

SCoPA

STUDENT CONFERENCE ON THE PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT

A Voice for Youth Ages 14-19 in the Climate Change Debate

Mission Statement

The mission of SCoPA is to help empower youth to be an important part of national and global efforts to mitigate climate change through real world experiences of awareness and action. SCoPA also supports the work of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for sustainable development in schools and communities.



SCoPA's focus is in support of:

- *UN Sustainable Development Goal 13 on Climate Action,*
- *The Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings and related actions with member states to help mitigate climate change, and*
- *Providing educational support related to the work of various UN, and non-UN based mechanisms. This includes the important work of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).**

In these pursuits, SCoPA supports the Preamble to the Paris Agreement which includes an acknowledgement "that climate change is a common concern of humankind" and that "Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights". SCoPA is dedicated to this principal and understands its importance in climate change action.

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2018-2020

The 2018-2020 time period is one to learn and become active on mitigating climate change. Youth will learn, grow, and help us adjust SCoPA related to current events and the 2020 COP26 binding decisions in November of 2020.

- *Students and teachers* will have access to an orientation and training program on various climate change issues and the opportunity to become aware and provide their perspectives on their country’s role in mitigating climate change. The annual reports of the UNFCCC, and other reputable sources, are important components for youth awareness on climate change issues in their country.
- *Students will look* at their options to move from awareness to action by videoconference with their peers in another country on problems and solutions evolving from COP21. These web based videoconferences will have social media applications to help provide a global perspective to their discussions.
- *In February of 2020* selected students will be invited to NYC to present their ideas and recommendations to the United Nations. Youth not at the UN will be able to participate via an interactive webcast. A goal of the 2020 meeting at the United Nations is to offer a serious youth perspective on solutions to climate change for inclusion at the November COP26 meetings when climate change decisions become binding on the member states.

2021-2030

The 2021-2030 time period will have program and methodology adjustments with local and regional work. Future UN conferences will include innovative ways to envision real climate change through art, film robotics and more.

A mechanism will also be put in place by youth to keep youth leaders connected to this project after high school. Their “alumni” support and inside understanding will be very important to help ensure the future of the conference and the inclusion of youth in the movement to mitigate climate change. SCoPA is making climate change education real to help save the planet.

*UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)

With the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol in 1997 and the Paris Agreement in 2015, parties to these agreements have progressively reaffirmed the role of the UNFCCC as the UN entity tasked with supporting the global response to the threat of climate change.

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