RINGO and You
Researcher Engagement with COP26

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Research and Independent NGOs (RINGO)

- Second largest constituency of UNFCCC NGO observers
- > 1000 universities, think tanks, research centers, ...
- Website, listserv, meeting notes, timely COP and SB information [https://ringosnet.wordpress.com/](https://ringosnet.wordpress.com/)
- Access to some events, e.g. size limitations at COPs and intersessional meetings, like those of constituted bodies

International climate governance

Facilitative Working Group on the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (FWG LCIPP)

Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (KCI)
Negotiation agenda

Conference of the Parties
Twenty-fifth session
Madrid 2-13 December 2019

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
   (a) Election of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session;
   (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
   (c) Adoption of the agenda;
   (d) Election of officers other than the President;
   (e) Admission of organizations as observers;
   (f) Organization of work, including for the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;
   (g) Dates and venues of future sessions;
   (h) Adoption of the report on credentials.
3. Reports of the subsidiary bodies:
   (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;
   (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.
4. Reporting from and review of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.
5. Reporting from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention.
7. Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.¹
8. Matters relating to finance:
   (a) Long-term climate finance;
   (b) Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance.

Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
Fifty-first session
Madrid, Spain, 2-9 December 2019

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
   (a) Adoption of the agenda;
   (b) Organization of the work of the session;
   (c) Election of officers other than the Chair;
   (d) Mandated events.
5. Development and transfer of technology: joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network.*
6. Koronivis joint work on agriculture.*
7. Matters relating to science and review:
   (a) Scope of the next periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it; *
   (b) Research and systematic observation.
8. Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platforms.
9. Matters related to the forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures serving the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.*
10. Methodological issues under the Convention:
    (a) Revision of the UNFCCC reporting guidelines on annual inventories for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;

https://unfccc.int/cop25 Session pages
How issues get on the negotiation agenda

Dhanush Dinesh, Agriculture and the UNFCCC, Negotiating our climate: What is COP and why does it matter? Wednesday 25 March 2020
Parties and their negotiation groups

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Implementing the Paris Agreement

- **2018**: Adoption of the Paris Rulebook
- **2019**: COP25, November
- **2020**: UNSG Summit September 23rd
- **2021**: UNFCCC Secretariat collects new finance information
- **2023**: National inventory report on NDCs
- **2024**: New financial commitment due
- **2025**: Communicate new or updated NDCs
- **2028**: Communicate new or updated NDCs
- **2030**: Communicate new or updated NDCs
- **2031**: Decision on a common timeframe for NDCs
- **2050**: Net-Zero Emissions

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In sum

- Year round opportunities to engage, not just at COPs
- Shape one’s research agenda to address pending Qs on the negotiation agenda
- Work with NGOs and IGOs who have similar research focus
- Engage in workshops and other mandated events as experts
- Make submissions on focused questions
- Attend constituted body meetings, intervening and serving as expert contributor
- At COPs and SBs, present at side events, participate in exhibits, poster presentations, pavilion activities in the Blue Zone; also in the Green Zone
- Participate in other international meetings addressing climate change, like the CBD, Ozone Convention, SDG HLPF, IPCC, GEF, GCF
- Contribute to your country’s NDC revision
From now till COP26

- Prepare with this webinar: https://ringosnet.wordpress.com/cop24-tingo-pre-cop-webinar/

- Bookmark UNFCCC site and follow Secretariat announcements on Twitter: https://unfccc.int/

- Same with COP26 UK Presidency website: https://www.ukcop26.org/

- Attend virtual events intended to focus attention at times of originally scheduled meetings, e.g. Nov 23-Dec 4 UNFCCC Climate Change Dialogues, November/December 2020 (Climate Dialogues) (akin to June Momentum); UNSG Climate Summit; Climate Champions …

- Look for UNFCCCC workshop and submissions opportunities

- UK COP26 initiatives, Presidency scientific committee, COP26 university alliance, …
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