

[Sara Bernard-Hoverstad](#): COP 27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

From November 14-18, 2022 I traveled with nine other Boston College faculty and students to the United Nations Climate Conference, COP 27, in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. We had the chance to witness historic negotiations to establish a loss and damage fund for countries experiencing the impacts of climate change, and to meet with climate professionals ranging from the Deputy Director General of the UN International Organization for Migration to leaders of the Fossil Fuel Anti-Proliferation Treaty. I also met with faith leaders at the COP, including representatives of the Lutheran World Federation and the Anglican Communion and diplomatic negotiators for the Holy See. The Vatican was present at the negotiation table for the first time this year as a newly-signed party to the Paris Climate Agreement and was an important voice in the moral leadership of the COP. My colleague Hilary Nwainya and I were invited to speak on a panel, "Catholics at the COP: Climate and Biodiversity from a Faith Perspective" with other Catholic actors working on climate change from around the world (pictured here). I am grateful to have received funding from the [CTEWC Enrico Dolazza Travel Fellowship](#) and [Boston College's Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society](#), and look forward to building collaboratively on relationships formed at this conference for future work at the intersection of faith-based advocacy and climate change.

