

Priorities – national and international

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Manifestos

VOTE



Great British Energy capitalised with 8.3bn

National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority and 10-year infrastructure plan

£500m for green hydrogen, £1bn carbon capture, £1bn new gigafactories

More green skills training

Circular economy

Industrial strategy, including AI & Regulatory Innovation Office

Analysis:

Emphasis on circular economy

No overarching commitment on nature and marine 30x30

No strategic skills strategy in manifesto

No detailed plan on grid connection

Where does nature sit in relation to planning and housebuilding?

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Reform Climate Change Committee EA and NE, considering costs/rural economy

Deliver net zero 2050 but guarantee a vote in the next Parliament

Scale up nuclear power and CCS

Invest in Green Industries

Supporting skills and training



Analysis

No real narrative about how new policies will join up with current ones (e.g. BNG) or how current ones will join up better.

No overall green skills strategy

It would be helpful to have and understanding of whether current government departments would be reconfigured.



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Hold big companies to account by giving them a duty to protect the environment

Net zero by 2045

Water companies – public benefit companies

Apprenticeship schemes

Tax on social media and tech giants



Analysis

Putting the environment at the centre of the economy – bold move?

No clear plan for skills and training

No sense on how these new plans join up with the complex current system

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Our first 100 days



Informing

Working with our established contacts to understand new government's priorities



Understanding

Members' areas of concern and desire for engagement



Collaborating

With organisations with whom we share common values and aspirations

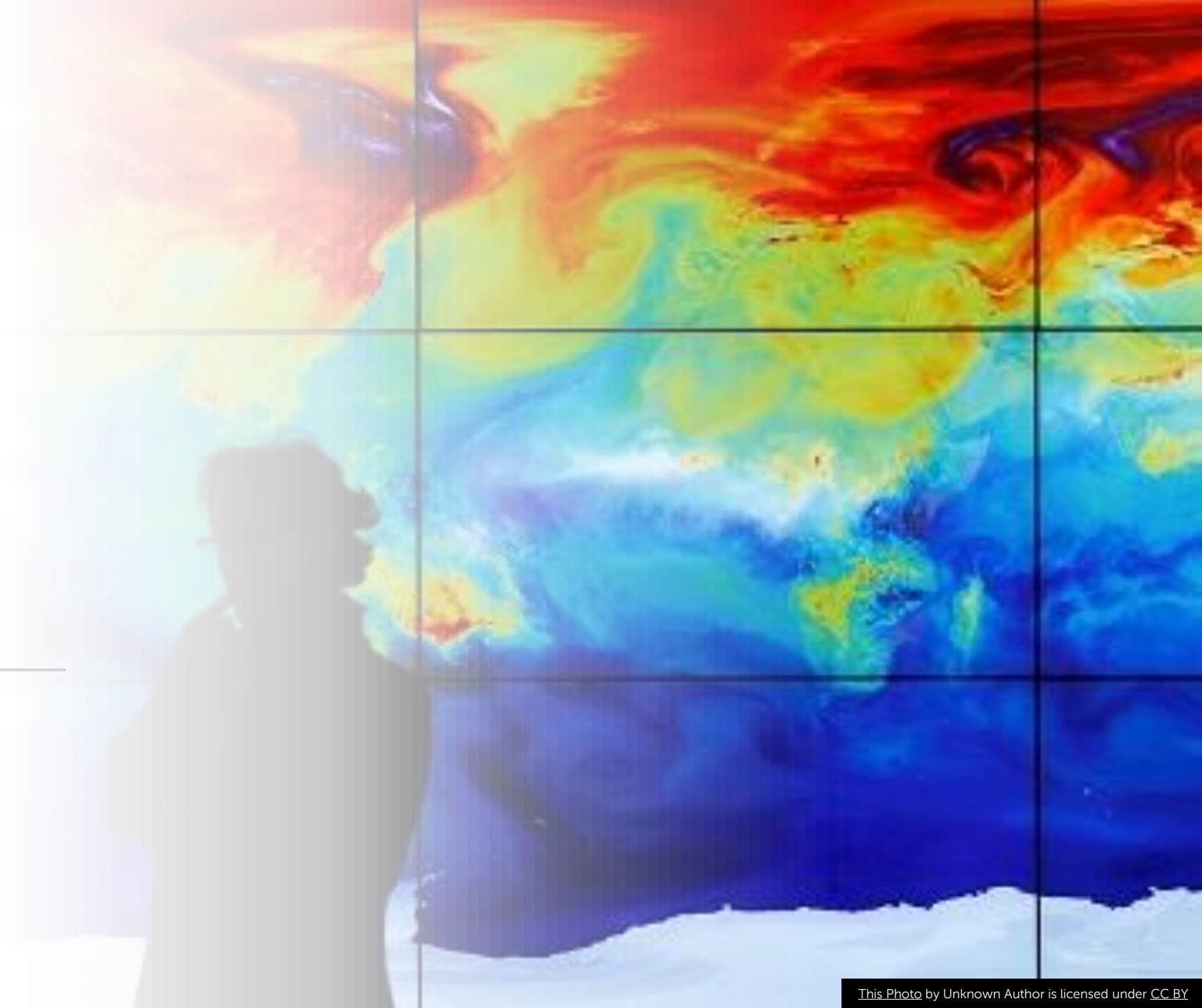


Convening

Through our round table programme

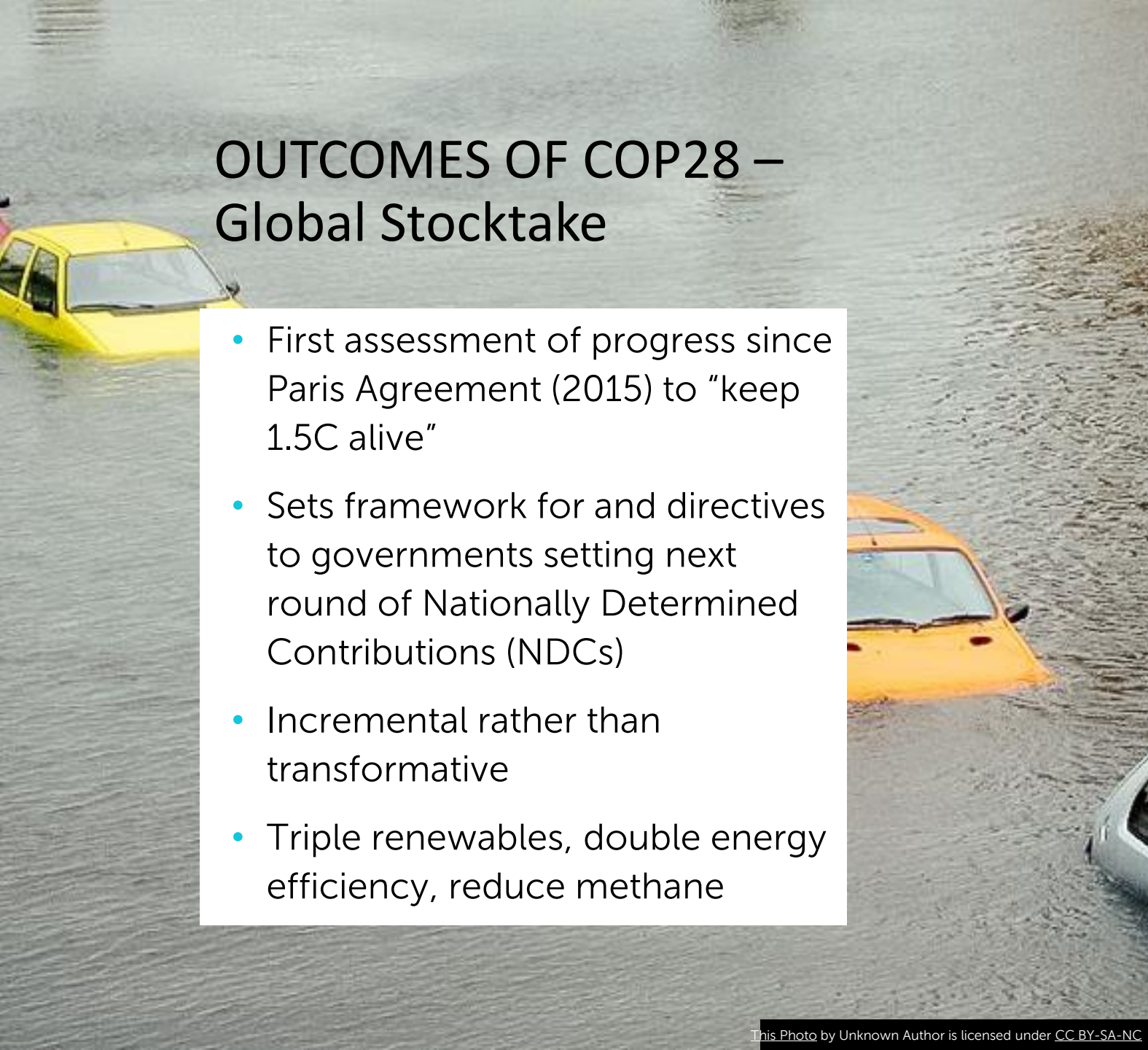


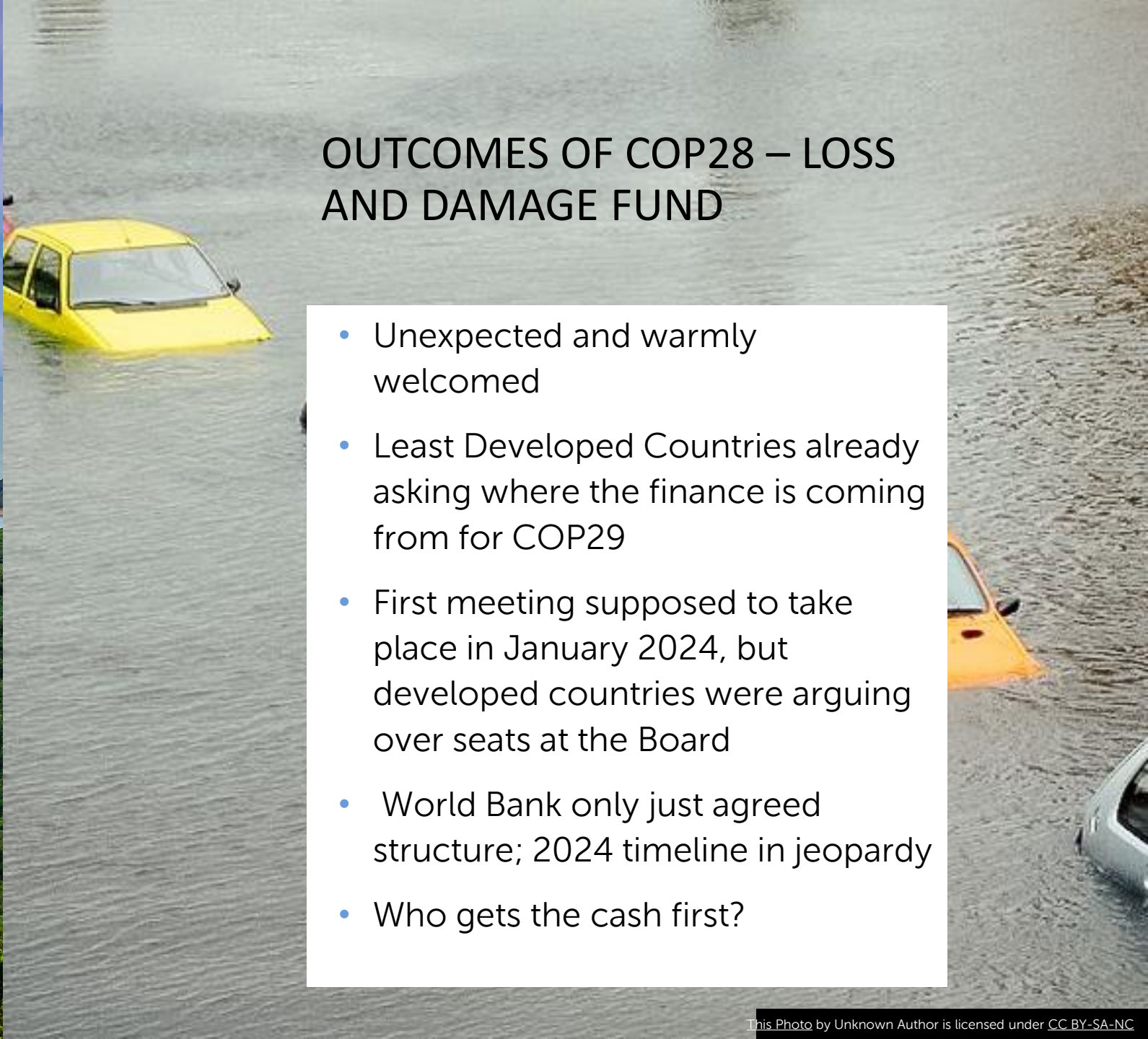
COPs



OUTCOMES OF COP28 – Global Stocktake

- First assessment of progress since Paris Agreement (2015) to “keep 1.5C alive”
- Sets framework for and directives to governments setting next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- Incremental rather than transformative
- Triple renewables, double energy efficiency, reduce methane





OUTCOMES OF COP28 – LOSS AND DAMAGE FUND

- Unexpected and warmly welcomed
- Least Developed Countries already asking where the finance is coming from for COP29
- First meeting supposed to take place in January 2024, but developed countries were arguing over seats at the Board
- World Bank only just agreed structure; 2024 timeline in jeopardy
- Who gets the cash first?

COP 29/COP 16

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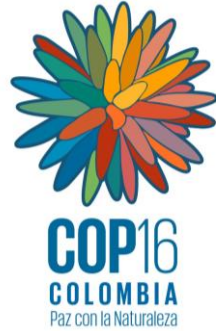
COP29 Baku, November

- Climate Finance
- Sorting out Loss and Damage Fund
- Another oil state hosting

COP16, Cali, October

- Building on 30 x 30
- Little central information, but policy already (eg EU)

#GreenSkillsatCOP campaign



COP29 Climate Summit & COP16 Biodiversity Summit

Back to back UN summit's from mid October to mid November.

Starting in September, IEMA is running a campaign to advocate for negotiations at COP16 and COP29 to recognise the crucial role that green skills play in tackling the global climate change and biodiversity crises.

Two calls to action:

1. Sign our letter/petition to both new UK Government and the two COP presidents calling for green skills to be prioritised in COP negotiations. Online website and digital sign-up petition to come.
2. Film a video backing our #GreenSkillsatCOP campaign with our agency partners *Content with Purpose*.
 - We will holding a filming day later in July in London for at least 10 businesses to put forward a C-suite level colleagues to film a short (c. 45secs video) advocating for Green Skills at COP (no cost).
 - 2x case study films to be filmed with Corporate Partners showing how they have committed to facilitating green skills and training in their organisation.(cost involved)

Action: Speak to your partnership manager, contact the corporate team corporate@iema.net or contact the IEMA Comms team directly at pressoffice@iema.net.

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