School of Environmental Studies
Apple Valley, MN

The School of Environmental Studies at the Minnesota Zoo is a community of leaders learning to enhance the relationships between people and their environments.

Our mission is to develop active citizen leaders who are environmentally informed, self-perpetuating learners, and connected to the local and global community.
United Nations Climate Change Conference
COP18/CMP8 Doha, Qatar

UNFCCC
COP
SBI
Conference of the Parties
SBSTA
Subsidiary Body for Science and Technology Advice

History of the UNFCCC
At the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro (commonly referred to as the UN Earth Summit), more than 100 heads of state met to discuss issues of environmental protection and socio-economic development. Out of these meetings came the formation of a global body to address climate change: The UNFCCC, which was ratified by the U.S. Senate. The objective of the UNFCCC is to stabilize greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations “at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.” Additionally, it set a voluntary goal for developed countries to reduce emissions to 1990 levels by 2000, which few met. The UNFCCC holds an annual meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to negotiate international climate policy.

Engaging in International Negotiations: A Youth Guide (SustainUS)
Qatar National Conference Centre
Our Partners – The American School of Doha and the Will Steger Foundation
Schedule

- Plenary
- Side events
- NGO booths
Blogging
COP 18 Host – Doha, Qatar
Michael Stockton
The Climate Impacts of How We Get Around

Transportation accounts for over 23 percent of all global carbon dioxide emissions. See what modes of human transport produce the most emissions per kilometer.

CO₂ Emissions Per Passenger (grams per kilometer)

- Air: 130.2 grams per kilometer
- Passenger Car: 124.5 grams per kilometer
- Two-Wheelers: 83.0 grams per kilometer
- City Bus: 66.8 grams per kilometer
- Rail: 45.6 grams per kilometer
- Maritime: 43.1 grams per kilometer
- Coach: 34.3 grams per kilometer
Georgia Schmitt

- Gender Day & UNFCCC women panel
- U.S. Center Side Event
- Former President of Ireland Mary Robinson: "It's about people"
Thanks for Listening!

Questions?