



Progress towards COP26 agreements

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Format of presentation

What COPs are

How COPs work

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Progress...

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What COPs are

1992 UN Earth Summit

Rio de Janeiro

‘there is a problem’

Annual COP on Climate Change

Other subject COPs

COP26 – Glasgow Nov 21

COP27 – Sharm El-Sheikh 6-18 Nov 22





How COPs work

- Progress > Nationally Determined Contributions NDCs to achieve Convention targets agreed since ANY prior COP
- Negotiate new targets towards which NDCs are requested
 - Game Theory & other negotiating techniques
 - Geopolitical changes since the previous COP

COP3/1997 > Kyoto Agreement to reduce CO₂ emissions

COP21/2015 > Paris Agreement to limit global ave temperature increase

Reasons for COP26 main agenda items

UK choose agenda



Cash – £ - DCs > LDCs by 2020

Coal – ‘it’s about time...’

Cars – alternatives to fossil fuels

Trees – formal deforestation targets

CO₂ emissions

Progress on Cash



2020 target of US\$100bn/pa > 2025
Higher value payments promised

Since then...

DC £ stretched – energy/food/Ukraine
fossil fuel ‘bonanzas’

LDCs/- Why NOT develop using fossil
fuels as DCs are still investing in it?

Cash – Meantime...Pakistan floods

500/700% more monsoon rain

c1300 people dead - 33m people affected

1/3rd Pakistan under floodwater

200 bridges / 3000 miles telecom lines gone

Contributes negligibly to carbon footprint
Request (demand) reparations from DCs



Progress on Coal

Not mentioned in prior COP agreements

China/India – ‘phase down’ NOT ‘phase out’

Since then...back to 2013

post-Covid econ recovery < grow industry

Ukraine > oil/gas supply > reopen mines

recession > ‘business as usual’ < fossil fuel

UK – Whitehaven coal mine – planet v jobs...



Progress on Cars

Reduce oil demand for personal transport as alternatives become widely available

Since then...

2021 – EV sales doubled

BUT

2022 – Ukraine war disrupts supply chains

2023 – higher parts prices depress sales



Progress on Trees



Set targets within formal COPs to –
cut methane emissions by 30% by 2030
end deforestation by 2030

Since then...

Congo logging/destruction – huge forests!
2020 Biological Diversity Convention delay
only 4 more parties sign for formal targets

2022 Geopolitical events – CO₂ emissions

Ukraine war / post-Covid recovery / intense global weather

‘Carbon bombs’

G7 2022 > local fossil fuel reserves

LDCs/- Why NOT develop using fossil fuels as DCs are still investing in it?

Putin? > Energy production become a national security priority

Green initiatives achieve energy resilience, independence >

reduces price for energy, food, consumables etc

Oh! ...and reduces CO₂ emissions as a by-product...

UK commitment to COP27

Fears for UK PM commitment to net zero target by 2050

Mini-budget >

new oil/gas licenses; fracking ban lifted; cancelled green levy

Does King Charles III absence from COP27

signal UK backtracking?

UK PM not yet confirmed attendance – other leaders have

Prognosis for COP27

COP26 targets 'at risk' < 16/197 parties updated NDCs

UK is not one of them!

UK 'asleep at the wheel' – COP27 progress is jeopardised

Best-case scenario

Proof that parties take CC seriously and seek to action pledges

Worst-case scenario

Struggle – id policies to achieve new targets / £ to deliver pledges

The 1.5°C target is 'on life support..its pulse is weak'

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