

Webinar on

Advancing Climate Diplomacy

in the Global South: The Road to COP28



22nd June 2023



09:00 am – 11:00 am (GMT)

02:00 pm – 04:00 pm (PST)

Climate change is a global challenge that requires collaborative efforts and effective diplomacy. The Global South, consisting of developing nations, plays a crucial role in shaping international climate policies and negotiations. For COP28 (30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), it is essential to explore the unique perspectives and challenges faced by the Global South in climate diplomacy. This webinar proposal aims to delve into the topic of climate diplomacy in the Global South and highlight the significance of COP28 in shaping the future of climate action.

WEBINAR OBJECTIVES:

- i. To provide an overview of climate diplomacy and its importance in addressing global climate challenges.
- ii. To explore the specific challenges faced by the Global South in climate diplomacy and the role they play in shaping international negotiations.
- iii. To discuss the key priorities and expectations of the Global South for COP28.
- iv. To highlight successful examples of climate diplomacy from the Global South and draw lessons for future action.
- v. To foster dialogue and collaboration among participants to develop innovative strategies for effective climate diplomacy in the Global South.

PROPOSED AGENDA:

- i. Welcome and Introduction (5 minutes)
- ii. Briefly introduce the topic and set the context for the webinar.
Understanding Climate Diplomacy (15 minutes)
Define climate diplomacy and its significance in global climate governance.
- iii. Highlight the role of the Global South in climate diplomacy.
Challenges and Opportunities for the Global South (20 minutes)
Identify the unique challenges faced by the Global South in climate diplomacy.
Discuss the opportunities and strengths of the Global South in advancing climate action.
- iv. COP28: Expectations and Priorities (20 minutes)
Provide an overview of COP28 and its significance.
Present the key expectations and priorities of the Global

- v. South for COP28.
- v) Case Studies: Successful Climate Diplomacy in the Global South (20 minutes)
Present case studies highlighting successful climate diplomacy efforts from the Global South.
Analyze the factors that contributed to their success and draw lessons for future action.
- vi) Panel Discussion: Strategies for Effective Climate Diplomacy (30 minutes)
Engage in a panel discussion with climate experts, policymakers, and representatives from the Global South.
Explore innovative strategies to enhance climate diplomacy efforts in the Global South.
Q&A Session (15 minutes)
- vii) Open the floor for participants to ask questions and seek clarifications.
Conclusion and Closing Remarks (5 minutes)
- viii) Summarize the key takeaways from the webinar
Provide closing remarks and express gratitude to participants.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

- Climate diplomats and negotiators from the Global South.
- Policymakers and government officials involved in climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- Academics, researchers, and students interested in climate policy and diplomacy.
- Climate activists, NGOs, and civil society organizations working on climate issues.
- International organizations and institutions engaged in climate negotiations and policy-making.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- Increased awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by the Global South in climate diplomacy.
- Enhanced knowledge about COP28 and the role of the Global South in shaping its outcomes.
- Identification of innovative strategies and best practices for effective climate diplomacy in the Global South.
- Strengthened collaboration and networking among participants for future climate diplomacy efforts.

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