

UN COP 15

The purpose of this topical lunch is to bring together Cornell Researchers - faculty, graduate students and extension associates - that will be attending COP 15 meetings to discuss strategies to elevate the presence of Cornell University at the meetings.

Antonio Bento - CCSF topical lunch organizer - will first summarize the goals of COP 15 by highlighting the different proposed targets for GHG emissions reductions and the role that unregulated sectors, such as agriculture and forestry, can play in contributing to these reductions. He will also highlight some of the political, scientific and economic uncertainties associated with such targets of emissions reductions.

Participants will briefly discuss their current climate-related projects with the hope that new collaborations will emerge. We will also discuss the various side-events of COP15 that the Cornell delegation will attend. After the COP 15 meetings, the group will re-convene to summarize the results of the meetings and identify major research gaps that Cornell researchers are uniquely positioned to address in the coming years.