

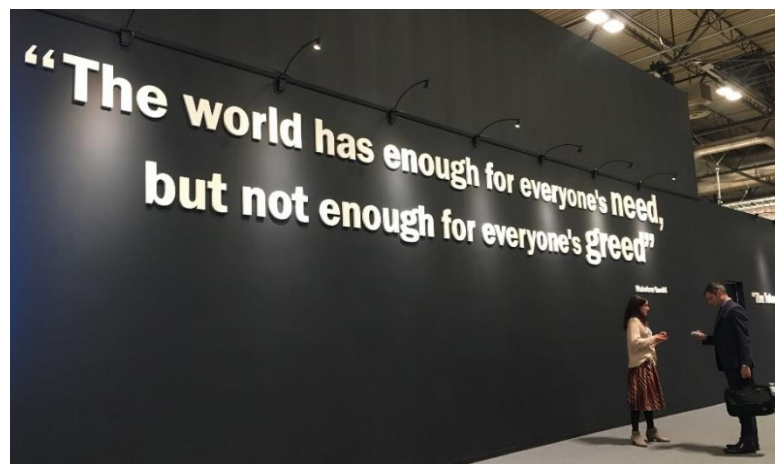


Why did MURCS students attend the COP25 summit?

The *Masters in Urban Climate and Sustainability (MURCS)* Programme emphasizes the critical understanding of the complexity of urban sustainability and the need for local action to combat global climate change. For the third semester of MURCS intake 2018, **Kiran Apsunde**, **Megi Zala** and **Oliver Carlo** were based in Spain, pursuing a semester in mobility at the University of Huelva (UHU). Opportunely, they were extended an invitation to attend the highly anticipated COP25 in Madrid from IRADe (Integrated Research and Action for Development), a Delhi-based institute in India. The Conference of Parties (COP) is a massive annual conglomeration where a multitude of experts, researchers, policy makers, etc. representing multidisciplinary organisations involved in the field climate change mark their presence. Thus, COP25 presented our students a unique opportunity to grasp the latest developments in the global efforts towards combating climate change, and while representing the programme, to promote MURCS through networking with professionals at the event.

What did the MURCS students do at the summit?

Our participation at the COP25 predominantly involved attending various thematic events and promoting the MURCS programme during our interactions with fellow participants from different parts of the world. Several events at the conference emphasised on Capacity Building, Transforming knowledge to Climate Actions, and Youth Employment in the Green Industry.





In a world dominated by political polarization and identity labeling, it felt good to witness the work of professionals who understand the fundamental impacts of policy changes. Presentations attended at the Capacity Building Hub drove home the fact that research and open debate about individual policies are not a choice, but obligatory. On the other hand, sessions on Capacity Building and Youth Employment offered the perfect platform for promoting MUrCS during the Q&A and discussion rounds. Brochures of the programme were shared with those interested in knowing more about MUrCS.

How it felt to represent MUrCS at this important, international event:

It was a privilege and a pleasure to attend COP25 in Madrid and being the Ambassadors of MUrCS at such a crucial international event. A place to co-learn and bring all the best practices, lessons learnt, strategies, and policies towards climate change mitigation and to acknowledge the need for building capacity and disseminating the right knowledge to the society for effective actions on this global matter.

