

COP23 in Bonn (and before)

- “The culture of **untapped potential**” (Bruhn 2017)
- Observation of participants & interviews with COP attendees
- **Ineffective** patterns of communication
 - One-directional sender-receiver
 - No processing / meaning-making possible
- Lack of **trust** and **time**
- Yet: widely shared frustration and hunger for a different way of becoming active together



COP24 and the first prototype

- IASS offered different sessions in **pavilions** and the **civil society** space
- Lessons learned:
 - **Enabling** and **hindering** factors for dialogue
 - A co-creative process needs a **supportive space**
- We received **positive feedback** and encouragement



Discussing the culture of the COP while trying to make it better

IASS Co-Creative Reflection & Dialogue Space

**Reflection &
Dialogue Sessions**

**Guest
Sessions**

- 20m²
- 10 days
- > 40 sessions
- > 300 participants



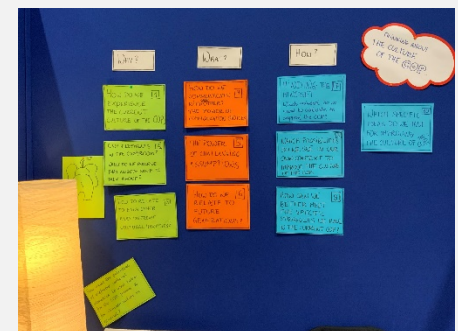
Several **research groups**
from IASS (i.e. AMA; Co-
creation, ClimAct; fellows)

Research Partners:
Chalmers University
Lund University
University of East Anglia

Partners from
civil society, politics and
the **UN community**

Reflection and dialogue sessions

- A **learning journey** with 20 workshops of 60-90 minutes.
- Each session designed around a **guiding question explored in an interactive way**.
- Three lines of inquiry inviting participants to:
 - **evaluate** the current state of communication and collaboration at the COPs;
 - **envision** a future culture of communication and collaboration to support climate action;
 - outline **concrete steps** to take "in the here and now" towards achieving this future.



Guest sessions

20 so-called 'guest sessions' in which experts could discuss their research & initiatives in a **circle dialogue format**.

- Traditional knowledge transfer combined with experimental discussion elements.
- Presentations limited to 15 minutes and shared by the presenters without slides.



Ad hoc interactions

Numerous spontaneous interactions and **exchange possibilities triggered by the Space/space**

- Approaching the research team for advice
- Taking rest & time for individual reflection
- Emerging collaborations



Generated data

- ~250 surveys
- Expert interviews
- Observation & team reflection protocols
- Session outputs (flip chart harvest)
- Enabling critical reflection across the process



(Some) findings in a very little nutshell:

- 70% of participants strongly agree, 25% agree that the COP **culture of collaboration and interaction needs to be changed**
- **CCRDS valued as a good example** of a type of communication the participants would like to see more at COPs, including the possibility to address emotions or conflicting topics or to engage in open dialogue (Wamsler et al., 2020).
- The value of **toolset, skillset & mindset**
 - for facilitation & interaction & collaboration
 - for climate action generally (Fraude et al., forthcoming)



3rd phase of the CCRDS for COP26

- The team and the network of collaborators is growing
- Research focus & process design under development
- Parallel development of various scenarios to design a format fitting the circumstances

The power of questions

- How to create a relational space if there is no physical space?
- Which intervention is big enough?
- How to best contribute?



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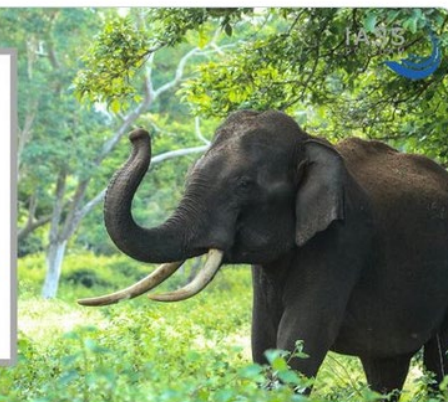
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Today's afternoon session 15:30 - 17:00h (9th Dec)

Any elephants in the room? What do we sense that nobody seems to talk about?

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