



# COP28 - How can we report constructively on the UN Climate Change Negotiations?

**17 November 2023**  
2 pm to 6 pm CET (UTC+1)

## FREE ONLINE SEMINAR

The 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) will take place in Dubai from 30 November to 12 December 2023. For the first time, the Global Stocktake, a review of the states' collective performance in meeting their own climate protection goals so far, is being prepared. The results are to be presented in Dubai and it is already clear that the global pressure to act on climate change has by no means diminished. The Paris Agreement has introduced an innovative but also intricate international legal architecture to achieve the ambitious goals in global climate protection. It is not easy for the media and the general public to understand how the UN climate negotiations work and what strengths and limitations the Paris Agreement has as a central instrument for global climate protection efforts.

This seminar is designed primarily for journalists working in Africa. However media people and civil society representatives from other parts of the world will also find the content useful.

## SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- ▶ **Constructive Journalism – a concept and tool to cover climate change**  
Christoph Sodemann, Managing Director of [constructify.media](https://constructify.media) e.V., long-standing experience as a radio and TV journalist in an international context, Bremen - Germany
- ▶ **Climate Negotiations – History, legal framework, relevance - achievements and limitations**  
Arne Riedel, Lawyer, Coordinator Legal Team at the Ecologic Institute, Berlin - Germany; supports the German Foreign Office in the negotiations under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, attended all COPs since 2016
- ▶ **Before COP28 – Most urgent climate issues on the African agenda**  
Dr Grace Mbungu, Senior Fellow and Head of Climate Change Program at the Africa Policy Research Institute (APRI), an independent and nonpartisan African think tank, Berlin - Germany
- ▶ **COP28 and Media - Critical resources for journalists**  
Kennedy Ouma, Development communication expert in the agribusiness, climate change and sustainability sectors; coordinated the communication workstream for the inaugural Africa Climate Summit – September 2023; Nairobi – Kenya



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ticks differently. We know and name crises and conflicts. But we do not stop at analysing the status quo. We also ask questions about the future. Where are the solutions for a problem? Who are the actors seeking those solutions – and implementing them?

Climate change and environmental degradation demand answers – for the survival of mankind and the well-being of the earth. Journalists and the media have a responsibility to ask for these answers and to show what needs to be done and what is feasible to do.

