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- 2. Structure and Functions of COP**
- 3. Key Issues and Challenges in Climate Negotiations**



1. Introduction to Climate Change and International Cooperation

- Overview of climate change science and impacts
- The need for global cooperation and agreements
- Historical milestones in international climate negotiations

1.1 Overview of Climate Change Science and Impacts

- Understanding the greenhouse effect and its role in climate change
- Key greenhouse gases: CO₂, methane, nitrous oxide, and others
- The historical context of climate change: from the industrial revolution to present day
- Impacts of climate change on ecosystems, communities, economies, and global security





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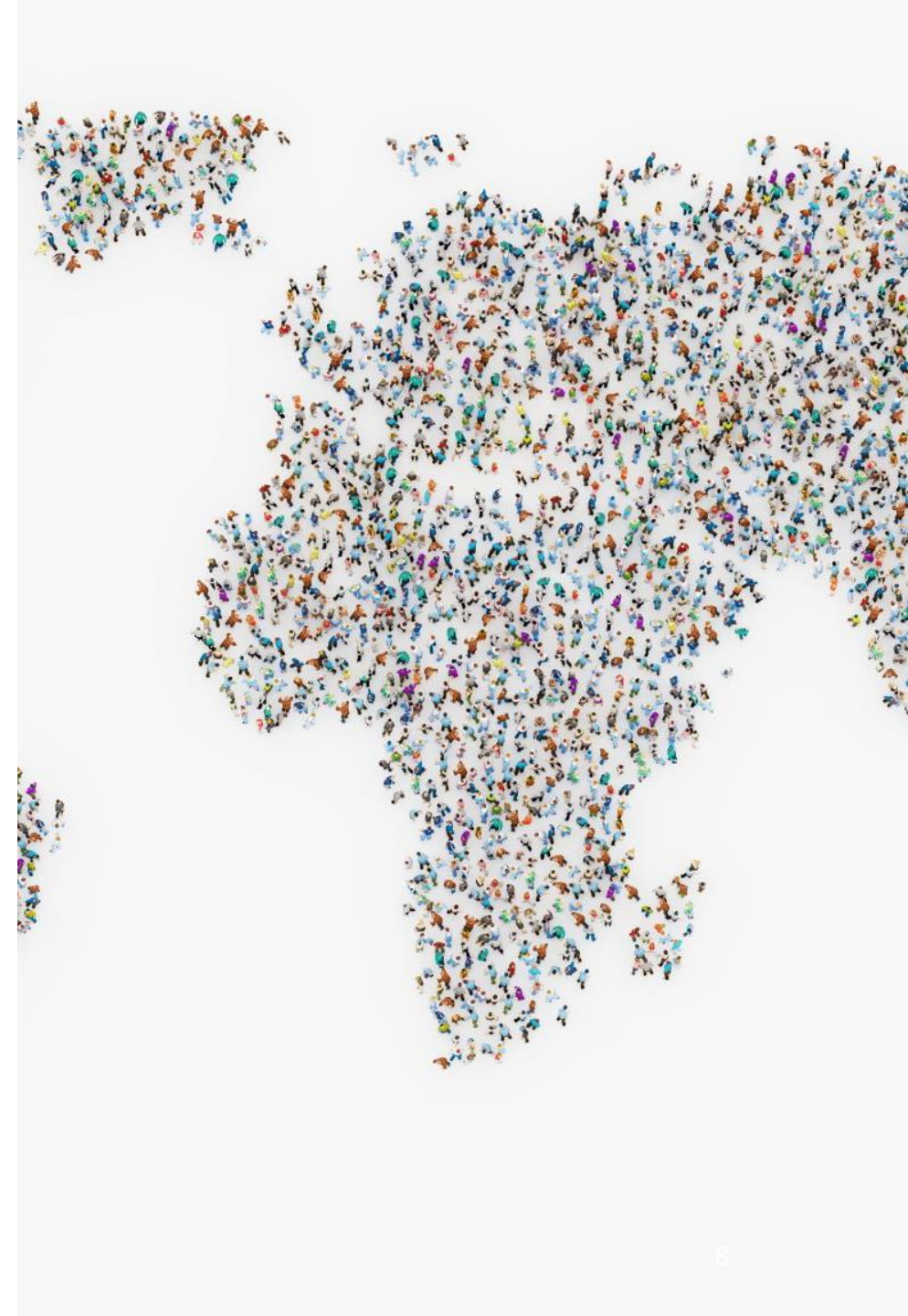


Climate Change – short overview

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcBXmj1nMTQ&ab_channel=AJazeeraEnglish
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1.2 The Need for Global Cooperation and Agreements

- Exploring the global nature of climate change and its cross-border effects
- Rationale for international cooperation: shared responsibility and differentiated capabilities
- Lessons learned from past environmental agreements and international cooperation efforts
- The role of diplomacy and multilateralism in addressing climate change





1.3 Historical Milestones in International Climate Negotiations

- Overview of key international agreements and conferences related to climate change
- The evolution of climate negotiations from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to the Paris Agreement
- Significance of major COP meetings (e.g., COP3, COP15, COP21) in shaping global climate policy



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Globate Climate Change Diplomacy – case study

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The history of climate negotiations

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Milestones in Climate Change

- Paris Agreement

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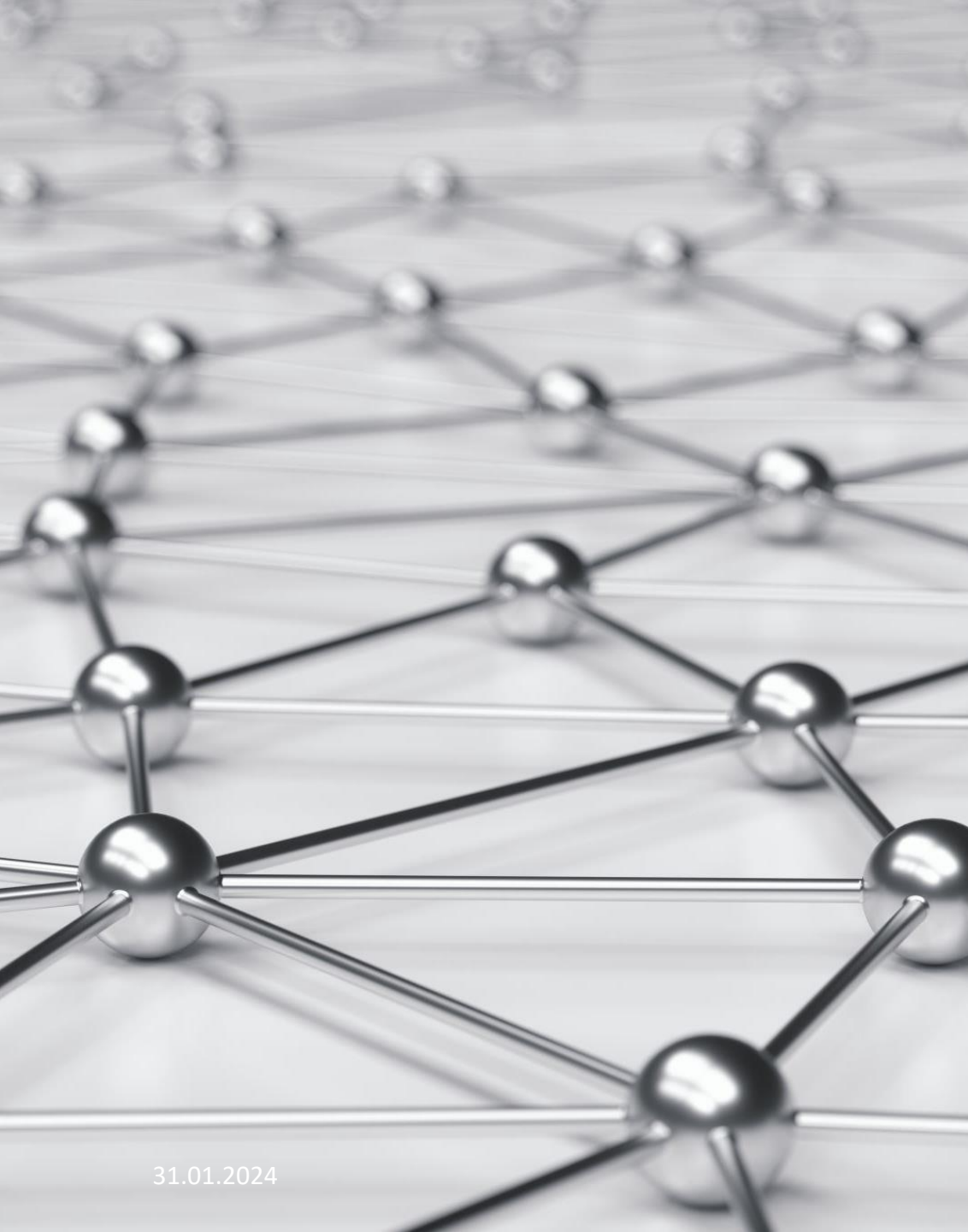


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Kyoto Protocol

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyqChuolrKo&ab_channel=CFREducation



2. Structure and Functions of COP

- Evolution and structure of the Conference of Parties (COP)
- Subsidiary bodies, working groups, and negotiating tracks
- Decision-making processes and mechanisms within the COP



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What is COP?

COP = Conference of Parties

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MVekqtEI_g&ab_channel=GreenpeaceUK



2.1 Evolution and Structure of the Conference of Parties (COP)

- Historical context and origins of the COP within the UNFCCC framework
- Overview of COP meetings and their frequency
- Differentiation between COP meetings, subsidiary bodies, and other associated events (e.g., SBI, SBSTA, CMA, APA)
- The role of the presidency, secretariat, and host country in organizing COP meetings

2.2 Subsidiary Bodies, Working Groups, and Negotiating Tracks

Introduction to
subsidiary bodies:
Subsidiary Body for
Implementation (SBI)
and Subsidiary Body
for Scientific and
Technological Advice
(SBSTA)

Their respective
functions, mandates,
and areas of focus

Overview of working
groups and ad hoc
committees within the
COP process

Specialized tracks and
thematic discussions
within the COP
framework (e.g.,
finance, technology,
adaptation)

2.3 Decision-Making Processes and Mechanisms within the COP

- Understanding the consensus-based decision-making process in COP negotiations
- Exploring the role of facilitators, chairs, and rapporteurs in guiding discussions and drafting texts
- Differentiation between various types of COP decisions (e.g., procedural, substantive, operational)



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Examples of COP:

- COP 26

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2loQD4bLeY4&ab_channel=Channel4News

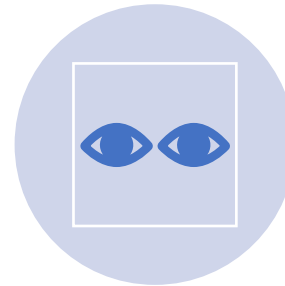
- COP 28 Ahead

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOxZI7FhIOI&ab_channel=TheNationalNews

2.4 Rules of Procedure and Transparency in COP Meetings



Overview of the rules of procedure governing COP meetings and negotiations



Importance of transparency, accountability, and inclusivity in the COP process



Mechanisms for observer participation and engagement in COP proceedings



Best practices for effective participation and advocacy within the COP framework



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Case studies- advocacy for climate change

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5B8eajiYzjE&ab_channel=UNClimateChange%3ALearn
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7dwoqJzETA&ab_channel=UNICEF

2.5 Interactive Session: Simulated COP Scenario



- Conducting a simulated COP negotiation exercise to provide participants with hands-on experience
 - Assigning roles to participants representing different stakeholder groups (e.g., developed countries, developing countries, NGOs, industry)

3. Key Issues and Challenges in Climate Negotiations

- Mitigation and targets: NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) and long-term goals
- Adaptation and resilience-building efforts
- Finance, technology transfer, and capacity-building





3.1. Mitigation and Targets: NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) and Long-term Goals

- Definition and significance of mitigation in the context of climate change
- Understanding **Nationally Determined Contributions** (NDCs) and their role in the Paris Agreement
- Differentiated responsibilities between developed and developing countries in mitigation efforts
- Assessing the effectiveness of current NDCs in achieving global climate goals

3.2. Adaptation and Resilience- building Efforts

- Defining adaptation in the context of climate change and its importance
- Exploring strategies for building climate resilience at local, national, and global levels
- Identifying vulnerable communities and regions and their specific adaptation needs





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Case studies of successful adaptation projects and initiatives around the world

- **Uganda**

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRcPB_w8QCk&ab_channel=WorldBank



3.3. Finance, Technology Transfer, and Capacity-building

- Understanding the financial mechanisms and instruments available for climate action
- Exploring the concept of climate finance, including public and private sources of funding
- Analyzing challenges related to technology transfer, intellectual property rights, and access to clean technologies
- Capacity-building efforts to enhance climate action at the national and local levels





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Case study for capacity building

- Paris Committee on Capacity Building
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROiTS7a2unY&ab_channel=ParisCommitteeonCapacity-building

3.4. Just Transition and Social Equity

- Defining the concept of a "just transition" in the context of climate policy
- Understanding the social, economic, and environmental dimensions of a just transition
- Examining policies and strategies to ensure a fair and equitable transition to a low-carbon economy





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Case studies of communities and industries successfully navigating a just transition

- South Africa
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-28LrIf2Q34&ab_channel=CenterforStrategic%26InternationalStudies
- Just Energy Transition Partnership Plan for South Africa
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BX_QnZSyihw&ab_channel=FRA_NCE24English