

First international preparatory meeting for COP21 in Paris

23-24th August 2014 - Paris

Aims, agenda and logistics for this meeting

The aim of this 1st international meeting to prepare civil society actions around COP21 in 2015 is to both:

- Prepare the local, national and international mobilization for COP21. The point of the meeting is not to spend too much time analyzing the negotiations but focus to on the frameworks and spaces, messages and tools that we need to amplify the mobilization and make as much noise as possible.
- Prepare COP21 mobilization in light of the mobilization for the Ban Ki Moon summit, the People's Summit in Lima at COP20 and all the other actions planned throughout 2015 and beyond.

In order to facilitate the discussions, we welcome and encourage you to send your ideas, proposals and reactions to the agenda items across before August 15th at this email address: contact@coalitioncop21.org. These contributions will be compiled and sent to all the participants registered for the meeting so that they can come prepared and informed.

After the meeting in Paris on the August 23rd and 24th, we will meet again in New York, Venezuela and Lima in 2014, and we will discuss the next steps and meetings required in 2015. In addition to the meetings we can organize during the UNFCCC negotiations and other international meetings like the World Social Forum in Tunis (March 24-28, 2015), the French coalition believes two specific meetings will be required in 2015 - one international meeting early June, in Paris, before the Bonn session, and one European-focused meeting in the Fall season, before COP21. We can discuss this further on the 23rd and 24th of August.

Draft agenda

Saturday August 23rd

9h30 - welcome, yummy croissants

10h00-10h45

- Agreement on the objectives and agenda for the meeting
- Presentation of the French coalition and update on its activities
- Presentation of the international networks and expectations/experiences

10h45-12h00

- State of play in the UN negotiations and the process in the run-up to December 2015 and even beyond (15 min)
- State of play in France and the EU(10 min)
- Questions/clarifications
- Identify key substantial/strategic issues

12h00-13h00

- Learning from mobilization experiences in previous COPs and international conferences.... (15 min)

- Discussion on the aims, challenges, stakes, etc

Lunch

14h-15h00

- From COP20 to COP21: presentation of the stakes for and actions by the Peruvian coalition (30 min)
- Discussing expectations on mobilization coordination around COP21? Ideas from different international networks (30 min)

15h00-16h00

Workshops (themes to be more clearly defined)

- Which spaces and activities for civil society in Paris in December 2015? What are the needs and what for? Zoom on the Klimaforum experience
- Outside the COP: how do we mobilize locally ? virtually/digitally? outside of France?
- Which international mobilizations for the general public before and during the COP?
- And which mobilizations in public spaces in Paris (where? what? which street mobilizations?)

16h30-17h30

Plenary discussion : feedback from the groups on their initial proposals

- How do we combine the inside/outside strategies
- How do we build an international process from here to Paris 2015?
- Which international initiatives ahead of Paris: Venezuela, New York, Peru, Bonn, etc

17h30-19h00

Working groups: split into 3 or 4 working groups to discuss further the key proposals/issues identified earlier

Sunday August 24th

9h00-10h30

What happens in Paris in November-December 2015 ?

- Present a summary of yesterday's discussion
- Identify agreements and disagreements on each propositions (demonstration, people's summit, etc).

Discussion

10h15-12h00

From Ban Ki Moon Summit to after 2015: which initiatives, which steps in mobilization do we need to make drastic change?

Discussion

Lunch

13h30-15h : Modalities and key moments to work hand in hand

15h15-16h30 : what communication tools? when? which working groups and who facilitates what?

Logistical information

Where and When?

- Saturday 23rd from 10 AM to 7 PM

At University Paris VII - Diderot - 5 rue Thomas Mann, in the building "La Halle aux Farines"
Metro line 6 - Station Quai de la Gare (10 minute walk) / Metro Line 14 or RER C - Station François Mitterrand (5 minute walk)
By bus: on lines 325 - 132 - 89 - 62

- Sunday 24th August from 9 to 5 PM
- At the Confédération paysanne - 14 rue Robespierre, Bagnolet
Metro Line 9 - Station Robespierre (10 min walk) / Metro Line 3 - Station Porte de Bagnolet (10 min walk)

Translation

The meeting will be translated in French/English (and Spanish if necessary)

Traveling and housing arrangements

The French coalition unfortunately does not have funds to support participation. However, we have a list of low-cost housing options that we can provide you with.

Be aware that hotels are often packed in Paris during the summer holidays so please book fast. Also remember that Paris is small and you will never be too far.

Meals

On Saturday, lunch will not be provided but the social movements meeting in the same building are organizing a food market (from 5 to 10 euros).

On Sunday, lunch will be provided (and small donations much appreciated).

Contact for registrations and questions : contact@coalitioncop21.org