COP31 and the UN Climate Change Process

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What is the COP?

Formal Treaty Body

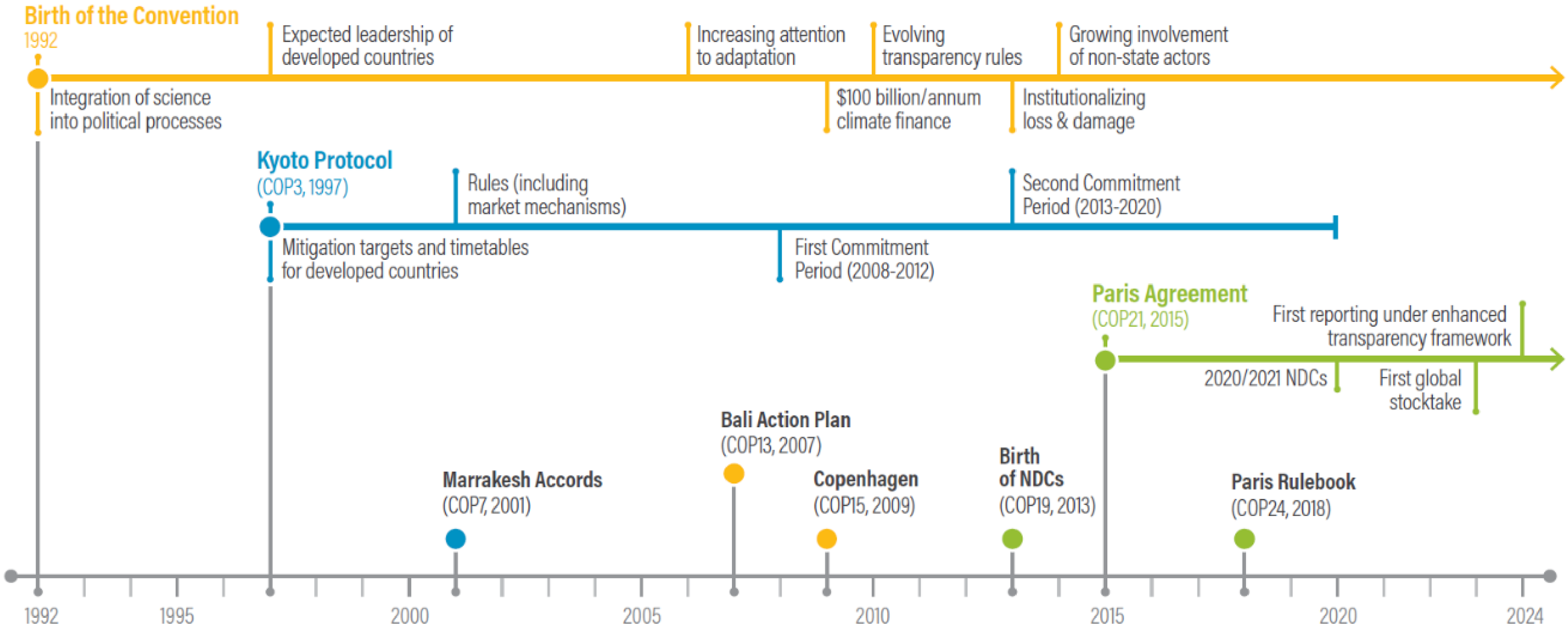
- Meetings of the Framework Convention, Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement and subsidiary bodies
- Formal negotiations and treaty decision-making
  - Developing rules & guidance
  - Setting collective targets
  - Advance transparency
  - Support action

Climate Expo

- 50,000 participants, from governments, UN and non-government organizations, media, and more
- Political platform, including a Leaders Summit with participation from heads of state and government
- Country and thematic pavilions
- Thousands of events

COP = Conference of the Parties

Development of the UN Climate Change Process

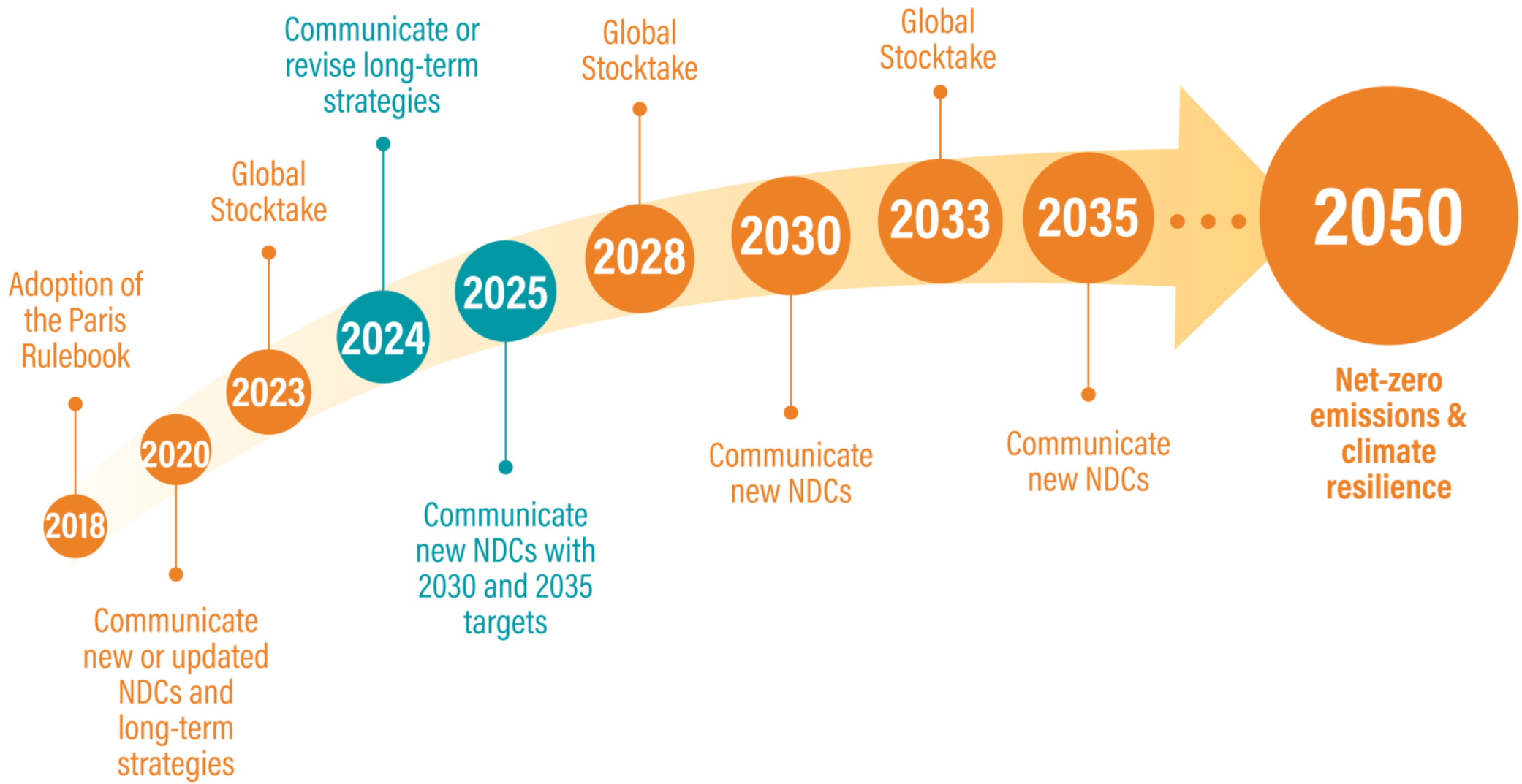


WRI research, Toward More Effective Implementation of the Paris Agreement: Learning from 30 years of experience (2021)
https://www.wri.org/research/toward-more-effective-implementation-paris-agreement-learning-30-years-experience

The Paris Agreement's theory: A cycle of plan-implement-review



The Paris Agreement's Arc of Ambition



1. **Debates over roadmaps to transition away from fossil fuels.** After contentious negotiations, the Brazil COP30 Presidency led, under their own effort, development of a roadmap to transition away from fossil fuels and halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation.
2. **Indicators for tracking adaptation progress.** Indicators for Paris Agreement's Global Goal on Adaptation were finalized.
3. **New target to triple finance for climate adaptation.** Countries agreed to triple adaptation finance by 2035 to $120 billion.
4. **New process to address workers' and communities' rights.** Countries agreed to establish a "just transition mechanism."
5. **Brazil reenergized and reorganized the Global Climate Action Agenda**, reinforce connections between government and non-state actors to drive greater climate action.
6. **Brazil led development of new fund for tropical forest conservation—the Tropical Forests Forever Facility.** Initial pledges were received toward the initial target capitalization.



Where Did COP30 Leave Off?

1. **Make clean electrification affordable, reliable and accessible.** The global economy remains dangerously vulnerable to fossil fuel disruptions, as we're seeing right now with the war on Iran. COP31 offers an opportunity to turn this latest fossil fuel shock into a catalyst for more resilient energy systems.
2. **Step up adaptation and resilience.** Adaptation saves lives, strengthens economies and protects communities. According to WRI analysis, every $1 spent on climate adaptation can create more than $10 in benefits over 10 years.
3. **Integrate ocean-based climate solutions into national and multilateral policy.** Support for ocean-based climate action is higher than ever before. But the biggest opportunities are still largely untapped. COP31 provides an opportunity to finally harness the ocean's potential for climate action.



What to Watch at COP31