

Climate Change



child rights connect

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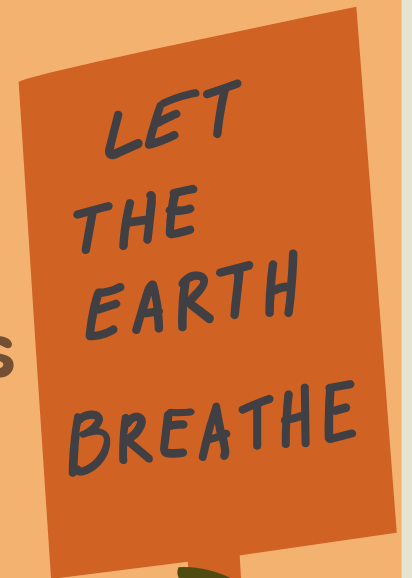
What is Climate Change?



Climate change describes a change in the average conditions — such as temperature and rainfall — in a region over a long period of time.

These include warming temperatures and changes in rainfall, as well as the effects of Earth's warming, such as:

- Rising sea levels
- Shrinking mountain glaciers
- Ice melting at a faster rate than usual in Greenland, Antarctica and the Arctic
- Changes in flower and plant blooming times.



*<https://climatekids.nasa.gov/climate-change-meaning/>



The Primary Causes of Climate Change

Human Causes

1. Burning of fossil fuels



2. Deforestation



3. Agriculture



*<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/what-is-climate-change/>



The Primary Causes of Climate Change



Natural Causes

Some causes of climate change are natural. These include changes in Earth's orbit and in the amount of energy coming from the sun. Ocean changes and volcanic eruptions are also natural causes of climate change.

Most scientists think that recent warming can't be explained by nature alone.



<https://www.nasa.gov/learning-resources/for-kids-and-students/what-are-climate-and-climate-change-grades-5-8/#:~:text=Some%20causes%20of%20climate%20change,be%20explained%20by%20nature%20alone.>



Climate Change Effects



⚠️ More rainfall

⚠️ Rising sea levels

⚠️ Changing seasons

⚠️ Shrinking sea ice

Why is this harmful to children?



<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/what-we-do/emergency-response/climate-change>

Children's right to a clean and healthy environment - GC26

General Comment No.26 (GC26) is the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child's guidance on how children's rights are impacted by the environmental crisis and what governments must do to uphold these rights to ensure that children live in a clean, healthy and sustainable world.



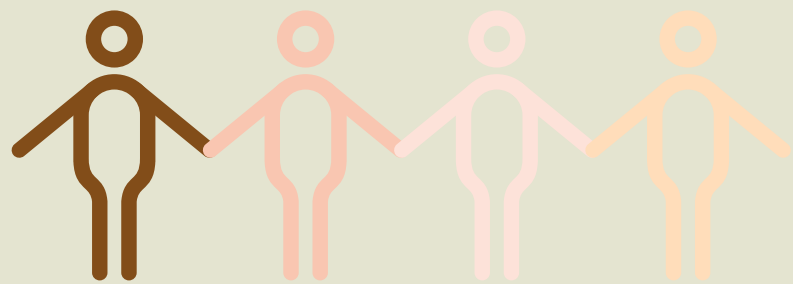
<https://childrightsenvironment.org/about/>

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All children's rights are connected and equally important. Some rights of the Convention on the rights of the child (CRC) are particularly threatened by environmental harm and climate change.

Examples are:

Art 2 CRC: Right to non-discrimination



Art. 3 CRC: Best interest of the child



Art.6 CRC: Right to life, survival and development



Art. 12 CRC: Right to be heard



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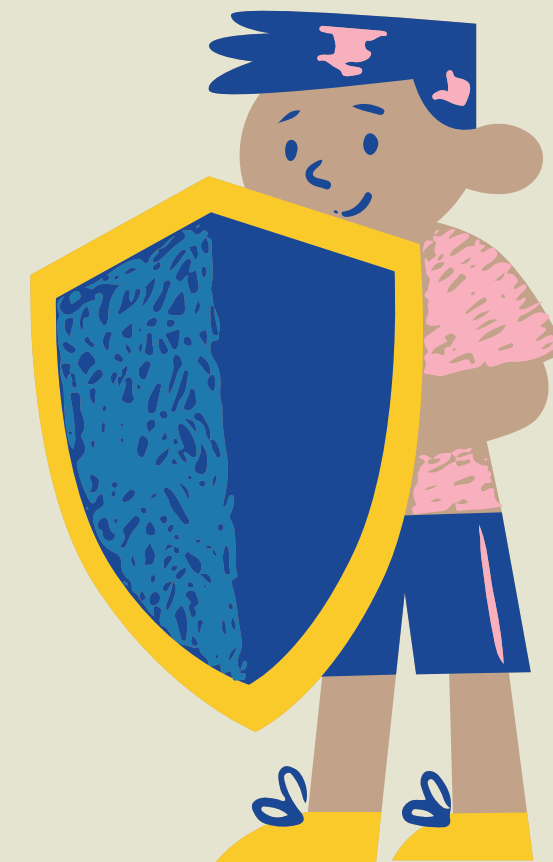
Art.13&15: Right to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly



Art. 13&17 CRC: Access to information



Art.19 CRC: The right to freedom from all forms of violence



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Art.24 CRC:
Right to health



Art. 26&27 CRC: Right
to social security and
decent standard of
living



Art. 28&29 CRC:
Right to education



Art. 30 CRC: The
rights of Indigenous
children and children
of minority groups



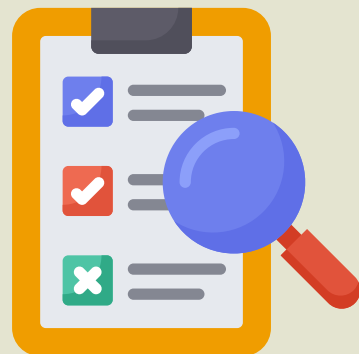
Art.31 CRC:
Right to rest
and play



What do governments need to do to protect children's rights, including their right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment?



Make sure every child grows up in a clean and healthy environment



Carry out Child impact assessments to know how children are affected by Climate related decisions



Make sure businesses respect children's rights



Support children's access to justice



What can we do about climate change?

Climate change impacts can be tackled with mitigation and adaptation measures.

- Mitigation are actions that reduce greenhouse gases, like switching to renewable energy such as solar and burning fewer fossil fuels.
- Adaptation are actions that manage the risks of climate change impacts, like building resilient infrastructure.



Reforestation and preventing deforestation



Sustainable living



Reduce carbon footprint/production



What can we do about climate change?

- ✓ Refrain from using plastic shopping bags.
- ✓ Consume organic food
- ✓ Reuse and Recycle
- ✓ Make your environment more wild-life friendly

 <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/nature/how-to-save-the-planet/>

 <https://www.treehugger.com/why-stop-using-plastic-bags-1204167>



OUR PLANET IS
ON FIRE



SAVE THE TURTLES
NO TO PLASTICS!

Thank You