

## Mock COP26: Description of a Fact-checker

**Thank you so much for supporting Mock COP26!**

Below we have summarised the background and concept for our project:

*The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the big annual global event where countries of the world come together to progress collective action on climate change. COP26 is the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, due to be hosted in Glasgow, Scotland in November 2020 but delayed by a year due to COVID-19. COP21, held in Paris, was seen as a pivotal moment for the climate movement, resulting in the Paris Agreement - a huge milestone in stepping up international action for climate change - but many of the COPs, both before and since, have been criticised by young people as missed opportunities and unambitious. Many young people accuse industrialised countries, individuals with vested interests and corporate lobbyists of watering down COP commitment every year for domestic or personal gain. The youth strike movement is partly a response to these selfish interests and the lack of agreed global ambition and urgency.*

*Mock COP26 will be run by young people and students involved in climate activism, supported by adults from youth-led organisations. Between three and five young people from countries all around the world will act as their country's delegates and attend the two-week, inclusive online event for 3 to 4 hours a day. There will be a special effort to ensure that students from the Global South, and marginalised voices, are represented and heard.*

For more information about our project please read our [full concept note](#).

### Your Role

Our fact-checkers will be supporting us in the second week of timetabled sessions during Mock COP26, running from 27<sup>th</sup> November - 1<sup>st</sup> December. During this time we will be holding facilitated discussions and regional caucuses, and at the end of the event, will draft a high-level statement endorsed by all of our Mock COP delegates. We want to make sure that our calls for carbon reduction, reforestation, renewables, economic changes, etc, are realistic and achievable, as well as that any claims we are making are grounded in science.

This could potentially be done via email, or our fact-checkers could be added to our Slack workspace to be able to access the relevant information and communicate more easily with us. This will be decided closer to the time depending on how much contact we need to have with fact-checkers.

If you have any further questions pertaining to this, please contact [phoebe@mockcop.org](mailto:phoebe@mockcop.org)