



* **SCoPA: COP26**



SCoPA: COP26 has its focus in 2019-2020 in support of:

- *UN Sustainable Development Goal 13 on Climate Action and other related SDGs.*
- *The Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings and related actions with member states to help mitigate climate change.*
- *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).***
- *International distant learning applications bringing youth together in real time.*
- *Bringing to the United Nations a youth voice on mitigating climate change.*

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 principle and understands its importance in climate change action.

SCoPA Country Based Climate Change Model

2019-2020

The 2019-2020 time period is one for youth to become active participants in mitigating climate change. They start in the world they live in: their community, school, state, and nation. They become aware of what their country is or is not doing to help mitigate climate change. They do this by:

Using UN, NGO and scientific based materials, students work towards an early spring, 2020 international youth conference. It will be held at UNHQ/NYC with selected regional sites around the world. With a live webcast and other registered youth watching, youth will discuss and present their perspectives for possible inclusion in the COP 26 binding deliberations to mitigate climate change. SCoPA:COP 26 is a process to move youth from the world of their community to the global realities of climate change by the UN conference in 2020. In the COP26 binding agreement youth must be able to see that they can move forward with a belief that the needed steps are there to help save their planet from irreversible climate change.

Five Stepping Stones to COP26

This country-based awareness on climate change is a step-by-step model for participating *schools* in the 2020 global UN Conference to provide youth ages 14-19 a voice in the binding deliberations of COP26. The SCoPA social media component allows *individual youth* ages 14-19, from anywhere in the world, to register and participate in various ways, including the actual UN conference.

Using UN resources and SCoPA developed materials students will understand the reality of climate change in their world and what needs to be done to mitigate it.

- A. (Step One) Use UN based documents to determine what their country has voluntarily pledged to do, under the 2015 Paris Accord, to mitigate climate change.
- B. (Step Two) Using 10 SCoPA developed standardized questions, students assess what is really happening in their school, community state/province and nation.
- C. (Step Three) Students in participating schools are matched with students in schools in another country to share their awareness across cultures to help broaden their global perspectives on climate change. Through web based videoconferencing, and related social media applications, their global climate change perspectives will increase.
- D. (Step Four) In March, 2020, a one day SCoPA UN conference will be held at ***United Nations Headquarters to present their final youth report on problems and solutions to mitigate Climate Change. The UN Envoy on Youth will be invited to accept their proposal at the United Nations.

E. (Step Five) Through the results of COP26, youth participants from COP25 and COP26 will meet with SCoPA team in early 2021 to plan the necessary youth awareness and action steps needed through December 31, 2030.

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*The SCoPA: COP26 focus is an integral part of SCoPA’s mission to empower youth to help mitigate 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.

***A goal of the 2020 youth conference at the United Nations is to offer a serious youth perspective on solutions to mitigating climate change for possible inclusion in the November COP26 meetings when climate change decisions become binding on the member states. One day prior to this student led conference, a youth leadership team will meet in NYC for final review of their sponsored conference will be in a youth discussion format across cultures to vote on a final Youth Plan of Action to be presented to the UN on the 2nd Day.

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2021-2030

The 2021-2030 time period will have program and methodology adjustments with new 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.

The time for SCoPA is now. COP26 has arrived.
