Negotiations MCP: making climate negotiation evidence more accessible

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The project

GYC AI Labs is building the Negotiations MCP to help youth delegates and civil society navigate climate negotiations and translate their priorities into specific, evidence-backed proposals. It connects compatible AI assistants to a curated collection of public negotiation documents, with references that users can inspect. The broader ambition is to support a pathway from a political objective to practical options, possible wording and procedural routes for human review.

The gap we are trying to address

Our starting point is that access to documents does not automatically translate into the ability to participate effectively. A participant may know what they want to change but still need to establish what has already been agreed, which institution has the relevant mandate, where a proposal could enter the process, and how it connects to other negotiation tracks. Doing this requires time, technical knowledge and research capacity.

The project focuses on that gap between **having a position and developing a proposal that can be used in the negotiating process**. It also addresses a challenge in AI-assisted research: a fluent answer needs traceable evidence, accurate document status and visible uncertainty to be useful.

What we are building

MCP stands for Model Context Protocol, a standard through which AI applications connect to external information and tools. Our service allows a connected assistant to search public sources and retrieve preserved document versions with page and extracted-passage references. Documents are prepared into structured passages so agents can retrieve relevant evidence without loading entire documents into each prompt, helping reduce token use. The service retains distinctions between adopted decisions, drafts, reports and attributed submissions.

A delegate or civil society advocate can prompt their connected assistant with a priority or position and explore public records of what is being discussed in negotiation rooms. The assistant can surface related issues, show the source passages and explain how those discussions may connect to the person’s priorities. From there, it can help trace relevant processes, compare possible approaches and identify questions that need further attention. The person remains responsible for interpreting the political context and deciding what to do with the information.

For example, someone working on meaningful youth participation could ask what related issues appear in the negotiation record, which bodies are discussing them and what public documents say. The assistant can help organize that evidence into possible routes and options, while making clear what comes from a source and what is analysis.

Research relevance

For research, the central question is whether this approach can reduce the effort needed to produce a usable brief while preserving political ownership and evidentiary accountability. Evaluation should examine citation accuracy, unsupported claims, procedural relevance, review effort, accessibility and time to a usable output. These are outcomes to test, rather than benefits we claim to have demonstrated.

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