

COP30 (Adaptation to Climate Change)



The first target is to strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries.

Mitigation vs Adaptation

- climate mitigation involves efforts to reduce or prevent the emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs) into the atmosphere, ultimately mitigating the root causes of climate change.
- Adaptation means anticipating the adverse effects of climate change and taking appropriate action to prevent or minimise the damage.

COP 27 (Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt)

- The impacts of climate change cannot be avoided, so the focus was on building resilience of the most vulnerable communities.
- COP27 focused on increasing adaptation solutions.
- For the first time, countries recognized the need for finance to respond to loss and damage associated with the catastrophic effects of climate change.

COP 28 (Dubai, UAE)

- The parties have developed an inclusive framework for the Loss and Damage Fund to reduce exposure and vulnerability, as well as enhancing effective climate change adaptation.
- Focus areas of COP28 include helping the most vulnerable communities adapt to the effects of climate change.
- In a major step forward, Parties agreed on targets for the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) and its framework.

COP 29 (Baku, Azerbaijan)

- At COP29, parties took significant steps to operationalize the Global Goal on Adaptation, aiming to enhance the measurability and effectiveness of adaptation actions.
- Introduction of a high-level ministerial dialogue on adaptation was agreed.
- The developing countries demanded USD 1 trillion in climate finance but only received pledges for USD 300 billion.

COP 30 (Belem, Brazil)

- Climate adaptation was central area at the conference.
- COP30 was framed as the “COP of implementation”, with the goal of putting into practice commitments made at previous conferences.
- The final text calls on wealthy countries to triple climate adaptation spending by 2035.
- The absence of the United states leaves finance and leadership gaps.

Recommendations for Future COPs

- Ensure adaptation finance is reliable and guaranteed, not only pledged.
- Improve monitoring and accountability of adaptation progress.
- Strengthen global leadership and full participation from major economies.