Reflections on COP26

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Entering the Blue Zone
Security
More security
Covid tests and Hygiene Kits
Action Zone
Podcasting, Livestreaming, Social Media
Broadcasting, Reporting
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Pavilions
National pavilions
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WE'VE ALREADY WAITED TOO LONG TO DEAL WITH THIS CLIMATE CRISIS AND WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER. WE SEE IT WITH OUR OWN EYES, WE FEEL IT, WE KNOW IT IN OUR BONES, AND IT'S TIME TO ACT.”

PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
National pavilions
Corporate pavilions
UN pavilions: WHO and SDG
UN pavilions: UN Climate Change
Scientific pavilions
Regional pavilions
NGO and coalition pavilions

Fonds Bleu pour le Bassin du Congo
Préserver le deuxième poumon de la planète

U.S. Climate Action Center
#ALLINATCOP26

WWF
NGO and coalition pavilions
The Silent Disco
Politicians and world leaders
Crowd control
Alternative spaces
Official Sessions and Negotiations
Youth Plenary
Protests and Appeals
Appeals inside the Blue Zone

An Important Message from the World's Children:

CLIMATE
EDUCATION IS OUR
RIGHT

“Don’t let us down!”
Appeals inside the Blue Zone
Protests outside the Blue Zone
Glasgow
Global Engagement Portal @ Royal Conservatoire
Related exhibits/takeovers
Late night BC teaching, Lowell Lecture, etc.
Personal Takeaways
Taking it in

Enormously informative (and formative) experience

• Science, policy, politics, logistics
• Governments (many levels), corporations, NGOs, universities,
• Highlighting leadership from women, youth, and indigenous peoples

Diverse perspectives, diverse objectives

• Securing consensus/disrupting consensus
• Radical politics/neo-liberal politics
• Ancient indigenous wisdom / futuristic technical schemes
Making sense of the event

Performativity and reportage
- Live-streams, social media, broadcast; saturation coverage
- Communication and narrative are inextricable elements of COP

Substantial connections, ethical concerns
- Could offer more room for reflection on the ethical dimensions/possibilities, including civic, religious, and moral education

Energy/hope beyond the conference
- Youth-led social movements, lifestyles, and expectations
- Domestic pressures make progress at COP possible
Future Opportunities

BC can contribute to COP27 in many ways

• Expertise on science, policy, and ethics
• Leadership among Jesuit universities and organizations
• Climate migration; intersections of environmental injustices; anthropocentrism; conditions for planetary flourishing
• Individual collaborations with other universities, programs, research centers, students, scholars, policymakers, and activists
Future Opportunities

Broadening the impact at BC

• Continue the Schiller Institute’s central role as convener, catalyst, organizer
• Continue active efforts to connect and communicate with academic departments and programs, student groups, and research projects
• Student participation, research, and leadership throughout
• 1 credit Fall 2022 course on COP27