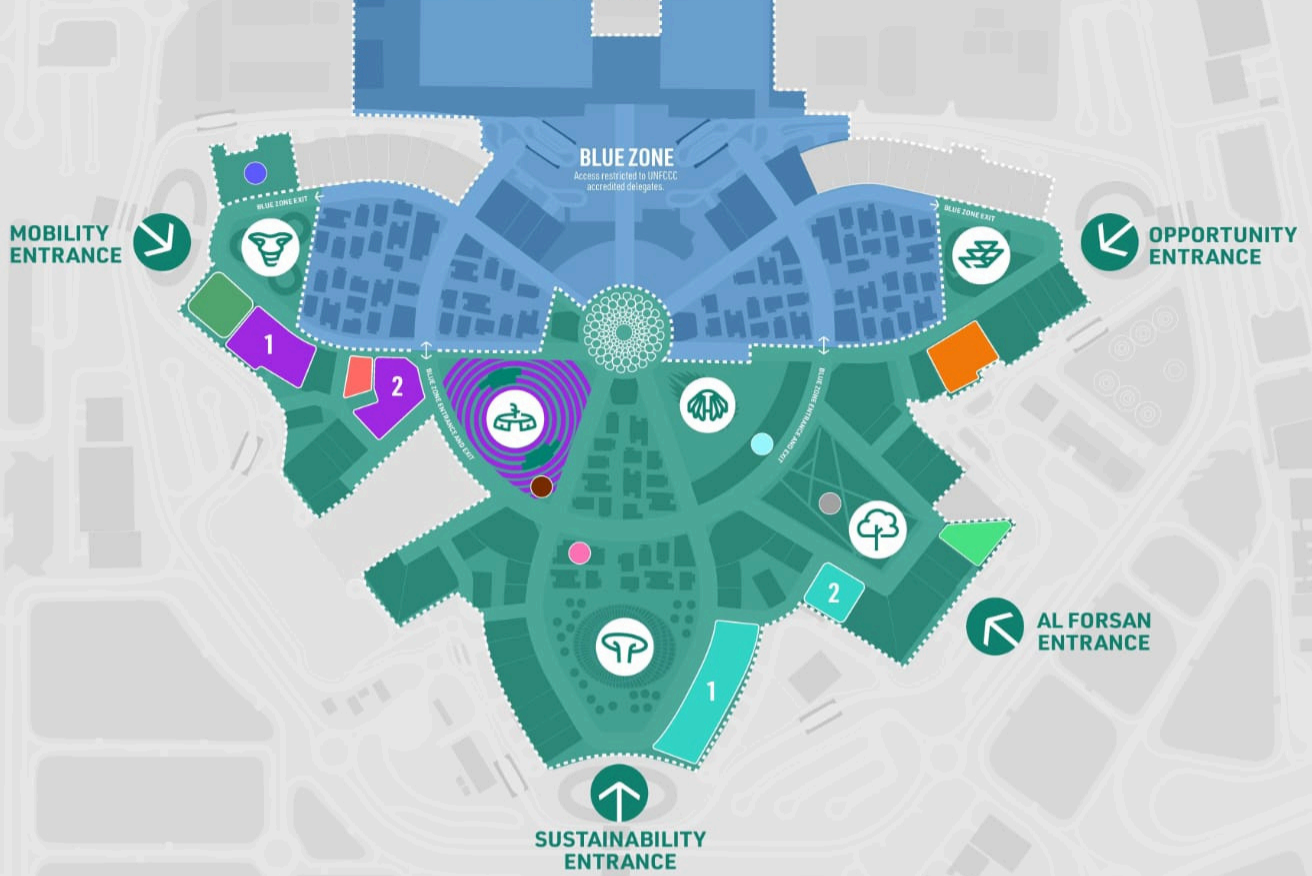
### Key Activities

- **Negotiations:** Parties negotiate agreements and protocols to address climate change.
- **Reporting:** Countries report on their climate actions and progress.
- **Review:** The progress of various climate initiatives and commitments is reviewed.

## 2. Zones at COP

### Blue Zone:

- Managed by the UN.
- Hosts official negotiations and meetings.
- Access is restricted to registered delegates.



## Blue Zone and Green zone @COP 28, UAE

### Green Zone:

- Open to the public.
- Hosts events, exhibitions, and activities by civil society, businesses, and other stakeholders.
- Fosters dialogue and showcases climate action initiatives.

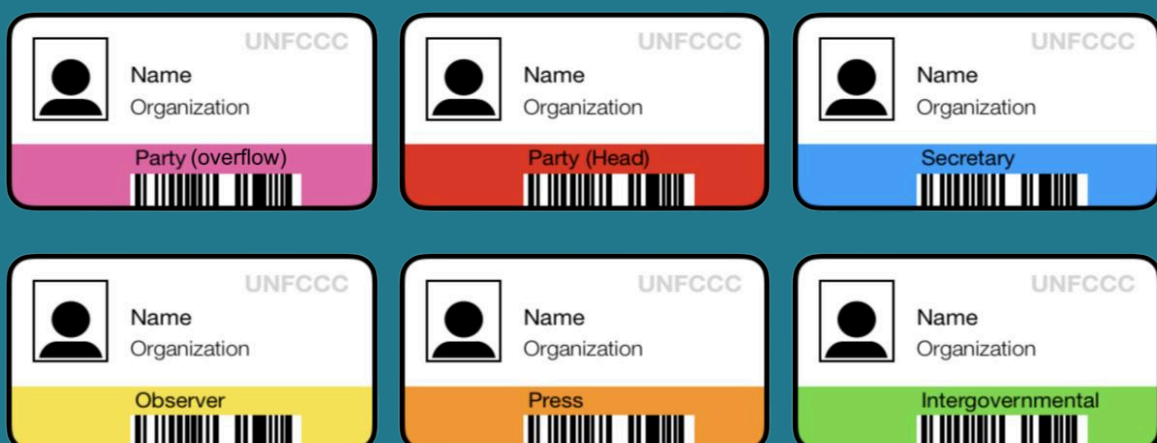
### Side Events and Exhibits:

- Occur in both Blue and Green Zones.
- Provide platforms for sharing research, discussing strategies, and networking.
- Essential for knowledge exchange and fostering partnerships.

## 2. Role of Different Actors

### Parties:

- Countries that have ratified the UNFCCC.
- Involved in negotiations.





### Observers:

- Include NGOs, IGOs, and other stakeholders.
- Contribute to transparency and inclusiveness of the process.

### COP Presidency

- Facilitates negotiations.
- Ensures procedural rules are followed.
- Works with delegates to reach a consensus on critical issues.
- The Republic of Azerbaijan will be the COP 29 Presidency (2024)

### UNFCCC Secretariat

- Organizes and manages COP meetings.
- Ensures logistical and administrative arrangements support negotiations.

## Further Readings for Section





# THE CONFERENCE OF YOUTH

## OVERVIEW



### Global COY

Global COY (GCOY) is the biggest and most substantial youth conference related to the multilateral UN climate processes. It is the official gathering of YOUNGO members and happens a couple of days before the annual Conference of the Parties (COP) at the same location. GCOY brings together inputs of the global youth, which will feed directly into the climate negotiations.



### VCOY

Virtual COY (vCOY) is the virtual space where the global youth community facing different barriers such as lack of travel funds, visa restrictions, age barriers or due to environmental considerations comes together. vCOY ensures the voices of less privileged, vulnerable, marginalized, refugee and Indigenous groups are adequately heard and represented and makes YOUNGO even more accessible and inclusive.



### RCOY & LCOY

Regional COYs (RCOY) and Local COYs (LCOY) are organized prior to the GCOY across the world, in order to localize the climate conversation and gather more inputs from the ground. RCOYs and LCOYs discuss and develop respective outputs, which feed into national and regional climate policy making as well into GCOY and consequently into the climate negotiations.

## 3. Experiences from Delegates:

Insights from delegates about their experiences, challenges, and achievements during COP28. This section will feature testimonials and case studies to provide a personal perspective on the negotiations and activities

This session will provide a robust foundation for youth to actively participate in and influence the COP process, ensuring their voices contribute to global climate governance.

For more detailed information, you can refer to the UNFCCC's official resources on [The Global Negotiation Process](#)



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