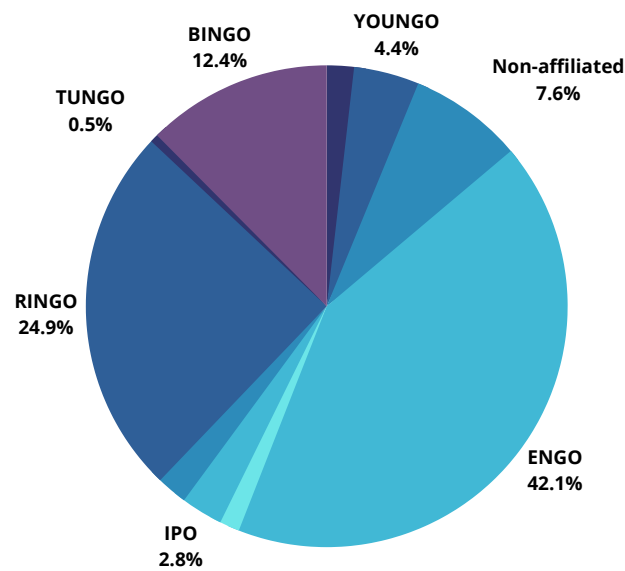


# Observer organizations

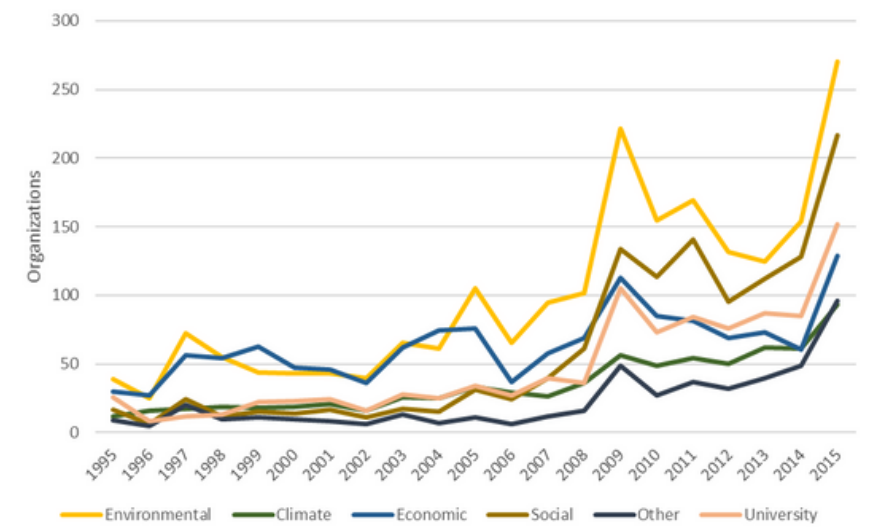
## CONSTITUENCIES

### Constituency affiliation of admitted NGOs



Faith Based organizations  
Parliamentarians  
Education and Comms  
NGOs  
Disability caucus (tbc)

### Further breakdowns of organizations



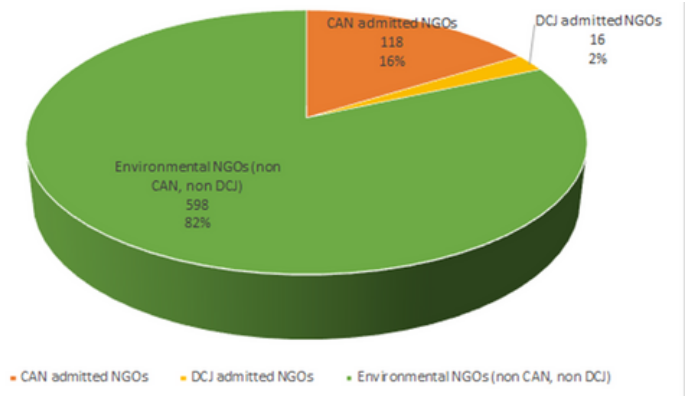
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Although Constituencies initially started as loose groups of "NGOs admitted as observers by the COP to the UNFCCC process", they are increasingly engaging the individuals without affiliation or the organizations without UNFCCC admission status. While this strengthens the quality of their inputs because a wider scope of voices is reflected, it also renders the substantive meaning of COP admission obsolete as the inputs to the UNFCCC process are reflecting the views of individuals or organizations that the COP has never admitted.

As the number of organizations increases, the coordination of Constituency members has also been difficult for CFPs, particularly when thousands of participants who have never engaged in the inter-sessional coordination join COPs and expect the CFPs to cater to their logistical needs for facilitation to attend the limited-access meeting.

### Participation at COP26 of environmental admitted NGOs



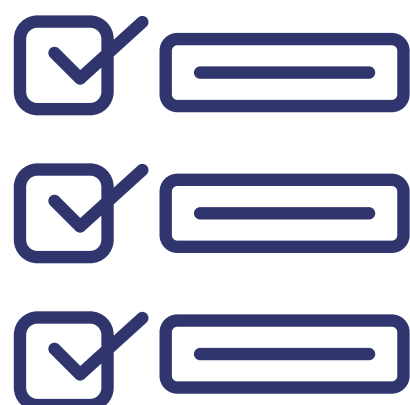
## PARTICIPATION

### QUALITY

What does inclusive, meaningful and participation engagement of observers mean?

Ensuring meaningful, inclusive, fair and transparent engagement across all segments of stakeholders has become very difficult due to the sheer number of observers as shown in Chart 1. As the scale of participation increases and the diversity of stakeholder grows, the sliver of the engagement opportunities (speaking slots, side event slots, registration quota, meeting space, access to negotiation meeting rooms, etc.) gets smaller, causing frustrations among observers and increasing the burden on the resources to organize a COP annually that is "operational 24/7" with tens of thousands of participants, particularly in developing countries.

What are the criteria for inclusive, meaningful and quality participation?



### PURPOSE

Should coordination of observers happen based on the purpose rather than their affiliation in the process?

Conference badges are divided by types of participants and not by the types of purposes of their activities. Some Party badge holders may mainly work in the negotiation meeting rooms while other Party badge holders may only work in pavilion halls. Same for observers – some observers may only need to access pavilion and climate action event areas, while other observers who are only following the negotiations may not be able to receive enough quota because those who only need to access pavilion halls compete for the quota allocation.

### PURPOSE



### AFFILIATION





## Focus groups guiding principles

1. **No final decisions will be made during the focus groups.** The focus groups will act as a space to share opinions and experiences as well as co-shaping solutions that will be collected at the end of Phase 2, also incorporating inputs from written submissions.
2. **Keep an open mind.** Take a step back before responding, rather than reacting automatically or defensively. Balance advocacy (making a statement) with inquiry (seeking clarifications and understanding).
3. **Focus on deep listening.** Try to build on other colleagues' ideas in the conversation.
4. **You don't have to agree.** Listen with the expectation of learning; that is, assume that the speaker has something new and of value to contribute to your comprehension and then stretch your mind to find out what that is.
5. **Communicate your reasoning process.** Every participant will naturally bring their assumptions to the conversation, but it's important to talk about your assumptions and how you arrived at what you believe. Seek out the data on which assumptions are based, your own and others. Bring tacit (hidden) assumptions to the surface.