

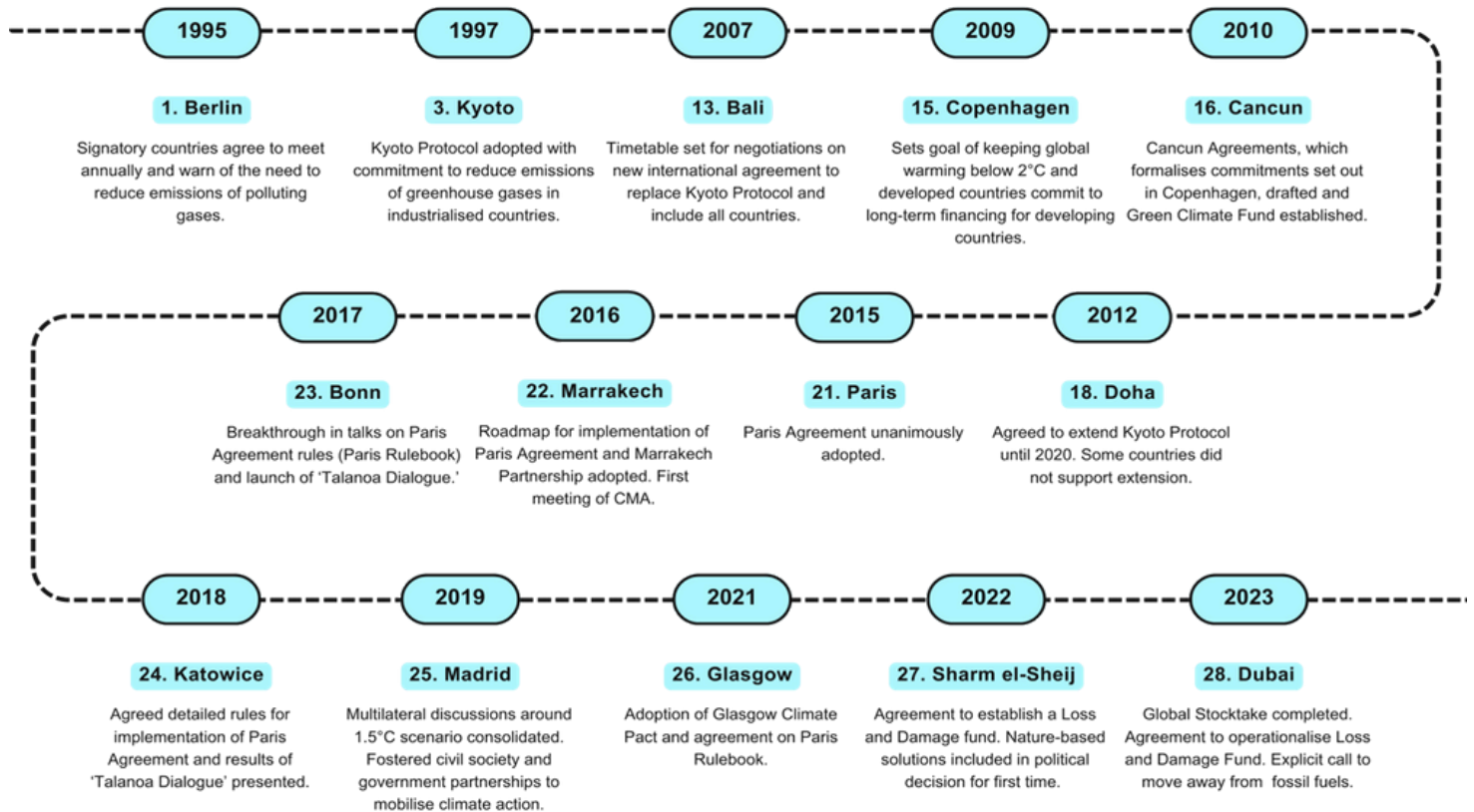
#1 A brief history of the UNFCCC: Lessons from the past for a better future

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

- Agreed in 1992 at **Rio Summit**, ratified in **1994** .
- **Goal:** stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentration in the atmosphere at a level that prevents dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system. The time frame allows people and planet to adapt their economies sustainably.
- Convention does not contain concrete targets to tackle climate change but is rather **framework for future agreements and policies**.
- **Annex I** (developed states (OECD countries) and states in transition) and **Annex II** countries (developing) to follow principle of “common but differentiated responsibilities” (CBDR) .
- **COP** = Conference of Parties is the supreme decision-making body.
- Climate COPs are held **every year**, **location rotates** based on regional divisions.



COP Timeline: Key Milestones



Resources

- [Report on the history of COP \(Harvard Kennedy School\)](#)
- [Climate dictionary \(UNDP\)](#)



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