



**Walking Away from Paris:  
Donald Trump and the Future of  
Climate Change Action**

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# Background: UNFCCC, Kyoto, COP 21

- 1992 Framework Convention and its Kyoto Protocol
- COP 21 – the Paris Agreement
- All states now have ‘INDC’s

# The Paris Agreement

- Goals – temperature and emissions
- Review and increasing ambition of emission reductions
- ‘Negative emissions’
- Bio-energy with carbon capture and sequestration (BECCS)

# Trump's withdrawal from Paris

- The withdrawal process itself
- Why the US withdrawal might matter
- Why the US withdrawal might not matter #1 – national action
- Why the US withdrawal might not matter #2 – US states and cities

# Conclusion: *'The Art of the Deal'*?

- More like *'The Arse of the Deal'*
- Trump's withdrawal speech



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