

The world can't COP out of climate change

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I know we have an unprecedented crisis going on. Or rather, I know we have two going on.

Coronavirus is [killing right now](#). And it's going to get worse. But we will survive.

The climate crisis is also killing right now. The difference is there is no end in sight. And it's not going to get better.

That is why this report in the Guardian this morning is so disappointing:

The UN climate talks due to be held in Glasgow later this year have been postponed as governments around the world struggle to halt the spread of coronavirus.

The most important climate negotiations since the Paris agreement in 2015 were scheduled to take place this November to put countries back on track to avoid climate breakdown. They will [now be pushed back](#) to 2021.

A statement from the UN on Wednesday night confirmed that the meeting of over 26,000 attendees would be delayed until next year. It said new dates for the conference would be decided in due course.

I understand why so much of our world is being put on hold right now.

I am not convinced that stopping planning for this conference in eight months time was wise. However important coronavirus is, and it's massively so, beating climate change is at least as important.

If there was one thing for which planning should have continued for as long as possible it was COP-26.

But we've bottled out. It's really not a good sign, at all.