

The Lisbon Climate Conference (3rd edition):

The Paris Agreement at 10

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Call for papers

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The adoption of the Paris Agreement on 12 December 2015 was an act of hope — hope that States would make their best efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (reflecting their “*highest possible ambition*”) and pursue domestic policies aimed at securing a carbon-neutral future. Despite of its wording and verb formulation, or despite of all the shortcomings and glitches in the treaty design, the Paris Agreement is still our best attempt, as a human species, to avoid a dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.

But now that the Paris Agreement is nearing its 10th adoption anniversary, the future lying ahead looks clouded and grey. The First Global Stocktake is clear in saying that States ‘are not yet collectively on track towards achieving the purpose of the Paris Agreement and its long-term goals,’¹ whilst some domestic backlashes seem to undermine the any effort to secure climate stability.

The fight for a better future, however, is not a fight we can afford to lose. And, in fact, despite all of its (intended) flaws and shortcomings, the Paris Agreement is one of, if not ‘the’, most influential multilateral environmental treaties ever adopted. It changed States perspectives and priorities in terms

¹ Draft decision -/CMA.5 (*Outcome of the first global stocktake*) Doc No FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/L.17, §2.

of climate and energy policies, bringing mitigation, adaptation, and loss and damage to the forefront of negotiations and political processes (domestic and international).

In this context, the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement adoption is an opportunity to critically reflect on its shortcomings, gaps, and achievements also. As such, the 2025 edition of 'The Lisbon Climate Conference' (3rd edition) aims to discuss what should be the focal points for scholarship and policy-makers for the next decade of the Paris Agreement's implementation. The submission of papers on other areas of international law and their relation with climate change is also encouraged. An edited publication will be pursued based on the selected papers.

Interested practitioners and scholars (including early career researchers and Ph.D. candidates) are invited to submit an abstract of about 500 words, in English, by **15 July 2025** at the latest, at the following email address:

[lisbonclimateconference\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:lisbonclimateconference[at]gmail.com)

Submissions should include a *curriculum vitae*, with email and institutional affiliation.

Abstracts will be assessed on the basis of:

- Originality and the innovative nature of the work;
- Relevance to the overall conference theme; and
- Coherence of panels and the conference as a whole.

Only one abstract per person will be considered, but joint submissions are admitted.

Selected participants will be informed by **15 September 2025**.

Travel and accommodation expenses are **not** covered by the organization.