

International Report

2015



What is COP In MyCity?

COP in MyCity is a youth-led project which ambitions to bridge the gap between yearly climate negotiations (a.k.a. the COPs – Conference of Parties) and the mainstream public, foster education and action about climate change locally and create an international community of agents of change committed to global cooperation and dialogue on climate change.

The idea is commitment and empowerment of young people to fight climate change, mitigate and better understand climate change issues. COP in MyCity project give keys to become a change maker.

organized such as a FlashMob, open workshops with citizens in public places and conferences with civil society representatives.

COP 19 and Warsaw in Paris: let's get more ambitious!

The team decided to expand its initiative and created the Warsaw in Paris project: a mobilization and training initiative around the COP19. Technically, Warsaw in Paris was like Doha in Paris with a large education phase prior to the COP including the process of “simulation” of MyCity+20. Our team organized workshops about negotiation processes, simulations of the COP in one high school and three universities in the Ile-de-France region, as well as the sending of a French youth delegation to Warsaw to attend the COP19 in November.

The very beginning...

In 2012, the [MyCity+20](#) movement aimed at empowering young people with the concept of «simul-action: simulations that lead to action», which consisted in simulations of the Rio+20 Summit in ten different cities, paired with a debriefing phase and on-going mobilization. The core idea was to prove that youth was ready to play an active part in international negotiations and to shape its own vision for a sustainable world.

... COP18 and Doha in Paris



In December 2012, [CliMates](#) and [the REFEDD](#) (French Student Network for Sustainable Development) used this concept to organised a week of awareness-raising around the COP18 in Qatar. This event aimed at «inviting COP18» in Paris in order for students to discover the complexity of negotiation processes. The project also focused on bridging the gap between Paris-based participants and the delegation at COP18 in Doha via Skype calls. Moreover, various activities were

Let's get come crazy and international, COP in MyCity launch!

Following the Warsaw in Paris initiative, [COP in MyCity](#) was launched by [CliMates](#) in August 2013 and pushed for young climate leaders and youth organizations across the world to «invite» climate negotiations to their cities by running a simulation of climate negotiations and by mobilizing young people through concrete projects focused on the issue of climate change. In 2013, 46 events and 17 simulations were organised across the five continents with 1300 people reached.



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110+ simulations with 3500+ participants
8000+ people reached worldwide
28 countries in the community
8 local long-term projects subsidized

Our supporter



Our partner



Some of our events and projects:

Mali	Cleanup of the Niger Banks
Madagascar	Beach cleanup
Nepal	Selfie contest
Colombia	Video mobilisation
Togo	Poem contest
Benin	Tree planting

Tools & Methodology

COP in MyCity is an awareness-raising youth-led project organized in many cities of the world, around the official UNFCCC Conferences of the Parties. It can be a several months-long, large-scale process, or a shorter and smaller series of creative events. It follows three main steps: Training, Mobilization and Debriefing.

1) Before the COP: Education and awareness-raising

In order to reach as many people as possible, we need to ensure that everyone understands what is at stake. It can be done with micro-conferences that call back causes, consequences and issues about climate change. Then let's the fun part begin. Simulation role-games are one of the best tools to make people understand climate negotiations and climate issues.

2) During the COP: Mobilization

Let's make some noise! We need to mobilize citizens and young people in our cities during the COP for everyone to know what's going on in the negotiation processes. That is the time where we bridge the gap between the COP and us. Discover what you can do. Our Mobilization Toolkits are available in English, French and Spanish on our website.

3) After the COP: Debriefing

This time is devoted to discussion within our team and within the COP in MyCity community. We will share the results of our simulations and get all our positions reviewed. This is also the time where we will each discuss about what we can do at our city's level to fight against climate change.

Tools: Mobilization, Simulation and Change-Maker Toolkits.



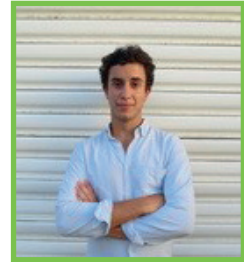
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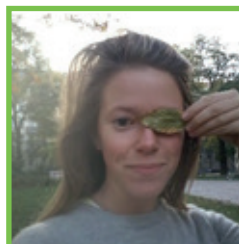
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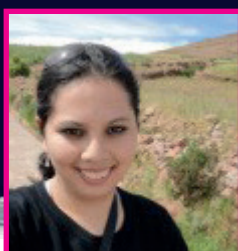
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Communication tools used in 2015:

COP'Leaders receive ongoing support with communication. They benefit from the project flyer designed by the coordination team to help them spread awareness about COP in MyCity and can receive flyers about their own events if they wish to.



COP in MyCity flyer 2015

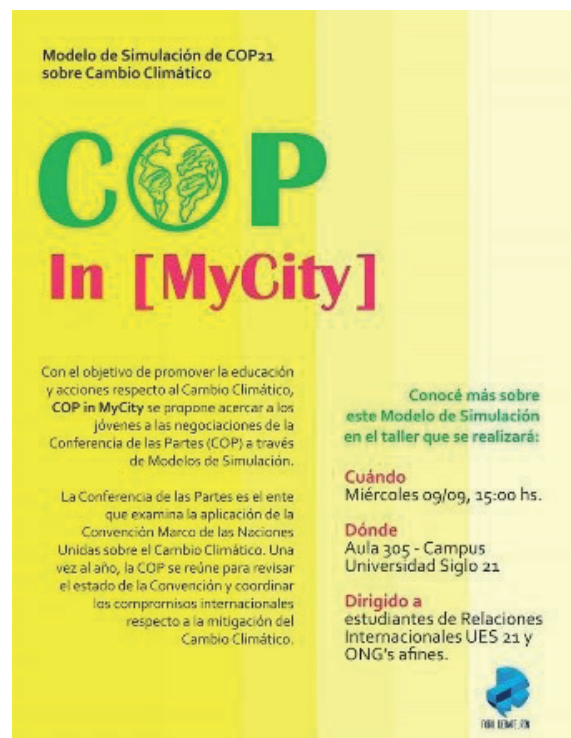


Flyer for COP in MyCity simulation in Ukraine

Many COP'Leaders produced their own communication materials and have their own facebook page.



Facebook page of COP in MyCity Nepal



Flyer of COP in Cordoba

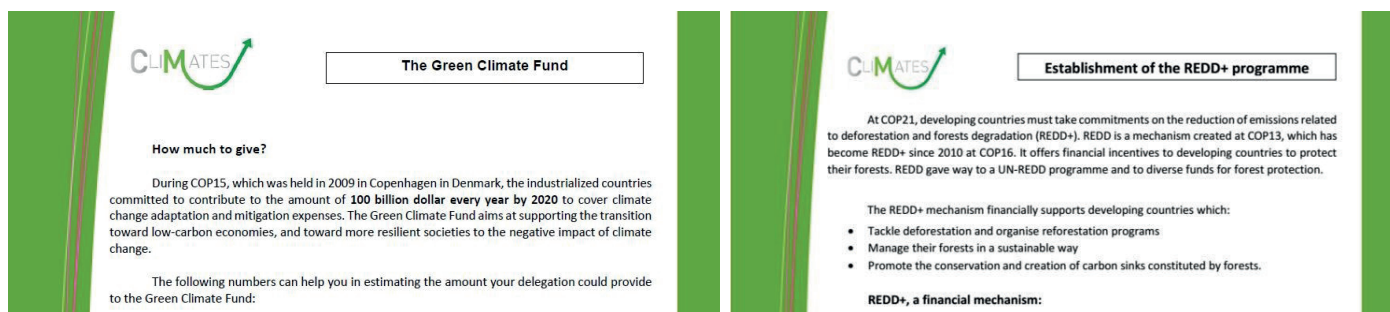
PART 1 : TRAINING

a) COP in MyCity increases knowledge

Training: In order to reach as many people as possible we need to ensure that everyone knows what is at stake.

Taking part in a COP in MyCity simulation

This year, COP in MyCity offered brand new guidance materials for COP'Leaders and participants to have a better grasp of the issues at stake in the Conferences of Parties. The coordination team developed informative sheets on tools and policies such as the Green Fund, REDD+ or greenhouse gases emissions reductions impacts throughout the time



Examples of informative materials provided

b) Simulations of COP

COP in MyCity bridges gaps with UNFCCC negotiations

Thanks to our partnership with Climate Interactive, COP'Leaders benefit from C-Roads software to visualise the impacts of the decisions, taken during their simulation, on global warming. This year, Climate Interactive launched the 4th version of C-Roads enabling simulations to be more and more realistic.

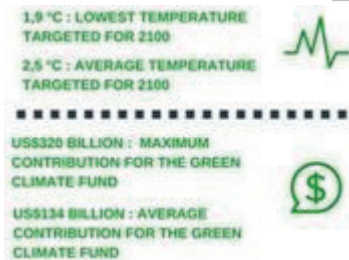
No need to be an expert to work with C-Roads! Thanks to its World Climate Exercise Setup button, COP'Leaders can access a simple interface and easily enter their data. Results are then straight-forward.



COP in Hamburg



COP in Tokyo



Spotlight on the COP in Bamako Universities from COP in MyCity Mali:

A few weeks before the famous COP21, COP in MyCity Mali organised a 2-day COP in MyCity simulation with several Bamako universities. Doing so, our highly-motivated team of volunteers in Mali made sure that a majority of students in Bamako had heard about climate change and the issues at stake in the forthcoming Conference of Parties.

8 universities and 10 youth related association gathered in Bamako to simulate the next climate negotiations. While participating in the serious game, students discovered the complexity of the negotiation process.

They all left with a better understanding of climate change issues and opportunities to take concrete actions with the youth movement for climate justice that represents COP in MyCity Mali.

Did you know ?

SeyniNafo, African groupspokesperon for COP21, personally supports COP in MyCity Mali! Have a look at his video:

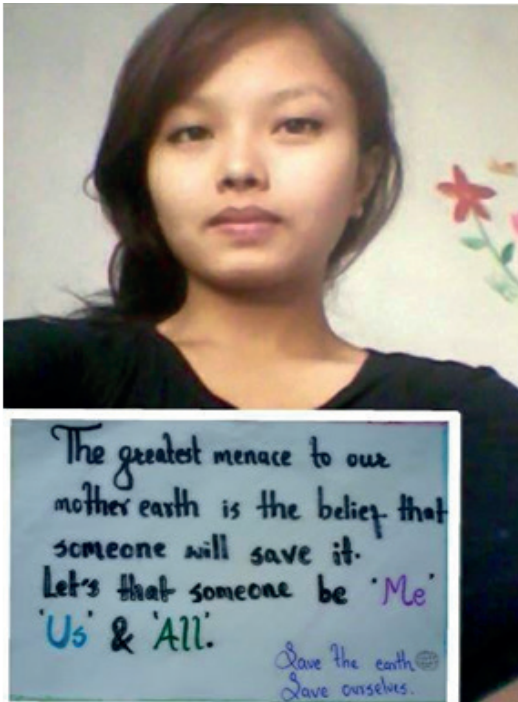
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DO-9J9vTjJdY>

Our team of volunteers in Mali was so dynamic that they launched their own local CliMates association. CliMates has now a child and it is called CliMates Mali.

Its objectives: To foster African initiatives for climate justice and raise awareness about climate change issues on the whole continent!

PART 2 : Mobilisation

COP in MyCity is not only about simulations of climate negotiations. To complete a COP in MyCity project, COP'Leaders commit to organise at least one mobilisation event to raise awareness about environmental issues, to mobilise their local community and take concrete actions against climate change.



COP'Leaders in Nepal and Tanzania decided to give the stage to local young people letting them the possibility to express their creativity for climate justice through selfie



Some COP'Leaders decided to promote local initiatives with the implementation of another CliMates' project: Innov'City.

Learn more at: <http://innov-city.wearereadynow.net/en/>

While others organised their own clean-up campaigns. Below COP in MyCity Madagascar invited artists to motivate its volunteers during beach clean-up.



COP in Cotonou with their Innov'Cotonou



COP in MyCity Mali



COP in MyCity Madagascar



Projet Sudi cop in mycity tanzania

COP in MyCity

ChangeMaker Grant 2015: winning

In 2015, the COP in MyCity central team decided to sponsor local and concrete mobilisation projects carried by COP'leaders in the world fighting directly or indirectly for climate justice.

The winning projects are..

«COP in Bogotá, a 3-day simulation, trees plantation and video mobilisation»

By Ana Maria Acosta (Bogotá, columbia)

«New Alternatives for a sustainable development in Africa»

By Bernard Bokodjin (NADAFF, Lomé, togo)

«Calavi en action pour le climat»

By Cristel Kénou (Young Pioneers for development, Abomey Calavi, Benin)

«Raising awareness about issues relating to the use of plastic bags and waste management in the business industry at the Tsévié regional Market»

By the whole coordination team of REJEF, Togo (Tsévié, Togo)

«COP en la escuela argentina»

By Maria Florencia Caminos

«21 solutions to sustain the campus»

By Zhi Su

«Climate change negotiation VS Ground reality : A call for climate action»

By Kabita Gautam

«Un autre regard sur le changement climatique, la parole aux jeunes»

By Marie Christina Kolo

Here are some pictures of Grant winners' on-going projects:



Distribution of bins in a primary school of Lomé and waste collection (Bernard, Togo)



Raising awareness about waste management issues in Tsévié (REJEF)



Training session with carpenters, farmers and healers / Trees plantation by children (Christel, Benin)

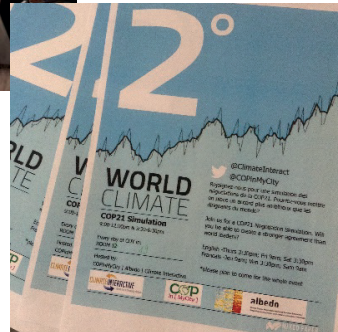


COP in Bogotá (Ana, Columbia)

COP in MyCity Community common events

COY11:

The 11th Conference of Youth, as well as the 21st Conference of Parties, happened in Paris this year. As Paris is also the city where the coordination team is based, coordinators decided to invite 5 COP'Leaders to join them and represent the COP in MyCity community at this Youth Summit. During the 3 days of COY11, they took part in various activities from facilitating simulations along with our partners Climate Interactive and Albedo to collaborating to the Youth Manifesto to doing an exceptional job of promoting COP in MyCity.



From Paris to Tokyo to Montreal, COY11 was everywhere and the COP in MyCity community contributed to make local COYs a great success. In record time, COP'Leaders organised COP in MyCity simulations of climate negotiations and mobilised young people around them for this COY. Even those who could not attend any of the events were mobilised and showed their support by organising and taking part in local events such as Climate Marches.



Climate March in Nepal



*COP in MyCity simulation at
COY11 Tokyo*



Climate March in Abomey Calavi



Coy11 Abomey Calavi Plantation workshop

COP21: In Paris, the COP21 period was so intense and with so many events that our COP'Leaders did not know what to choose. They notably took part in conferences, workshops and incredible evenings with the whole CliMates community. Some volunteers represented their countries in the blue zone while others raised young people's voice at the Youth Booth in the Climate Generations space.



Ornella, COP'Leader from Mali



Clément, from the COP in MyCity coordination team, cycling for the project and a tasty zero carbon



COP'Leaders from Nepal and China meeting each other



Bindu COP'Leader from Nepal, representing her country in the blue zone

The Climate Action Zone, held during the second week of COP21, gathered thousands of citizens and was the opportunity for the COP in MyCity community to create a beautiful collaborative mural representing the project's spirit and youth's expectations from COP21.



*HUGE THANKS
to our volunteer artist*



What it is to volunteer on COP in My-City: Testimonial from Deepak Ghimire,

I have been involved with COP in My City since 2014 and the journey has always been wonderful. It feels great working on the project and empowering youths on climate change issues. The most interesting part of the project that has always fascinated me is the simulation which lets the participant get acquainted with UNFCCC negotiation process and understand the global issues from very close.

During these two years of the project, I have been successful to empower more than 200 youths in my city through several trainings and simulations. Different mobilization projects such as plantations, clean-up campaigns, sensitization workshops and a climate march have been carried out together with the trained youths reaching thousands of school students and community people.

My heart fills with the greatest joys when I see highly motivated trained youths to work on climate change issues and carrying out several actions to fight back the impacts of climate change. COP in My City project has been very successful to make people understand better the climate change issues, empower them and motivate them to carry out action projects. Apart from this, the project also provides a platform to get connected with a global community of climate leaders and share the activities going around the different parts of the world.

It was a life-time opportunity to be at COY11 organized in Paris from 26-28 November. Different booths from different organizations provided lots of information about their several ongoing projects in the field of climate change. Plenty of workshops and presentations were the major part of the conference I loved. Young activists from different parts of world presented several actions regarding the climate change issues. I, along with other mates presented the COP in My City project to a thousands of visitors and it was great to see them being so much attracted by the project.

The civil society can make a difference in deciding the future of climate with their voices, actions, passion and activism. For the common goal of zero carbon emission and better climate to live in, every individual actions from are grass-root level are important. The negotiators must agree with a climate smart agreement for the sustainable way of development.

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