



## What is COP26?

The **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change** (UNFCCC) holds yearly conferences usually referred to as Conferences of the Parties (COP). The first, COP1, was held in Berlin in 1995 and its purpose was to assess progress in dealing with climate change. The next COP will be COP26 to be held in Glasgow in November 2021

## Other key dates in Global Climate Change Negotiations are:

<b>1987</b>	<b>Montreal Protocol</b> , formally Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, international treaty, adopted in Montreal in Sept 1987 that aimed to regulate the production and use of chemicals that contribute to the depletion of Earth's ozone layer. Initially signed by 46 countries, the treaty now has nearly 200 signatories.
<b>1988</b>	<b>IPCC</b> : The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is set up under the auspices of the UN. The IPCC was created to provide policymakers with regular scientific assessments on climate change, its implications and potential future risks, as well as to put forward adaptation and mitigation options.
<b>1990</b>	The IPCC produces its first assessment report.
<b>1995</b>	<b>COP1</b> (Conference of the Parties) takes place in Berlin.
<b>2005</b>	The <b>Kyoto Protocol</b> enters into force. It is the world's first greenhouse gas emissions reduction treaty.
<b>2015</b>	The <b>Paris Agreement</b> enters into force: it is the first-ever universal, legally binding global climate deal. The objective is to maintain the increase in global temperatures well below two degrees. The agreement includes commitments from all major emitting countries to cut their climate-altering pollution.
<b>2017</b>	President Trump withdraws the USA from the Paris Agreement because of the unfair economic burden imposed on American workers, businesses, and taxpayers
<b>2021</b>	<b>COP26</b> (the 26th UN Conference on Climate Change) will take place in Glasgow 1-12 <sup>th</sup> November. It will bring together 30,000 delegates including Heads of States, climate experts and campaigners to agree co-ordinated action to tackle climate change.