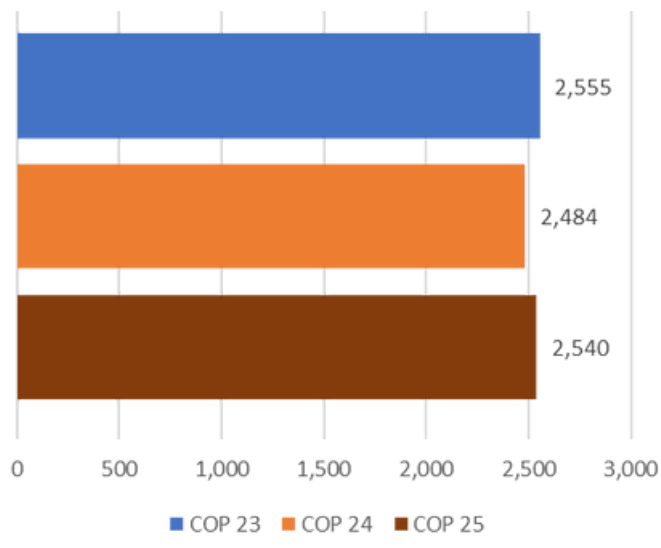


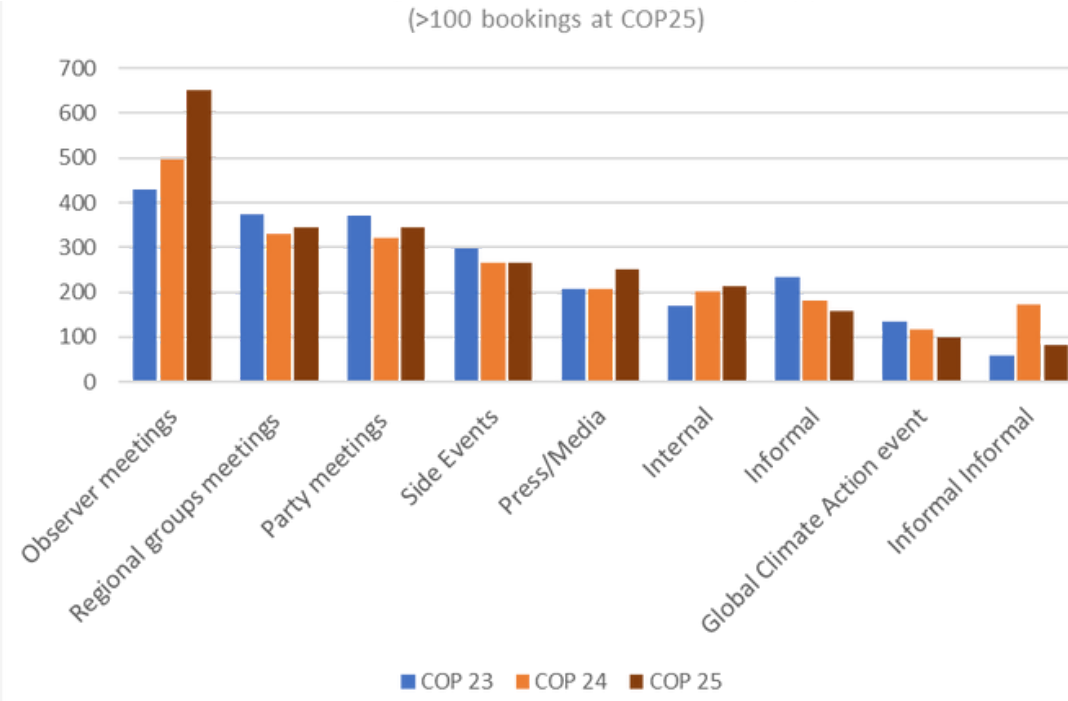
Administrative and operational arrangements and financial support

MEETINGS

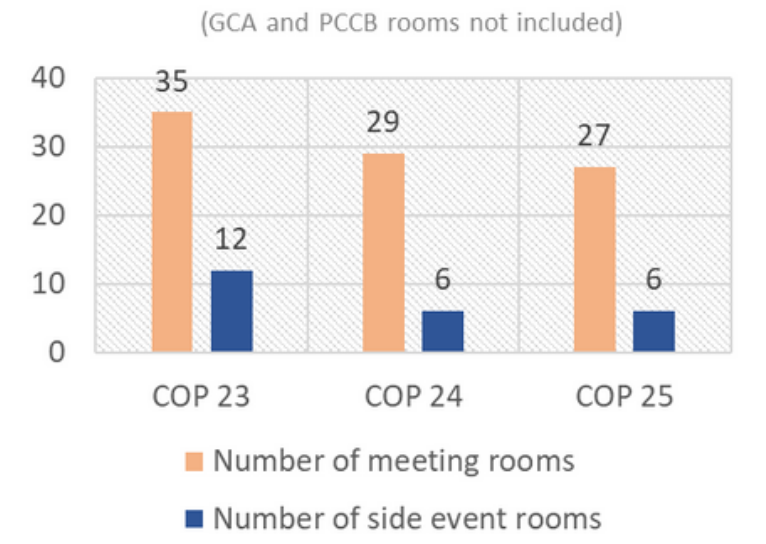
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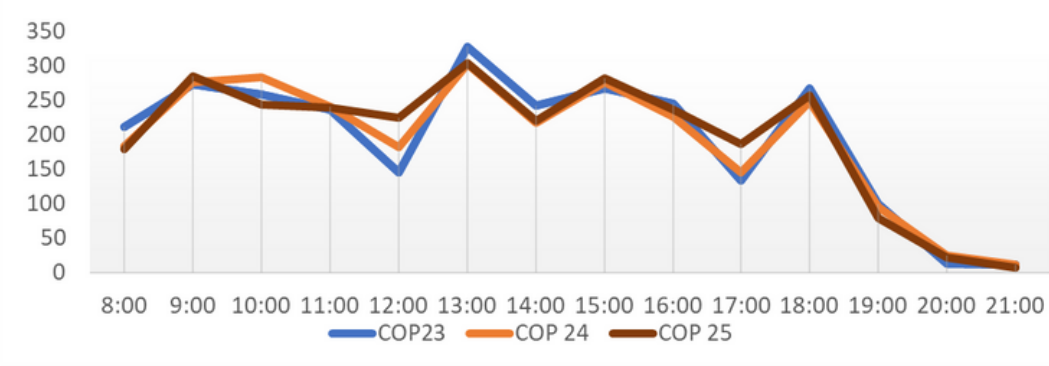
Meeting Room Bookings by Type



Meeting Room vs Side Event Rooms



Number of meetings by time of day

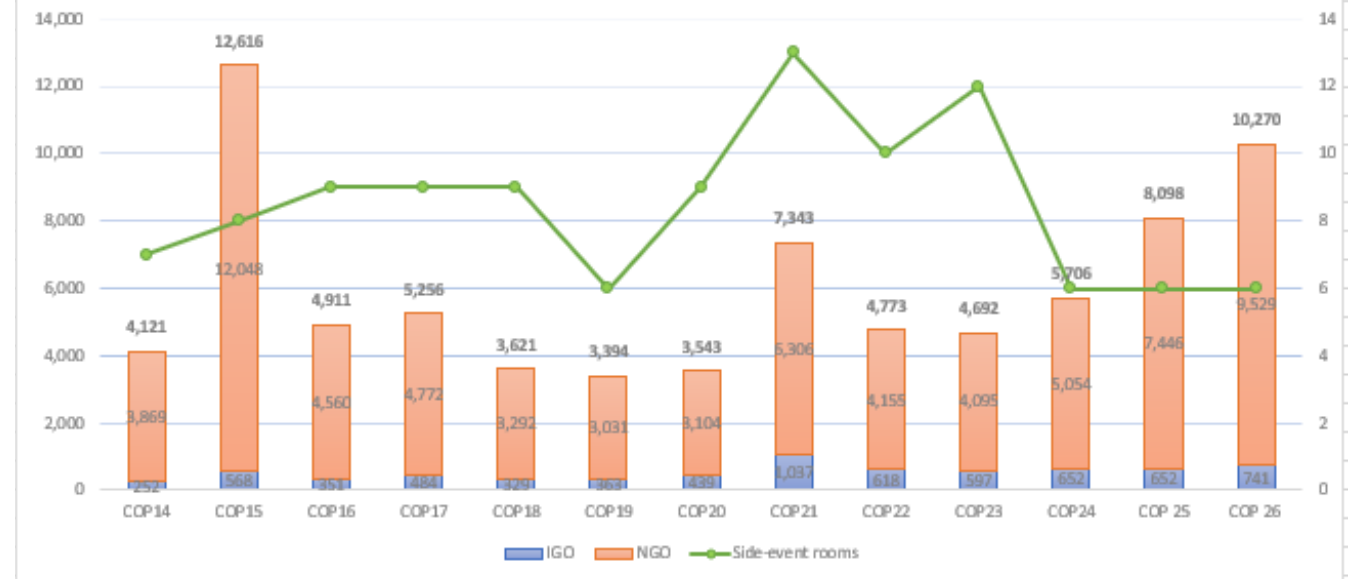


Total number of meetings organized did not change much even though the number of meeting rooms varied

At COP 25, total observer meetings comprised the highest percentage (30%) of meeting room bookings. Media room usage also significantly increased compared with previous COPs, with many observers using them for press conferences.

Fewer meetings were organized after 18:00 hrs, until 22:00 – which is the official closing time for COP 25. This means more meeting rooms are available starting 08:00 and after 18:00 hrs.

IGO and NGO representatives participation and side-event rooms



SIDE EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

A survey was conducted in January-February 2022 to assess observers' experience of attending and/or organizing side events and exhibits at COP 26. Results are available [here](#)

Parties recognized that side events and exhibits are an essential part of the UNFCCC process and an important tool for engaging observers in knowledge-sharing, networking and the exploring of actionable options for meeting the climate challenge. (FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraph 224)

Side event applications and confirmed side events per COP/CMP/CMA

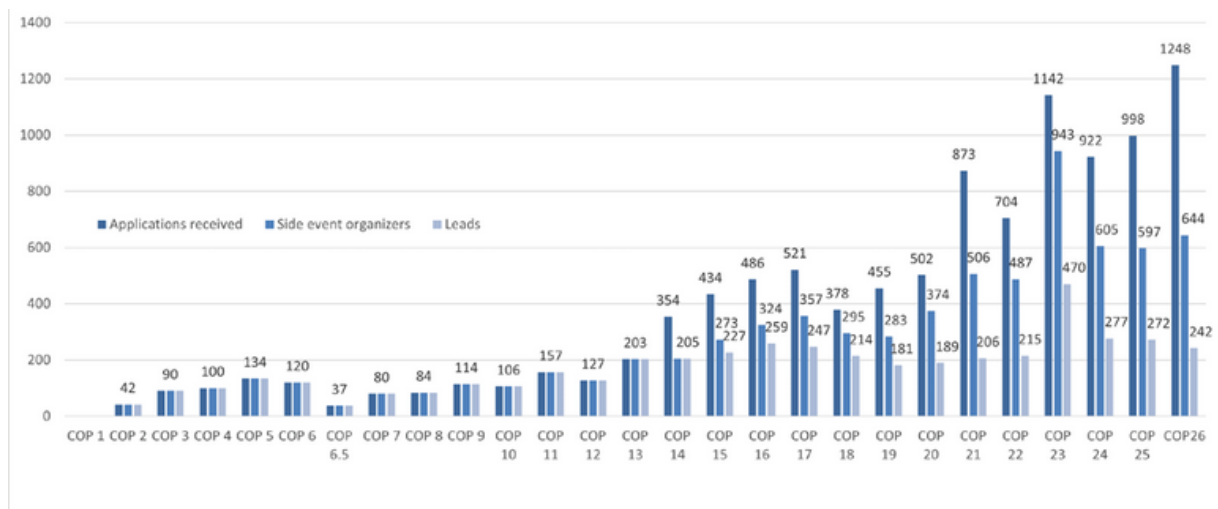
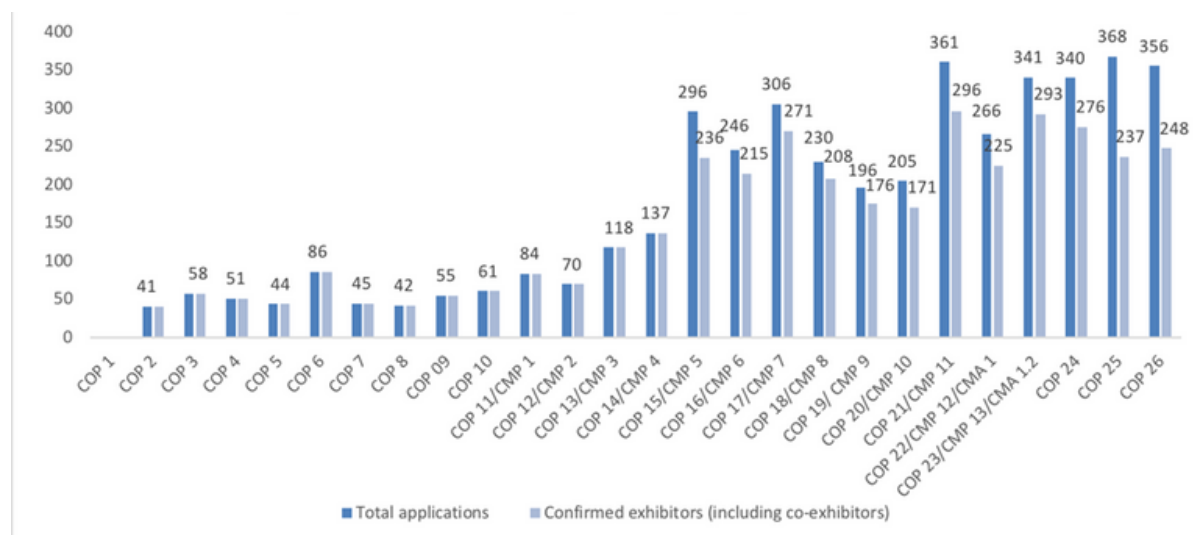


Exhibit applications and confirmed exhibitors (incl. co-exhibitors) at COP/CMP/CMA per year

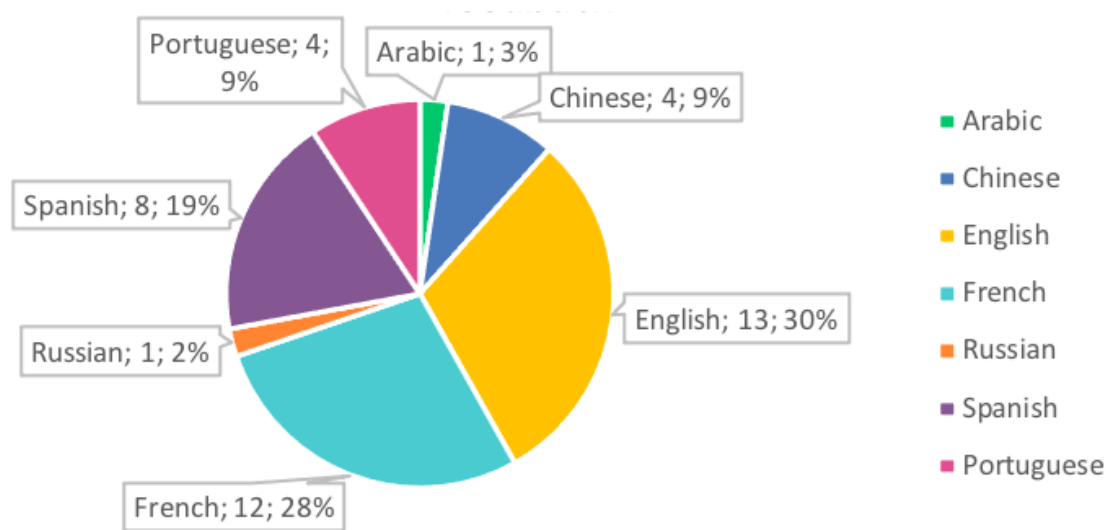


As the number of observers increases, so does the demand for holding side events and exhibits. Since COP 21, the number of side event applications per COP has not dropped below 700. At COP 26, the secretariat received a record number of 1,248 side event applications for 240 side event slots.

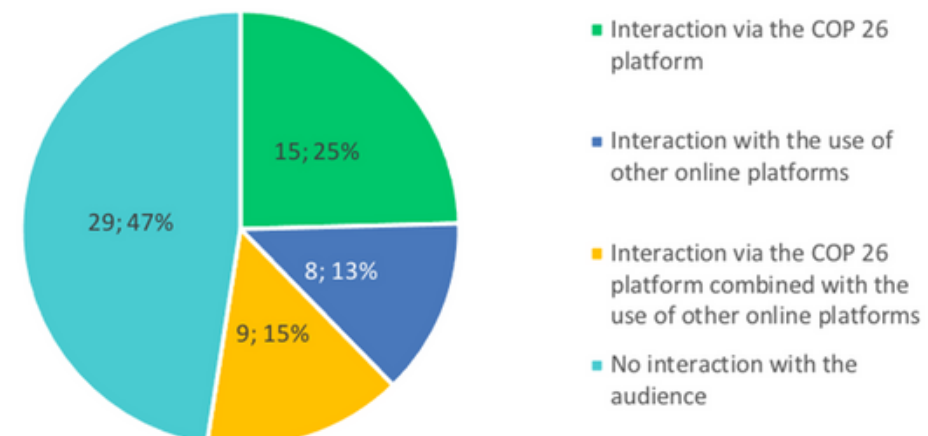
Given the limited number of side event slots, the secretariat has been encouraging merging side event applications. At COP 26, the average number of applications per joint application was 2.9. The selection of 242 side events facilitated the participation of 644 observer organizations and Parties in total. However, hundreds of observer applications had to be declined due to sheer number of applications.

At the same time, the observers who were selected against the odds have been reporting that the need to hold joint side events with several partners hinders effective engagement as it limits the opportunities for individual organizations to contribute.

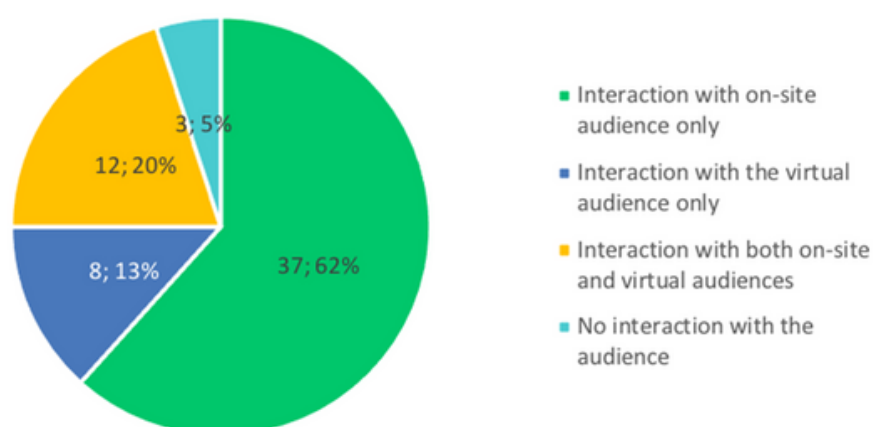
COP26 side events interpretation requests



Interaction with the virtual audience in multimedia side event rooms



Interaction with the audience in conventional side event rooms



VENUE LOGISTICS AND DISABILITY INCLUSION



What measures can be taken by the organizers of UNFCCC sessions to improve the logistics in and around the event?

What could be venue designs and logistical arrangements that could be implemented to help side events and pavilion events obtain more visibility and draw more audience (particularly from Parties)?

