

COP In [MyCity]

**Join a global youth mobilization
to inspire meaningful climate action
and have an impact on international negotiations**



Organize a "COP in MyCity" around the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conferences.

The second commitment period of the **Kyoto Protocol expires in 2020**. The UNFCCC initiated a process in Durban to adopt a new instrument applicable to all Parties, to be agreed upon by 2015 at COP21 and implemented in 2020. The "COP in MyCity" initiative represents **a global, youth-led and simultaneous effort to ensure this deadline is achieved**.

Our project

COP in MyCity is a worldwide youth mobilization project on climate change, designed and coordinated by the international, student-led "Think & Do Tank" CliMates.

Its objectives:

- ◆ **Engage young people** and encourage cross-generational dialogue on the issues of climate change and the UNFCCC process;
- ◆ **Raise awareness** on climate change and international negotiations during the next Conferences of the Parties (COP): Warsaw in 2013, Latin America in 2014 and France in 2015.
- ◆ **Increase the pressure** to reach a new, binding, global agreement on climate change at COP21 in 2015.

Did you say "COP"?

The **Conference of the Parties** (COP) is the supreme body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), signed in 1992 at the Rio Earth Summit. All Parties to the Convention gather once a year in a Conference to analyze the progress of the Convention, and to take all necessary measures to prevent "catastrophic climate change". There have been 18 COPs since 1992. Despite the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol in 1997, the COPs have failed so far to involve all countries in a universal, legally binding structure.

What is a “COP in MyCity”?

“COP in MyCity” is an awareness-raising youth-led project organized **in many cities of the world**, around one of 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**:



GENESIS

2012 - Doha in Paris

A week of awareness-raising events around the COP18 in Qatar, organized in Paris by REFEDD (French Student Network for Sustainable Development) with the participation of CliMates.

2013 - Warsaw in Paris

The Doha in Paris project extended by CliMates and REFEDD and turned into a full 6-month project around COP19 involving simulations of negotiations in high schools and universities and the traveling of a youth delegation to Warsaw.

What is CliMates?

CliMates is an international, student-led think & do tank based in Paris, which independently **researches and implements innovative solutions to climate change**. Created in 2011, this organization aims to influence decision-makers at all levels, and supports the next generation of cooperation on climate change.

- Over a hundred student researchers and community leaders from more than 40 countries;
- More than 20 publications;
- 2 CliMates International Summits.

How can you get started?

CliMates will provide you with a complete toolkit and active support to **organize your own “COP in MyCity”**. Gather a minimum of 5 people, start studying climate change and negotiation issues and communicate about the COP in MyCity project with your network of friends, universities and high schools.

Contact us to receive our back up, training kit and practical informations: action@climates.fr.

Climate change doesn't wait, and knows no borders.
Why should we?

