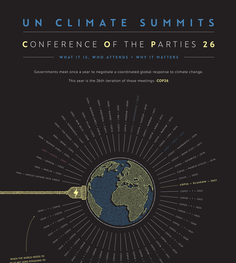
# UN CLIMATE SUMMITS

## CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES 26

WHAT IT IS, WHO ATTENDS • WHY IT MATTERS

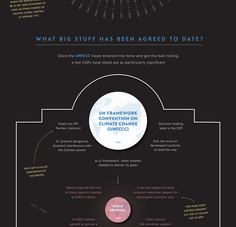
Governments meet once a year to negotiate a coordinated global response to climate change

This year is the 26th iteration of those meetings: **COP26**




## WHAT BIG STUFF HAS BEEN AGREED TO DATE?

Since the UNFCCC treaty entered into force and got the ball rolling, a few COPs have stood out as particularly significant


UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC)
Treaty has 197 Parties (nations)
Decision making has to be UNANIMOUS
Pays the wise kin - Developed countries to lead the way
Are a "framework" other treaties needed to deliver its goals
KYOTO PROTOCOL
Nations agreed the first of these specific treaties at COP3 in Kyoto.
It set out legally binding emission reduction targets for developed countries only.
Kyoto's failure to include developing countries in its remit was its Achilles heel (?)
Kyoto's failure to include the US was its other Achilles heel (?)
Kyoto's failure to include both was its fatal flaw (?)
COPENHAGEN
"Great attempt at a global regime for reducing greenhouse gas emissions."
"Failed" The first time every nation gathered to discuss climate change emissions.
Nations agreed on a new way to hold and regroup/reshape/reshape for future years (?)
PARIS AGREEMENT
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