

5 Reasons why you should be the YES-DC delegate and go to COP!

The two weeks in COP21 are one of the most exciting moments in my life. It was not just an event about politics and GHG emissions negotiated among countries, but also a platform for sharing, learning and debating about the latest development in energy around the world. Here are 5 reasons why you shouldn't miss the chance to go to the COP:

1. It is a magic moment for energy students and specialists: Imagine a heavenly place where everyone is excited about clean energy, energy efficiency and what we can do with them to make a better world, you have COP21. Energy transition (esp. 100% renewable energy) was definitely the spotlight in Paris. You can hear them from everybody everywhere and anytime. Even the OPEC countries were eager to show their achievements (along with CCS)!
2. Meet the experts of world-leading energy institutes all at once: You do not need to seek them out and visit them one by one; they came to you altogether! Just show up in the countless side events inside and outside COP and you will have them demonstrating the latest and most exciting development of energy projects all over the world.
3. Learn the experiences of energy practitioners at all scales in every corner of the world: if you are curious about how community-based solar PV project can help climate refugees in Bangladesh and empower women in rural India, or how Chinese cities are adopting renewable energy to boost low-carbon economy, COP21 is the place for you.
4. Think about energy beyond energy: in COP, energy is not just about the technology or energy sector per se, but is viewed as a crucial part toward sustainable development under the climate challenge for all human beings. Energy democracy, energy justice, and co-benefits in terms of education, livelihood, gender equity and poverty are addressed in a holistic way. Open up your imagination and dream big!
5. Connected to a city in an uncommon way: Last but not least, you are treated by the host city as a special guest with free transportation, a pack of souvenirs, and the rare access to one of the most guarded must-see places that no tourist can get in. You may not have much spare time to hang around the city thanks to the tight schedule, but when you look back after the journey, you will always remember it with some extraordinary experiences that you can ever have only as a YES-DC delegate.

Thank YES-DC for the wonderful opportunity!