

# The Paris Agreement: A new beginning (for old battles)

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# Introduction to CAFOD

- CAFOD - **C**atholic **A**gency for **O**verseas **D**evelopment
- Official development agency of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales.
- Works with partners in over 30 countries worldwide.
- Humanitarian and programmatic response.
- *'Just One World'*




# Paris part of 2015 story


## Global Goals



## Paris Agreement



United Nations



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Climate Change

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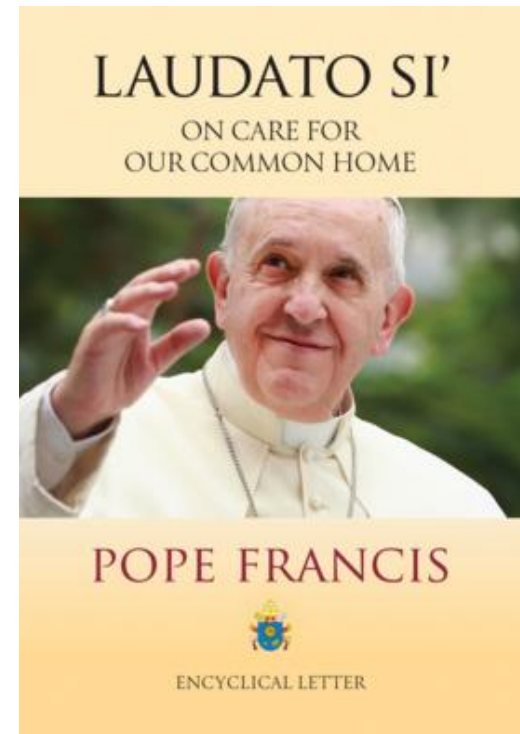
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## Laudato Si'



# "COP21" – what's it all about?

- UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Article 2:

*"stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system."*

- Conference of the Parties or "COPs" are the annual meeting to achieve this objective.
- COP15 in Copenhagen famously failed to agree on a new global agreement.
- COP21 in Paris was decided on as the next opportunity to try again.

UNFCCC
Conference of the Parties (COP)
December 2009 <b>15 – Copenhagen</b>
December 2010 <b>16 – Cancun</b>
December 2011 <b>17 – Durban</b>
December 2012 <b>18 – Doha</b>
November 2013 <b>19 – Warsaw</b>
December 2014 <b>20 – Lima</b>
December 2015 <b>21 – Paris</b>

# COP21 in numbers

- 2+ week Conference
- 40,000 Negotiators
- 196 Governments
- 147 Heads of State
- 1KM<sup>2</sup> Conference site
- 120,000 police and soldiers across region
- €187 million budget



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# CAFOD at COP21



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# Holy See at the COP21



# Success in Paris!



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# “Paris Outcome”

## Pillars of Paris

### The Paris Agreement (& Decisions):

Legally binding agreement containing emissions reduction commitments.  
A set of decision –applicable pre 2020 - that give direction and clarity to the Agreement.

### Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)

National mitigation action plans setting out what countries will do.

### Climate Finance

\$100 Billion per year until 2025, after which set a new collective quantified goal from.

### Paris Lima Action Agenda:

Additional forum that bring state and non-state actors together on the global stage to accelerate cooperative climate action.

**Agriculture**

**Forest**

**Transport**

**Renewable Energy**

**Energy Access & Efficiency**

**Resilience**

**Cities & Subnationals**

**Private Finance**

**Business**

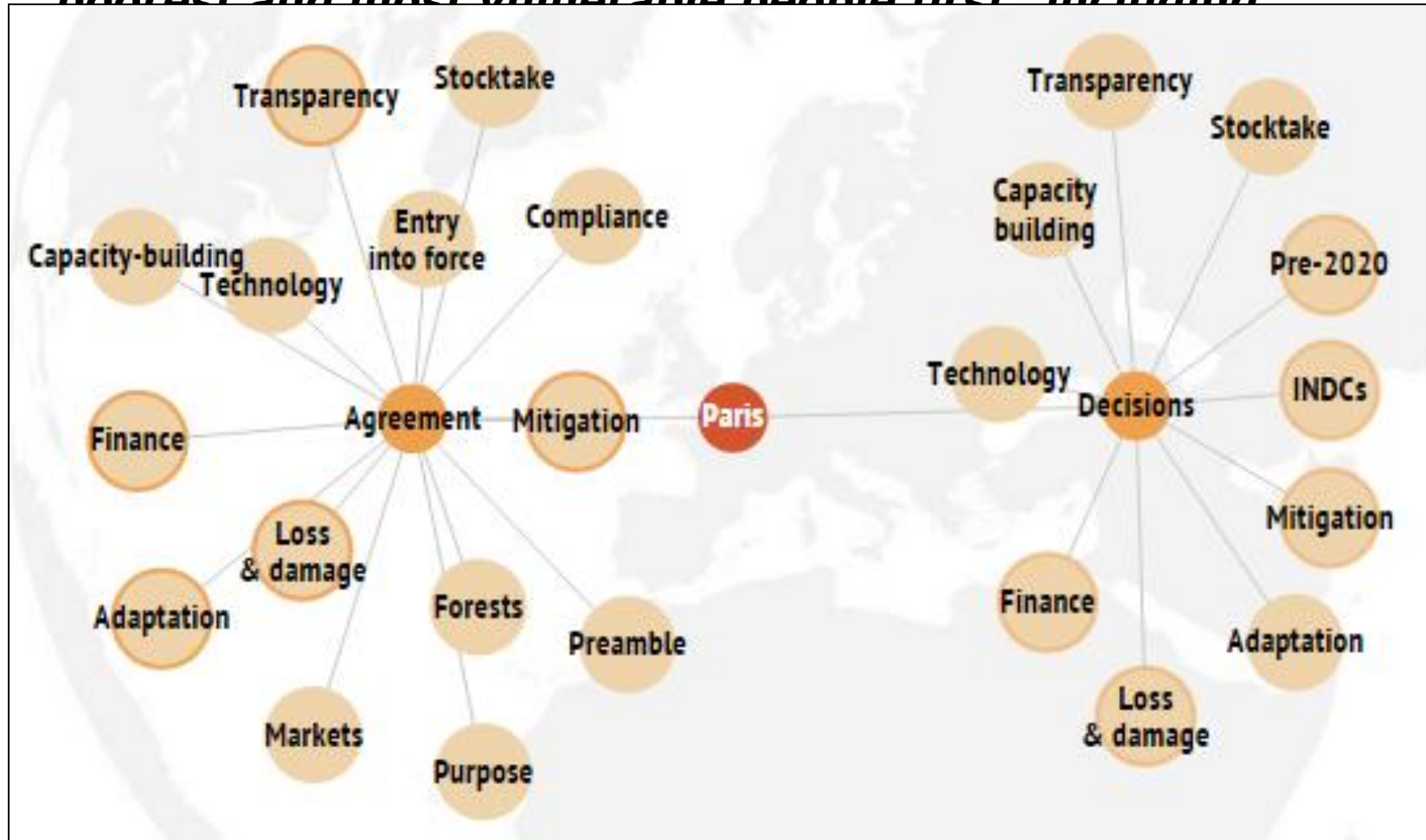
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**Building**

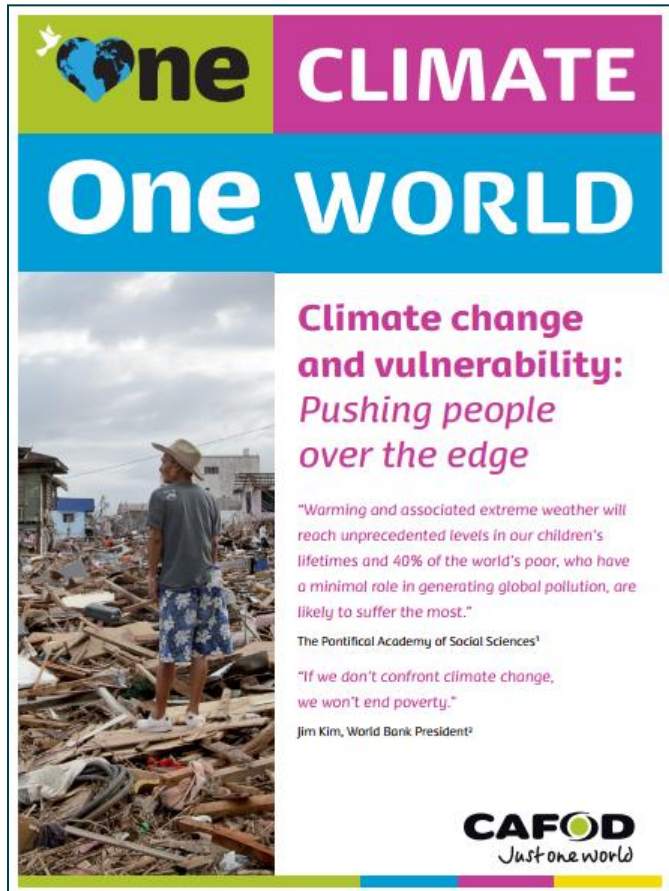
**Short Lived Climate Pollutants**

# What did CAFOD want from COP21?

***"CAFOD wants the Paris climate talks to deliver a fair and binding global deal to cut carbon emissions, that puts the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people first" including***



# Additional elements: a win for civil society



The poster features a green and purple header with a globe icon and the text 'one CLIMATE'. Below this is a blue banner with 'One WORLD'. The main image shows a man in a hat standing in a field of debris. Text on the right reads: 'Climate change and vulnerability: Pushing people over the edge'. It includes quotes from the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences and Jim Kim, World Bank President, and the CAFOD logo at the bottom.

**one CLIMATE**

**One WORLD**

**Climate change and vulnerability: Pushing people over the edge**

"Warming and associated extreme weather will reach unprecedented levels in our children's lifetimes and 40% of the world's poor, who have a minimal role in generating global pollution, are likely to suffer the most."

The Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences<sup>1</sup>

"If we don't confront climate change, we won't end poverty."

Jim Kim, World Bank President<sup>2</sup>

**CAFOD**  
Just one world

## Decision text:

- Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Recognizing that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies
- Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples
- 134. Welcomes the efforts of all non-Party stakeholders to address and respond to climate change, including those of civil society

## Agreement Preamble:

- Emphasizing the intrinsic relationship that climate change actions, responses and impacts have with equitable access to sustainable development and eradication of poverty

# Impact of Paris?



## Hooray for Paris!

- Paris climate talks: delegates reach agreement on final draft text The Guardian - Dec 12, 2015
- Climate deal: World praises France's diplomatic efforts Daily Mail - Dec 13, 2015
- COP21: Paris climate deal is 'best chance to save planet'  
-BBC News-12 Dec 2015

## But

- Low-lying Bangladesh targets jump in coal use Financial Times-29 Dec 2015
- UK announces cut in solar subsidies In-Depth-BBC News-17 Dec 2015
- Zimbabwe turns to fossil energy, as drought bites The Herald-3 Jan 2016

# Paris Agreement: Is... and Isn't...

The Paris Agreement is...	The Paris Agreement is not...
A diplomatic success: culmination of years of work.	A single document to 'solve' or 'fix' climate change.
An important step to bring in more actors, i.e. non state actors (cities, businesses, regions, NGOs).	A guarantee the agreement's principles will influence other actors.
An international framework or 'rule book' for continued engagement.	A narrow list of solutions / policies.
A powerful signal to global investors that business as usual is about to change.	A top down agreement setting out a robust global decarbonisation pathway.
Just the beginning.	The end of the story.

# Key messages

- The Paris Agreement signals a new beginning for international cooperation to tackle climate change. That's worth celebrating!
- 1.5°C language a victory for the most vulnerable countries. It will refocus minds, development models and investment decisions.
- Resets the agenda and shifts the focus to national level action. How with UK implement Paris Agreement / SDGs?
- We're all part of the solution! Keep campaigning.

# THANK YOU!

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# Priorities for CAFOD at COP21

Priorities	Outcome
<p><b>A long term decarbonisation goal</b></p>	<p><u>Art.4.1</u> "achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century..."</p>
<p><b>A review mechanism every 5 years</b></p>	<p><u>Art.4.9</u> "communicate a nationally determined contribution every 5 years... informed by the outcomes of the global stocktake."</p>
<p><b>Certainty on climate finance (pre and post 2020)</b></p>	<p><u>Decision</u> "developed countries intend to continue their existing collective mobilization goal through 2025... prior to 2025 the COP... shall set a new collective quantified goal from a floor of US \$100bn per year."</p>
<p><b>A 1.5 degree temperature targets</b></p>	<p><u>Art.2.1a</u> "Holding the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels..."</p>
<p><b>Legal form (i.e. it's legally binding)</b></p>	<p><u>Art.4.2</u> "Parties shall pursue domestic mitigation measures, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions"</p>
<p><b>Renewable energy playing a role</b></p>	<p><u>Decision</u> "Acknowledging the need to promote universal access to sustainable energy in developing countries"</p>



# What the Leaders said...

- **Obama** - *Today, thanks to strong, principled American leadership, that's the world that we'll leave to our children. A world that is safer, more secure, more prosperous and more free.*
- **Merkel** - *Paris will always be connected with this historic turning point in climate policy. 'Signal of hope,' lots of work to do to deliver it*
- **Xi** - *The Paris deal, which resulted from concerted efforts of the international community, charts a clear course for global cooperation on fighting climate change*
- **Rousseff** - *Brazil is proud to have worked for the Paris Agreement , as a facilitator and builder of the solutions that were adopted*
- **Modi** - *The outcome of Paris Agreement has no winners or losers. Climate justice has won and we are all working towards a greener future*
- **Cameron** - *"This global deal now means that the whole world has signed to play its part in halting climate change," he added. "It's a moment to remember and a huge step forward in helping to secure the future of our planet."*

## **Laurent Fabius, President of the COP 21 UN Climate change conference and French foreign minister:**

*"The Paris Agreement allows each delegation and group of countries to go back home with their heads held high. Our collective effort is worth more than the sum of our individual effort. Our responsibility to history is immense."*