

International Report

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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.

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 ongoing 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 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.

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.



3 years of COP in MyCity

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16000+ reached worldwide
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Tools & methodology

COP in MyCity is an awareness-raising youth-led project, around the official UNFCCC Conferences of the Parties. It can be 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 simulation: Training

In order to reach as many people as possible, the project requires everyone to understand what is at stakes. Trainings can be organized through micro-conferences that call back causes, consequences and issues about climate change. Then, let's the fun part begin!

2- During the COP simulation: Awareness raising

Let's make some noise! We need to mobilize citizens and young people in all cities for everyone to understand what's going on in the negotiation process. At that time, we bridge the gap between the COP and us.

3- After the COP simulation: Mobilization

At the end, some time is devoted to discussions within the teams and within the COP in MyCity community. This is also the time where we will each discuss about what we can do at the small scale to fight climate change.



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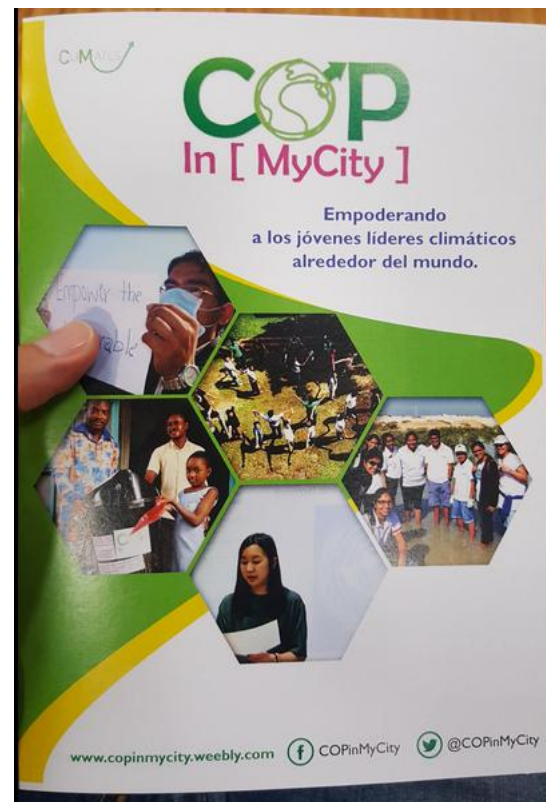
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Communication tools

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



COP in MyCity, flyer 2016



Flyer for COP in MyCity simulation, in Quito, Ecuador.



COP in Odalarevu, India

COP21, a momentum for the COP in MyCity community

120 simulations were organised before the COP!

Some of our COP'leaders attended COP21 :



And the project was presented with innovative ways :



Rewarding the mobilisation in the COP in MyCity Community, two awards we received :



Le Comité 21 fête ses 21 ans et lance 21 solutions pour demain, un dispositif pour donner à voir les initiatives et les pionniers qui inventent aujourd'hui le monde d'après.

The first one from the French network Comité 21. The project was part of the 21 solutions promoting a sustainable world

The second one from the French Presidency. The Project was part of the 100 projects for climate.



100 PROJECTS FOR THE CLIMATE


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.


In 2016, the team reworked the tools :

- ✓ The training tools now include COP21, the Nationally Determined Contributions and the link between Climate and Development with the Sustainable Development Goals
- ✓ The simulation is now focused on increasing the national ambitions in order to achieve the long term goals
- ✓ The mobilisation kit now include kits to help the community organise debates as regards the national policies



How to organise a brainstorming session on local issues?





- [I. Prepare your meeting](#)
- [II. Get everyone Warmed up !](#)
- [III. Let's start brainstorming !](#)
- [IV. Before you go](#)

The Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Countries across the globe adopted an historic international climate agreement at the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP21) in Paris in December 2015. In anticipation of this moment, countries publicly outlined what post-2020 climate actions they intended to take under the new international agreement, known as their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs).

The climate actions communicated in these INDCs largely determine whether the world achieves the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement: to hold the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C, to pursue efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C, and to achieve net zero emissions in the second half of this century.

Source: www.wri.org

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 straightforward.



COP in Baneshwor, Nepal.



COP in Ivory Coast.



COP in India.



COP in Dakar, Senegal.



COP in Lamjung, Nepal.



COP in Marrakech, Morocco



COP in Bhairahawa, Nepal.



COP in Bamako, Mali.



COP in Ecuador.

Spotlight on the COP in Africa organized by our Africa regional officer:

In these tough times of global warming, the world is more in need of green actions, youth must be efficient, committed and active to address common challenges, such as climate change. Africa is one of the best hopes in the fight against climate change, et for the success of Sustainable Development Goals (2030).

As part of COP in MyCity in Africa, and to commemorate the original signature of the United Nations regarding the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. CliMates, the international think-and-do-tank invited African Young Organizations to generate a synergy from September 25 to 27 in order to lead either a simulation of climate negotiations, or a green action, or both! During three days, several young people organized actions and simulations to tackle climate change.



COP in Democratic Republic of Congo.



Part II : 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.



Reforestation action organized by CONAJEC in Burkina Faso



Green actions in Cameroon



COP in Chitwan, Nepal

ChangeMaker Grant 2016: 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:

- Ashtha Lamsal, 'Management Of Plastics', Nepal
- Ekta Jayaswal, 'Awareness on Solid Waste Management', Nepal.
- Jasmita Khadgi, 'Creating Waste Café', Nepal
- Kismat Pachhai, 'Clean&Camp: Green city Butwal', Nepal
- Krishna Neupane, 'Workshop on Intervention of Climate Smart Agricultural Practices, Nepal
- Narayan Solanke, Greet 2, India
- Saad Jaradat, 'Climate change national week', Palestine
- Sapkota Sunil, 'Water Filter Installation Program', Bhutan
- Sharmila Pun, Workshop on "Climate Change and Agriculture, Nepal
- Sudeep Ghimire, Green Schools, Nepal



Clean&Camp; Green city Butwal



Workshop on Climate Change and Agriculture



Green Schools



Management Of Plastics



Awareness on Solid Waste Management



Creating Waste Café



'Workshop on Intervention of Climate Smart Agricultural Practices'



Climate change national week in Palestine



Water Filter Installation Program



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COP in MyCity community events

The 12th Conference of Youth as well as the 22nd Conference of Parties took place in Marrakech, Morocco this year. Four of our COP'Leaders were invited to represent the COP in MyCity community on this occasion. They were able to share their experiences, reflect on the trainings and simulations and engage in debates on various topics.

COY12 :

During the Youth Summit, thanks to our partner Climate Interactive, we organized two World Climate Simulations with more than 20 young people participating in the negotiations. It was very interesting to see the difference between these events and those held last year before the Paris Agreement.



COP22 :

COP in MyCity was also well represented during the COP22 in Marrakech. Featured at the Comité 21 booth, and integrated to events in the Green Zone, the COP in MyCity project was presented by several different members of CliMates.



Jay Ralitera, Comité 21 booth, COP22



Alice Guérin presents CliMates and COP in MyCity, Green Zone, COP22



Our Asia Regional Officer, Bindu Bhandari presents COP in MyCity during the Youth Day at the Nordic Pavilion, COP22

Testimonial

Well, time flies away and it has already been three years since I am involved in Cop In My City (CiMC) project of CliMates. Be it as a CiMC leader for 2014 and 2015 or as an Asia Regional Officer for 2016, I had a rewarding experience throughout this journey.

The interesting part of CiMC is that it is YOUNG; led by, of and for the youths around the world who dare to make a change, starting with oneself. Not every youth gets the opportunity to experience the United Nations Climate Change Conference aka COPs (Conference of Parties) in live. CiMC aims to bridge that gap between climate change negotiations and youth via its own developed toolkits and simulation methodology, which is definitely an enriching experience for everyone who participates.

In 2014 and 2015 I was able to lead simulation and mobilization events here in Nepal, in collaboration with various local institutions. The world of diplomacy always fascinates me and participation in 2nd CliMates International Summit, New York (2014) and accreditation as an Observer from CliMates at COP21 in Paris, France (2015) and COP22 in Marrakech, Morocco (2016) provided me hands-on learning experience to observe and understand the history, outcomes and expectations of international climate change negotiations. It was an overwhelming experience to share all these learning and experience to youths all around Asia while working as Asia Regional Officer for CiMC during 2016. Alone in 2016, I conducted three Training of Trainers (TOT) in three different cities of Nepal. Besides, I trained and supported young climate leaders from India, Bhutan and many other countries in Asia to conduct simulation, mobilize public for climate action and developing youth synergies through networking.

And what I loved most is the realization that I am growing each year together with CiMC family. I didn't only train youths but got the opportunity to learn a lot side-by-side. I believe youths are the present; not merely future and with all the energy and innovative ideas I observed, I can proudly say that the youth are the primary stakeholders in achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on 13th Goal i.e Climate Action.

Last but above all, via this testimonial I would like to applaud loud and proud to the entire Cop In My City family for all their contribution towards empowering the climate generation. Long live CiMC!

Green Cheers!

With Clim'love,

Bindu Bhandari

Asia Regional Officer (2016)