
COP: 30 years of disillusionment

The article, COP: 30 Years of Disillusionment, stands out among the thousands of pages written about the UN Climate Change Conference. It analyzes the danger posed by the COP apparatus itself, which prevents movements from imagining and fighting for systemic transformation. “Our task is not to reform the COP. Our task is to outgrow it – to build something that cannot be contained. To redirect our resources away from convention halls and toward struggles on the ground. To trust not in the promises of politicians but in the power of people,” says the organization, A Growing Culture, which authored the article. They add: “The COP is a containment mechanism that takes the raw energy of outrage and feeds it into bureaucratic rituals managed by the very governments and corporations most responsible for the crisis.” Citing examples of the COP's corporate sponsors in the article, they point out how the COP presents itself as an inclusive forum while dismissing any possibility of real change. “Where would we be today if these thirty years had been spent resourcing life rather than managing its destruction?” they reflect. [Read the article in English here.](#)