



SOS-UK webinar What happened at COP26?

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What we will cover today

1. What was COP26?
2. What were the outcomes?
3. Action happening locally
4. What next?
5. The experience at COP26 with Kelo Uchendu & Mana Saza

Welcome - SOS-UK

SOS-UK is an educational charity, focusing on sustainability. It was created by staff and students within NUS in response to the climate and ecological emergency.

SOS-UK runs programmes to create positive change **here and now** through student and staff action for sustainability, as well as national systems-change campaigns to deliver **long-lasting shifts** towards climate justice.

Whilst we are student-led and a lot of our work is within the education sector, we also have a strong focus on sustainability in our wider communities.

Today's session is part of our monthly webinar series for participants in SOS-UK programmes. Thank you for getting involved!



What was COP26?

What is COP?

- COP stands for ‘Conference of the Parties’ and is the United Nations climate change conference.
- COP26 was the 26th annual summit held 1st – 14th November, in Glasgow.
- COP26 was delayed by one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- COP26 was the opportunity for countries to revisit and update their commitments made under the Paris Agreement in 2015 (at COP21).



What were we hoping for?

- An ambitious deal to limit warming to 1.5°C.
- Meaningful and inclusive youth participation in decision-making, particularly those from the most affected areas.
- Climate education to be recognised as an integral part of climate action
- The asset management industry to adopt minimum climate standards (divest from coal, vote from climate shareholder resolutions at AGMs, align own companies to net zero, more transparency)



Mock COP26

- ✓ 330 Delegates
- ✓ 142 countries
- ✓ 72% Global South representation

Outputs: Global declaration with 18 ambitious yet realistic policies covering 6 themes:

1. Climate education
2. Climate justice
3. Climate-resilient livelihoods
4. Physical and mental health
5. Nationally determined contributions
6. Biodiversity



Climate Justice



['We are sinking': Tuvalu minister gives Cop26 speech standing in water to highlight sea level rise](#)

What were the outcomes?

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In the chat box, share any outcomes that you have heard about.

Broad outcomes

- The Glasgow Climate Pact
- Coal “phase-down”
- Glasgow Forest Declaration
- Financial, adaptation, loss and damage
- Enhanced Transparency Framework
- COP26 Health Programme

What were the outcomes?

Education-specific outcomes

- First ever Education Ministers' Summit, where Mock COP was the youth partner.
- 21 nations provided pledges as part of the summit committing to climate education at a national education policy level.
- The UK Department for Education used the summit to launch their [climate change and sustainability strategy \(draft\)](#).
- At a fringe event organised by the Department for Education, Mock COP26 and Teach the Future students, presented the 'Teach the Teacher' climate education workshop



What were the outcomes?

Finance and investments



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MARK CARNEY TO DRIVE FINANCE ACTION FOR UK CLIMATE TALKS



NET ZERO ASSET MANAGERS INITIATIVE



Was COP a success?

- Fossil fuel delegation = lobbying
- Not legally binding
- The Pact doesn't get us on track to keep temperatures below 1.5 degrees



“Our message - of ensuring the planet temperature rise remains within 1.5 degrees and that the costs of addressing a changing climate would not be unfairly placed on those of us who did the least to cause it - could not have been clearer.

“It is hard to understand why the prospect of a 2.4 degree temperature rise has not driven world governments to deliver on the promises made in Paris. It is hard to understand why the climate finance promise of \$100 billion per year is still outstanding. It is painful to see that no commitment at all has been made to pay for the unavoidable loss and damage faced by our communities.”

Fairtrade’s Head of Delegation for COP26 and Kenyan flower farmer, Mary Kinyua

Action happening locally

On-the-ground action

From SOS-UK social media accounts

As a Green Impact Architecture and Landscape Team, we launched Arts Tower Bike Buddy scheme to connect experienced cyclists with all staff and students who are new to commuting by bike, to assist them on their route to and from the Arts Tower at TUoS, to encourage sustainable travel



ARTS TOWER BIKE BUDDY SCHEME

New or getting back into cycling?
Unsure of the best route for your commute to the Arts Tower?
Want to cycle with someone else?
Our University of Sheffield BIKE BUDDY SCHEME can help.

The aim of the scheme is to connect experienced cyclists with staff & students who are new to commuting by bike. This will assist them in finding safe on their route to and from the Arts Tower at The University of Sheffield.

Who is the scheme for?

- Any staff or student based in the Arts Tower, who:
 - Has a bicycle but isn't confident cycling on roads
 - Is new to Sheffield and hasn't cycled here before
 - Wants some company on their cycling commute
 - Has a bike and needs a bit of advice to get it working
 - Would like advice on routes to and from campus
 - Is an experienced confident cyclist who regularly cycles to the University and wants to support others

What can Bike Buddies help with?

- Local knowledge of routes to/from the University and around the main campus
- Assist with selecting the most appropriate route and riding it with you
- Tip on riding in traffic, in different environments and in different weather conditions
- Advise on where you can park your bike at your place of work/study
- Advice on maintenance and minor repairs

What can't Bike Buddies help with?

- Teaching you how to ride - other schemes are available for this purpose such as **PEDAL READY**
- Fix a bike - while buddies may be able to advise on basic maintenance checks **THE CYCLE HUT** on campus offers maintenance, repairs & servicing

To become a Bike Buddy or to be paired with one just scan this QR code and fill out the form

tinyurl.com/5thward4x



MBUGreenTeam @MBUGreenTeam · Nov 5

Replying to @sosukcharity

Thought it would be the right time to recycle half a year worth of crisp packets and coffe capsules for the unit 🌱💚



On-the-ground action

- More than 100 protests across the UK, and 300 worldwide on every continent, demanding climate justice
- University College of Estate Management launched their Energy & Carbon in the Built Environment CPD offering
- University of York released their Sustainability Plan and ran a Carbon Reduction Challenge Sprint to encourage staff and students to take action locally

What happened where you are?

What next?

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What does this mean for organisations?

What could this mean for organisations?

- Using positions of influence
- Sharing best practice
- Being ambitious and transparent
- Meaningfully engaging youth and those on the front line of the climate crisis in decision making
- Facilitating and encouraging climate conversations and actions
- Change the 'status quo'
- Considering how land is managed

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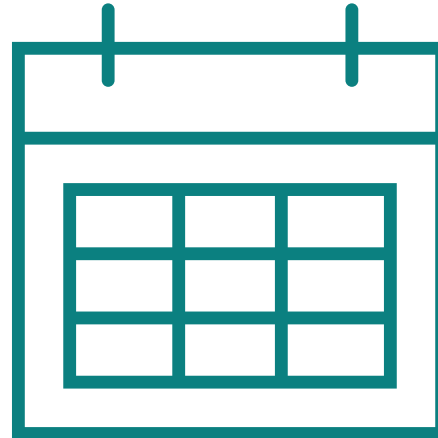
What does this mean for individuals?

What could this mean for individuals?

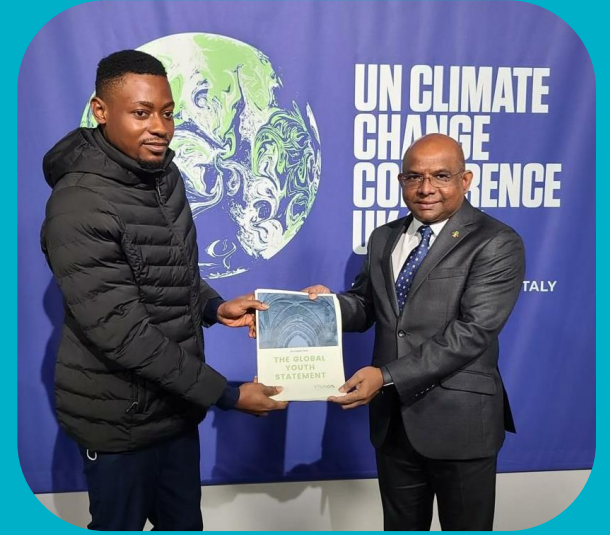
- How do we travel, use and share our roads? Bicycles, cargo bikes, public transport, electric vehicles
- Pensions, banking and investments
- Education and the curriculum
- Food and farming: halting deforestation could lead to higher food prices, or a change in availability of some products
- More green space in urban areas
- More mobilising to campaign and lobby for changes needed

Looking forward: COP27

- COP27 is due to be held in Egypt in Nov' 2022.
- We hope to run the second Education Ministers' Summit, alongside more plenary and fringe events to progress the demands of young people.
- We will be continuing to support young people to lobby for the Mock COP26 treaty asks to be implemented in the run-up to COP27.



Thoughts & experiences of COP26



Kelo Uchendu, Mock COP Campaign Coordinator
Mana Saza, SWiTCH Association of Sustainability

Any questions or
reflections?

Our next webinars

Join us in 2022 for more webinars!

- Wednesday 19th January 2022, the SDG Teach In
- Wednesday 9th Feb 2022, monitoring local wildlife
- Tuesday 22 March 2022, lifelong learning for sustainability

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Further reading, videos, and references

- Read the full Glasgow Climate Pact: <https://ukcop26.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/COP26-Presidency-Outcomes-The-Climate-Pact.pdf>
- Mock COP26 declaration: <https://www.mockcop.org/treaty/>
- Fairtrade Foundation response: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/news/fairtrade-reaction-to-cop26-final-communique>
- Healthcare without harm blog post on healthcare climate action at COP26: <https://noharm-europe.org/articles/news/europe/healthcare-climate-action-cop26>
- COP26 Health Programme summary: https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/climate-change/cop26-health-programme.pdf?sfvrsn=cde1b578_10
- 'We are sinking': Tuvalu minister gives Cop26 speech standing in water to highlight sea level rise: YouTube video
- Recording of the Education Ministers' Summit: <https://unfccc-cop26.streamworld.de/webcast/presidency-event-the-joint-event-of-education-and->
- Teach the Teacher broadcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxowN-xvxhw>
- Teach the Future policy asks: <https://www.teachthefuture.uk/policy>
- My Climate Reality videos: <https://www.mockcop.org/climate-reality/>