



FILM THEMES FOR 2026

Each year the United Nations releases its themes for its annual climate summits, known as the COP conferences. This year, the overarching theme is implementing climate action before 2030. This translates into putting in place programs that adhere to the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals in general and actively committing to programs that transition from non-renewable energy sources to renewable ones.

For those making short (3 to 5 minutes) documentary films for the **Youth Climate Report** this year, it is recommended that reports address this theme by focusing on the following stories:

1. **Life on the Frontlines of Climate Change:**

- Coastal towns dealing with rising sea levels
- Farmers adapting to drought or floods
- Indigenous community approaches to protecting ecosystems

2. **Renewable Energy:**

- A community, family, or business switching to solar or wind power
- New government incentives for switching to renewable energy
- Indigenous-led renewable energy practices

3. **Food and Agriculture**

- Climate-resilient crops
- How the changing climate affects food prices
- The disappearance of family farms

4. **Innovation and Technology**

- Hydrogen cars and electric transportation
- Carbon capture technology
- Sustainable city programs

Submit your film by sharing its YouTube link to ycrtv1@gmail.com by **August 31, 2026** to be eligible for participation in the UN's COP31 climate summit to be held in Antalya, Turkey, November 9 to 20, 2026. All films will be screened by our review committee and those accepted will be added to the [UNFCCC's Youth Climate Report](#) database. Good luck!