

ASSIGNMENT 1

What is the COP?

The COP is the supreme decision-making body of the Convention. All States that are Parties to the Convention are represented at the COP, at which they review the implementation of the Convention and any other legal instruments that the COP adopts and take decisions necessary to promote the effective implementation of the Convention, including institutional and administrative arrangements.

More Background on the COP

A key task for the COP is to review the national communications and emission inventories submitted by Parties. Based on this information, the COP assesses the effects of the measures taken by Parties and the progress made in achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention.

The COP meets every year, unless the Parties decide otherwise. The first COP meeting was held in Berlin, Germany in March, 1995. The COP meets in Bonn, the seat of the secretariat, unless a Party offers to host the session. Just as the COP Presidency rotates among the five recognized UN regions - that is, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe and Western Europe and Others – there is a tendency for the venue of the COP to also shift among these groups.

Assignment

Xray all COP conferences from inception and critically assess

- i. The resolutions reached at each COP**
- ii. The Challenges impeding implementation of resolutions**
- iii. The proposed way forward from your understanding of the issues and Challenges**
- iv. How implementation of the resolutions in general would directly impact**
 - a. you as a person**
 - b. your community**
 - c. Your State**
 - d. And your country**

And point out the challenges you think the resolution would face at these 4 levels

- v. Conclude with the progress made from inception till date on issues raised at the different COP conferences.**

ASSIGNMENT LAYOUT

Your report should have the following layout:

Title Page

This should normally include the title of the assignment, your name and student number, the date of submission, the name of the course, your LGA and your State of origin or residence (which ever you chose)

Abstract

This should provide a brief summary of main points discussed in the report. Follow the style used by published journal articles.

Table of Contents

This should provide the contents of the headings and subheadings with page numbers.

Introduction

In this section, you should introduce the reader to what you are going to analyse, its importance and provide an outline of the main issues mentioned in the report.

Literature Review

In this section, you need to critically analyse the extant literature around the topic you are investigating. This would be done by synthesising and combining what others have said about the topic area. The first 2 questions should be answered here

Findings

In this section, you answer the last 2 questions based on an understanding of the first 2 questions properly cited and referenced.

Conclusion

Your conclusion should summarise the main discussions in the report. You should never introduce new material into the conclusion.

References

You must use the Harvard referencing system, which means that you should provide both in text citations (not footnotes) and a full list of references. The list of references should appear at the very end of the report and should include all cited texts and electronic resources alphabetically by author's surname. For more information about citation and compiling a reference list, please access

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/referencing/icite/apa/index.aspx>

The coursework is to be 9,000 words in length + or – 10%, excluding references

Additional Information:

What you **MUST** do:

- Use APA referencing appropriately and in full both in the text as citations and listed in full, alphabetically, at the end.

- Use grammatically correct English.
- Proof read your work
- Provide a robust structure and context for your evaluation.
- You must synthesise and interpret what the various authors are saying.
- You must read and adhere to the assignment brief.

What you must **NOT** do:

- Do not use Wikipedia or other inappropriate web sites as references.
- Do not use generic texts books, these will not contain the information you need
- Do not go over the word count, no work will be marked over the maximum limit.
- Do not use quotations, you do not have the word count!
- Leave it to the last minute.
- Submit late, a zero mark will be awarded if you do.

Please Note: Extensions will not be granted. If you think you are unable to submit on time due to a health or some other unforeseen issue you must contact the class rep who will compile a list with your reason and forward to me via WhatsApp. Avoid giving your work to another to duplicate no matter the pressure in whatever form or how intelligently they claim they would do it. Soft copies of this assignment will be submitted. The soft copy will be submitted in a PDF format. Font is 12; spacing is 1.15; Style is Times New Roman and properly justified and the file should be as with you name (Surname first) space and reg number. E.g. *Okoye Oluchukwu N 2020_12345*

Assessment Marking Rubric						
Assessment Description	0-39% FAIL	40-45% PASS	46-49% MERIT	50-69% EXCELLENT	70-100% DISTINCTION	Weighting
Demonstrates a clear understanding of the key issues relating to COP conferences.	Little to no evidence of understanding key issues related to COP conferences.	Key issues are identified but not thoroughly evaluated.	Good critical evaluation of key issues related to COP conferences.	Very good critical evaluation of key issues related to COP conferences.	Outstanding critical evaluation of key issues related to COP conferences.	15%
Critically assesses the resolutions reached at each COP.	Limited or no critical assessment of COP resolutions.	Adequate attempt at critical assessment of COP resolutions.	Good critical assessment of COP resolutions.	Very good critical assessment of COP resolutions.	Outstanding critical assessment of COP resolutions.	15%
Identifies and discusses challenges impeding implementation of COP resolutions.	Limited identification and discussion of challenges.	Adequate identification and discussion of challenges.	Good and fairly complete identification and discussion of challenges.	Very good and complete identification and discussion of challenges.	Outstanding identification and discussion of challenges.	15%
Proposes a way forward based on the understanding of the issues and challenges.	Little or no attempt to propose a way forward.	Adequate attempt to propose a way forward with limited clarity.	Good and fairly complete proposal for a way forward.	Very good and complete proposal for a way forward.	Outstanding proposal for a way forward with exceptional clarity.	15%
Analyzes how the implementation of resolutions would impact the individual, community, state, and country, pointing out challenges at each level.	Limited analysis of impacts and challenges.	Adequate analysis of impacts and challenges.	Good and fairly complete analysis of impacts and challenges.	Very good and complete analysis of impacts and challenges.	Outstanding analysis of impacts and challenges with exceptional depth and insight.	15%
Concludes with the progress made from inception till date on issues raised at different COP conferences.	No clear conclusion on progress made.	Adequate attempt to conclude with limited clarity on progress.	Good and fairly complete conclusion with some clarity on progress.	Very good and complete conclusion with clear insight into progress.	Outstanding conclusion with exceptional clarity and depth on progress made.	15%