



Demystifying UNFCCC Conference of Parties (CoP)

International Negotiations vs Local Climate Action

CONTEXT

While the recently concluded CoP 27 in Sharm el-Sheikh achieved some success in establishing a fund for loss and damage, little progress was made regarding climate mitigation. Even after nearly three decades of international negotiations involving key decision-makers of the world's most powerful nations, there has been only limited success in actual impact. The global temperature continues to rise, negotiations regarding a just transition are still ongoing, and financial commitments made have not been met.

Secondly, there is a growing sense that local climate actions and low-carbon growth strategies would bring both competitive advantage and economic growth to countries. US, EU, China, and India have made aggressive domestic policy announcements towards cleaner and sustainable energy transitions. Some of these announcements have started showing great results at local and national levels.

Does this mean it would be more beneficial to look at this problem through internal actions rather than just focusing on these global meets? In this context, the objective of the event is to:

Learn the processes and proceedings of UNFCCC-CoP: Key achievements, actions, or announcements at the same.

Understand the bottlenecks of international climate negotiations and challenges for developing countries.

Need for bottoms-up approaches, adopting contextual and local solutions, and blending conventional and modern practices.

Potential Panelists: Senior representatives from government, academic institutions, CSO's, consulting firms, business industry, think tank and media.

The purpose is to chalk out the key takeaways for climate scholars, researchers, and environmental scientists and to co-design relevant programs catering to India's needs.



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05:00 pm-07:30 pm



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AGENDA



Introductions and Context setting (5pm-5:15pm)

Speaker's presentation - 90 mins (5:15pm-7:00pm)

- 1 CoP process, key achievements, and actions – 2 presentation (15 mins/ each)
- 2 Challenges and bottlenecks at CoP – 2 presentations (15 mins/ each)
- 3 Workable solutions from ground – 3 presentation (15 mins/ each)



Moderated discussion - 30 mins (6:45pm-7:15pm)

Moderator: Prof. Vaibhav Chowdhary, IIT Kanpur



Q&A's to be facilitated by the moderator - 15 mins (7:15pm-7:30pm)



Networking Dinner – 7:45pm Onwards