Climate Change

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ActNow Climate Campaign

UN Entities & Related Bodies

- United Nations Climate Change (UNFCCC): http://unfccc.int/
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): http://www.ipcc.ch/

UN Events

- COP 27 - Sharm el-Sheikh Climate Change Conference, 6-18 November 2022
- General Assembly, Seventy-seventh Session, 64th & 65th Meetings, 29 March 2023
- Security Council Meeting, 14 February 2023: Threats to international peace and security - Sea-level rise: implications for international peace and security:
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2023
- Security Council Meeting, 9 December 2021: Maintenance of international peace and security: security in the context of terrorism and climate change:
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2021
- Climate Summit, 23 September 2019:
- High Level Meeting on Climate and Sustainable Development for All, 29 March 2019:
- Security Council Meeting, 25 January 2019: Maintenance of international peace and security - Addressing the impacts of climate-related disasters on international peace and security:
• Intersessional panel discussion on human rights, climate change, migrants and persons displaced across international borders, 6 October 2017: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/PanelClimateMigrants.aspx
• Expert Meeting on Climate Change and Human Rights, 6-7 October 2016: https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/HRAndClimateChange/Pages/ClimateChange.aspx

UN Treaties, Declarations and selected UN documents

• United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/conveng.pdf
• Kyoto Protocol: https://unfccc.int/process/the-kyoto-protocol
• Bali Road Map: https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/pastconferences/bali-climate-change-conference-december-2007/statements-and-resources/Bali-Road-Map-Documents
• Cancun Agreements: https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestones/the-cancun-agreements
• Durban Outcomes: https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestones/outcomes-of-the-durban-conference
• Doha Climate Gateway: https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestones/the-doha-climate-gateway
• Warsaw Outcomes: https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/the-big-picture/milestones/outcomes-of-the-warsaw-conference
• Lima Call for Climate Action: http://undocs.org/FCCC/CP/2014/10/Add.1
• Paris Agreement: https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/what-is-the-paris-agreement
• Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action: http://unfccc.int/files/paris_agreement/application/pdf/marrakech_partnership_for_global_climate_action.pdf
• Key achievements from COP23: https://cop23.gov/key-achievements-cop23/
• Katowice Climate Package: https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/katowice-climate-package
• The Glasgow Climate Pact – Key Outcomes from COP26: https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-glasgow-climate-pact-key-outcomes-from-cop26
• Five Key Takeaways from COP27: https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/sharm-el-sheikh-climate-change-conference-november-2022/five-key-takeaways-from-cop27
• UN documents on “climate change” – click here
Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials


• Building on efforts to tackle humanitarian, climate crises key for rescuing sustainable development goals, Deputy Secretary-General tells Member States in Geneva (DSG/SM/1820, 12 December 2022): https://press.un.org/en/2022/dsgsm1820.doc.htm


• Statement by the Secretary-General at the conclusion of COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, 19 November 2022: https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/statement/2022-11-19/statement-the-secretary-general-the-conclusion-of-cop27%C2%B7c2%A0-sharm-el-sheikh%C2%A0c2%A0

• Secretary-General’s remarks at COP27 stakeout [as delivered], 17 November 2022: https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/press-encounter/2022-11-17/secretary-generals-remarks-cop27-stakeout-delivered


• Secretary-General's remarks at COP27 stakeout [as delivered], 17 November 2022: https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/press-encounter/2022-11-17/secretary-generals-remarks-cop27-stakeout-delivered


• To reach climate goals humanity must cooperate or perish, Secretary-General warns, calling for solidarity pact among all nations, at implementation summit opening (SG/SM/21573, 7 November 2022): https://press.un.org/en/2022/sgsm21573.doc.htm

• 24 hours’ notice of perilous climate event in at-risk communities can save lives, cut damage 30 per cent, Secretary-General says at 'Early Warnings for All' Plan Launch (SG/SM/21574, 7 November 2022): https://press.un.org/en/2022/sgsm21574.doc.htm


• Secretary-General warns of climate emergency, calling Intergovernmental Panel’s report ‘a file of shame’, while saying leaders ‘are lying’, fuelling flames (SG/SM/21228, 4 April 2022): https://press.un.org/en/2022/sgsm21228.doc.htm

• Window of opportunity to keep 1.5 degrees Celsius alive will close forever without sustained emission cuts, Secretary-General warns, at Expert Group launch (SG/SM/21220, 31 March 2022): https://press.un.org/en/2022/sgsm21220.doc.htm


Further information

  o 8 reasons not to give up hope - and take climate action (4 April 2022): https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/04/1115512


• UNDP Campaign: Don’t choose extinction - A message to humanity from Frankie the dinosaur: https://dontchooseextinction.com/

• Sustainable Development Goal 13 - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts: http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/climatechange/


• Audiovisual Library of International Law
  o Air, Atmosphere and Climate Change / by Paolo Galizzi: https://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Galizzi_EL.html
  o Protection of the Atmosphere and Codification and Progressive Development of International Law / by Mr. Shinya Murase: http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Murase_EL.html
  o Climate Change and the Protection of the Ocean / by Dr. Nilüfer Oral: http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Oral_EL.html
  o The International Law of Climate Change after the Paris Agreement / by Mr. Jorge E. Viñuales: http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Vinuales_EL.html
  o Climate Change and Population Movement / by Mr. Walter Kälin: http://legal.un.org/avl/ls/Kaelin_DPR.html

• United Nations Library Geneva Research Guide on Climate Change: https://libraryresources.unog.ch/climatechange
• Ask Dag! What is the United Nations doing about climate change? https://ask.un.org/faq/332864
• Ask Dag! What is the history of the Paris Agreement (2015)? https://ask.un.org/faq/120272

Selection of Publications available online
• UNEP Publications on Climate Change: http://www.unep.org/publications/
• UNFCCC Publications: https://unfccc.int/about-us/press-and-media/publications
• IPCC Publications (including IPCC Assessment Reports): https://www.ipcc.ch/reports/
• World Bank Publications: https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/browse/subject?startsWith=C
• Climate Change Action for Sustainable Development (DESA, October 2015): http://bit.ly/1icXmUr
• Protecting People Crossing Borders in the Context of Climate Change: Normative Gaps and Possible Approaches (UNHCR, February 2012): http://www.unhcr.org/4f33f1729.html

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