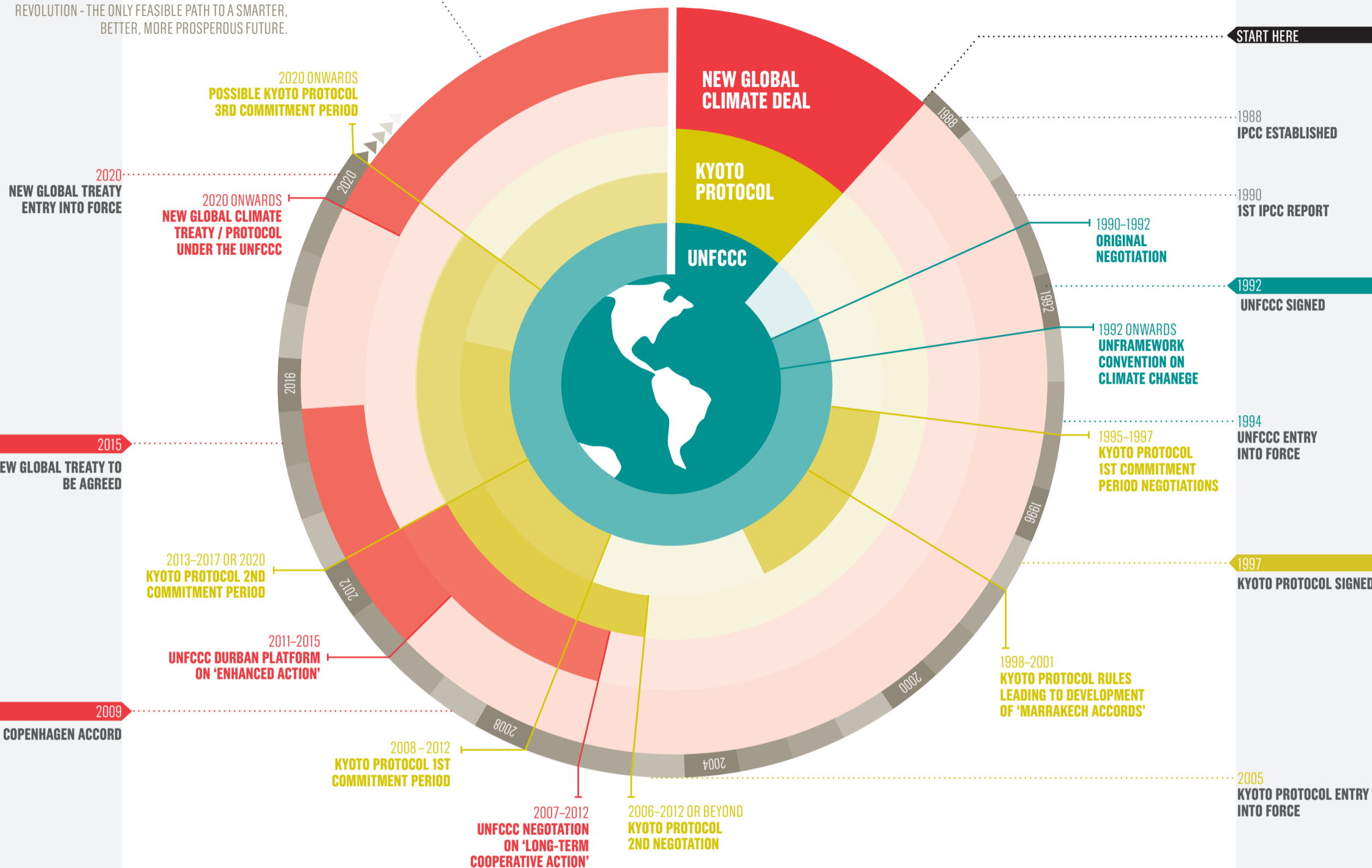


# UNDERSTANDING THE UNFCCC NEGOTIATIONS A TIMELINE OF THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

**2020 AND BEYOND**  
THE CLEAN REVOLUTION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY. TO ACHIEVE REAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS WE NEED THE WORLD'S DECISION MAKERS TO DRIVE A CLEAN REVOLUTION - THE ONLY FEASIBLE PATH TO A SMARTER, BETTER, MORE PROSPEROUS FUTURE.



## THE 'FRAMEWORK' FOR INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION, UNFCCC

### UNFCCC SIGNED - 1992

The original UN climate treaty. Established the basic framework and principles for international climate change action. Developed countries committed to take the lead with developing countries agreeing to take action with financial and technological support and as they developed. No legally emission targets agreed for any countries.

## NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND COMMITMENT PERIODS OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

### KYOTO PROTOCOL SIGNED - 1997

Requires industrialised countries to make a collective binding emission cut of 5% below 1990 levels by 2012. Introduced innovative new instruments, including the Clean Development Mechanism. US never ratified. First commitment period (2008-12) covered 50% of 1990 global emissions. Second commitment period coverage down to ~15% as Canada, Japan, Russia and New Zealand join US in opting-out and developing country emissions grow.

## NEGOTIATING PROCESSES UNDER THE UNFCCC FOR A NEW GLOBAL CLIMATE DEAL TO COMPLEMENT OR REPLACE THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

### COPENHAGEN ACCORD - 2009

Last minute, high-level political agreement reached at COP15 in Copenhagen. Introduced the global goal of keeping warming to 2 degrees. Also the first time both developed AND developing countries made emission reduction pledges. This marked a shift away from purely top-down to more bottom-action up action under the UNFCCC, as well as breaking down the distinction of action between developed and developing countries.

### NEW GLOBAL TREATY TO BE AGREED - 2015

Process to agree new treaty covering all countries established at COP17 Durban in 2011. Negotiations meant to conclude in 2015 with treaty in force from 2020. COP18 provided further shape and direction to the process, which should begin substantive discussions from 2013.

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