



**United Nations**  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change

### How does this interactive guide work?

The 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (referred to as the UNFCCC or the Convention) provides the foundation for multilateral action to combat climate change and its impacts on humanity and ecosystems. The 1997 Kyoto Protocol and the 2015 Paris Agreement were negotiated under the UNFCCC and build on the Convention.

The objective of the UNFCCC is to “stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system”. The UNFCCC sets out a framework and a process for agreeing to specific actions over time—a starting point for further action in the future. It establishes a framework of general principles and institutions, and sets up a process through which governments meet regularly to discuss climate change action.

This interactive guide seeks to provide a starting point that will help new readers see the ‘big picture’ of the United Nations climate change regime, the international negotiating process and the continuous global efforts to combat climate change. This interactive guide provides short summaries of many of the key topics of the UN climate change process, along with visual aids and hyperlinks that guide the reader to the extensive information available on the UNFCCC website.