



C4ET factsheet #7

Get informed and involved

The repeated crisis our world is facing on the environmental, energy, social or economic sides are closely linked to our consumption and production patterns as well as our energy models. Everyone understands that the time is no longer for Advocacy but for concrete action, to initiate a deep and radical change in our lifestyles... And everyone is concerned by one of the biggest transition needed in Human history.

For regular citizens however, these global challenges often appear as too complex, and the links to their daily habits is not always apparent... As a result, the citizen may easily feel totally overwhelmed, distrustful or even rejected by debates of experts in which he does not always recognize himself, or in situations that are sometimes presented to him as fatalities. Yet, a huge work is carried out to better inform individuals, an essential step so that everyone can become part of the solution. Some key publications are specifically designed for citizens, including the ones presented below. The reader is of course invited to conduct further research on these topics.

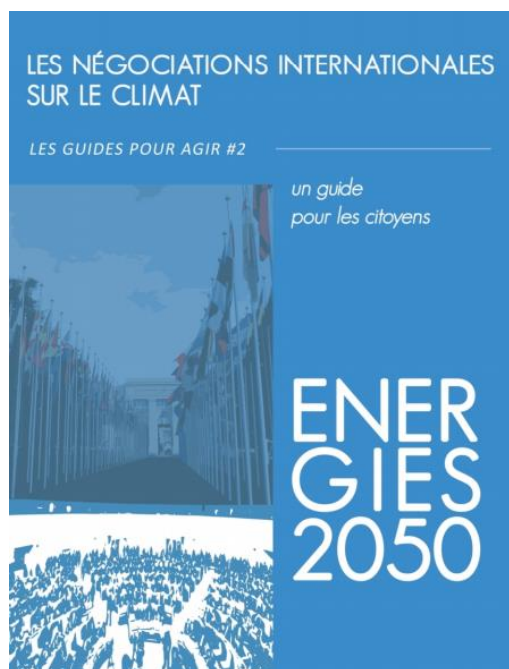
International Negotiations on Climate Change: A Guide for Citizens

The literature on climate change is important but few reports are designed for citizens to help them understanding the complexity of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's process of negotiations. These conferences are of high importance, with significant impacts at the local level and on each of us' daily life.



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Still they are opaque for and poorly understood by the majority of citizens. On the occasion of the 22nd Conference of the Parties (COP22), ENERGIES 2050, in partnership with the Institute of La Francophonie for Sustainable Development (IFDD), subsidiary body of the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF), published its report:

"International Negotiations on Climate Change: A Guide for Citizens". It explains in a pedagogical way the process of international negotiations on climate change, make an assessment of progresses and successes already achieved by the international community, compare that to the challenges, and help to understand the long term prospects and the issues that were discussed at COP22.

Source: <http://energies2050.org/2016/11/23/les-guides-pour-agir-2-les-negociations-internationales-sur-le-climat/>

The Lazy person's guide to saving the world

"End extreme poverty. Fight inequality and injustice. Fix climate change. Whoa. The Global Goals are important, world-changing objectives that will require cooperation among governments, international organizations and world leaders. It seems impossible that the average person can make an impact."

Should you just give up?

No! Change starts with you. Seriously. Every human on earth—even the most indifferent, laziest person among us—is part of the solution. Fortunately, there are some super easy things we can adopt into our routines that, if we all do it, will make a big difference."

THE LAZY PERSON'S GUIDE TO SAVING THE WORLD

There are so many things that anyone can do to have a real impact. The United Nations compiled some of these practices in this Guide for citizens, exploring many possibilities, even for the laziest ones. Citizens are at the heart of the action! It is a key thing to keep in our minds. When the States are negotiating within the frame of the United Nations, it is our common future that is decided, but the implementation depends not only fall on our governments, or the private sector, but also on civil society and common citizens like us!

Source: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction/>



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