



Advocacy Actions and Code of Conduct

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of Conduct for UNFCCC Events.

We have revised our Code of Conduct for UNFCCC Events (updated on 19 September 2025).



[Learning video on the Code of Conduct for UNFCCC Events](#)

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PURPOSE

The organizations of the United Nations system are committed to enabling events at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment.

UNFCCC events are guided by the highest ethical and professional standards, and all participants are expected to behave with integrity and respect towards all participants attending or involved with any UNFCCC event.



GUIDELINES YOU WILL SIGN UP FOR

To create an environment conducive to intergovernmental dialogues:

- **Code of Conduct to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment at UNFCCC events**

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Code_of_Conduct_English.pdf

- **UNFCCC guidelines for use of camera and audio devices**

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/recording_at_unfccc_sessions.pdf

- **UN Security guidelines related to media actions, distribution of publicity materials, and use of UN emblem at the UNFCCC conferences**

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/un_security_guidelines.pdf

- **Guidelines for the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations at meetings of the bodies of the UNFCCC**

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/guidelines_for_the_participation_of_ngos.pdf





Clearance process for advocacy actions in Blue Zone

GOALS



To help you bring your voices across



To ensure a safe environment for all participants, conducive to intergovernmental dialogues



To facilitate logistical arrangements



To inform media to cover the action



TRUST RELATIONSHIP

Great trust relationship among NGO colleagues, the secretariat and UNDSS colleagues

UNDSS understands how UNFCCC facilitates advocacy actions despite being a UN venue

Walk-through together with key advocacy NGOs to pre-determine the 'action locations'

Close and fluid communication and consultations throughout the day and weeks

Almost all requests were authorized or authorized with slight revision

Fast track during Week 2, depending on how Week 1 goes

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CLEARANCE PROCESS

Sunday, 9 Nov 15:00

WALK THROUGH VENUE

- Usually, the day prior to the start of the session
- UNDSS; UNFCCC secretariat; interested and available observer organizations co-determine advocacy action locations and answer any questions

10:00 am the day prior to proposed action

SUBMIT APPLICATION

- Observer organizations submit application via online form
- Consultations with applicants on content, timing, location
- Ensure Code of Conduct and guidelines are followed

The evening prior to proposed action

CLEARANCE BY SECRETARIAT AND UNDSS

- Political sensitivity
- Clear link to climate change
- Logistical arrangements
- Code of Conduct, such as no naming
- Safety and security
- Capacity of UNDSS and secretariat

The day of

AUTHORIZED ACTION

- UNFCCC secretariat, UNDSS presence with organizers
- Agreed time and content
- Guidelines
- Talk to secretariat staff if any issues
- Remove all materials after



(Iterative process in case of feedback/need for revision)



Observers' Guide to Advocacy Actions



Advocacy Actions

Q&A