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Amid rising temperatures and heat waves, countries look to China for guidance as key climate change conference begins

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The future of the Paris Agreement on climate change is being determined in the Polish town of Katowice, at a conference that began on Dec 2. And many nations will be looking to China for guidance.

When the United States walked away from the Paris Agreement in 2017, it left China as the most significant player in the climate change debate.

The Paris Agreement is an accord made in 2015 within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that sets out a series of goals to deal with global greenhouse gas emissions mitigation and finance, starting in 2020.

The goals of the agreement were ambitious, but the text was vague in detail and left some nations wondering if the agreement had any real teeth or whether it favored rich nations.

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