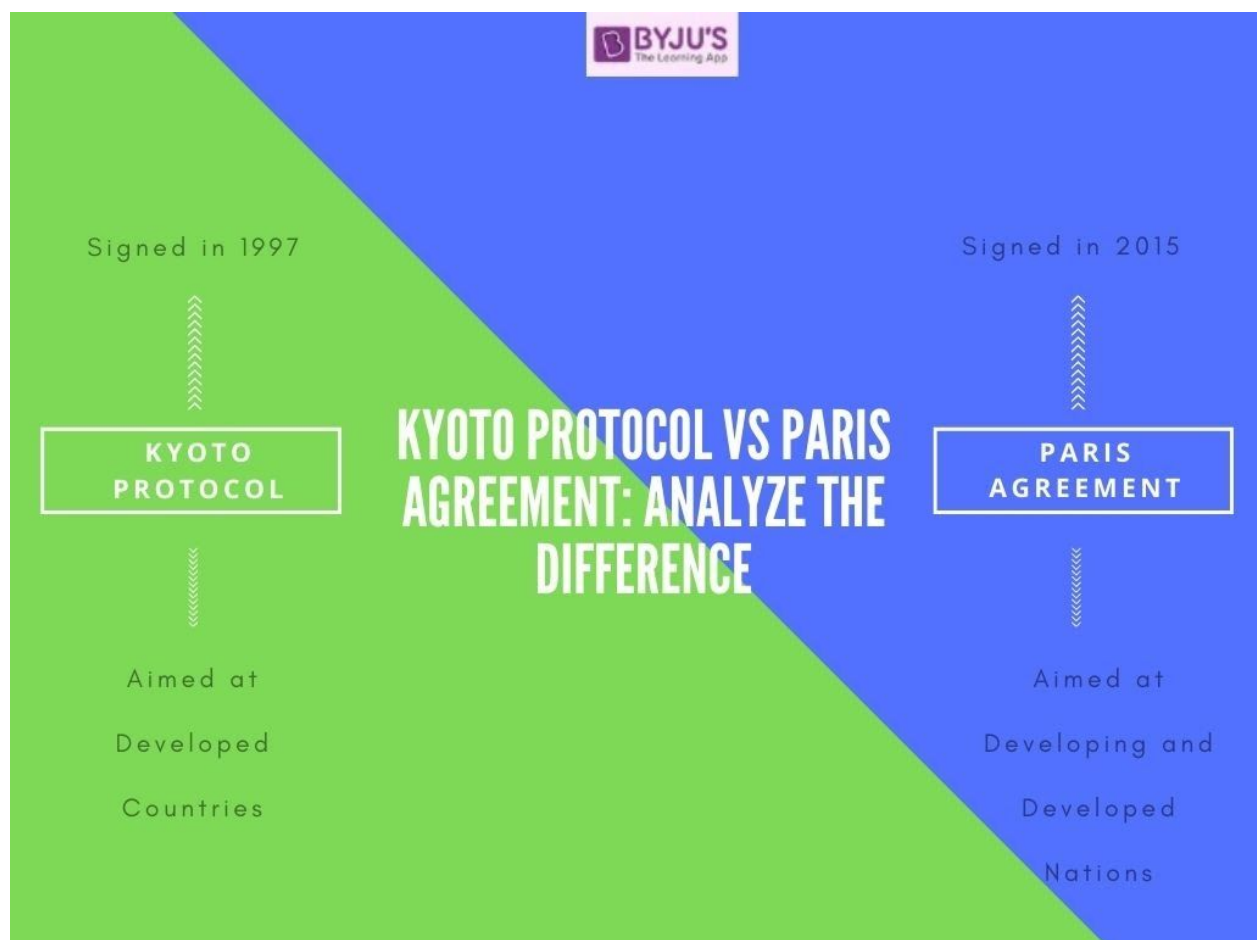


Difference Between the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement

Climate change is a clear and present danger that will affect the Earth and its people for years to come. In the past few years, there have been many conferences, agreement and protocols to mitigate the dangerous effects of climate change.

The Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreements are two such treaties. Although both were drafted with a few to control greenhouse emissions, the manner in which they were implemented and to whom they were addressed to was fundamentally different.

The Paris Agreement was an agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), dealing with greenhouse-gas-emissions mitigation.



The Kyoto Protocol is a treaty that commits state parties to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, based on the scientific consensus.

This article will further elaborate upon the differences between the two within the context of the IAS Exam

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Kyoto Protocol	Paris Agreement
The Kyoto Protocol was established in 1997	The Paris Agreement was signed in 2016
The Kyoto Protocol primarily targeted industrialised nations as they were considered the primary emitters of greenhouse gases. Developing nations were exempt from the Kyoto Protocol	The Paris Agreement required both developing and developed nations to reduce their greenhouse emissions
The objective of the Kyoto Protocol was to reduce greenhouse gases to 5.2%, below pre-1990 levels	The objective of the Paris Agreement was to prevent the average global temperature from rising more than 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels
The Kyoto Protocol was aimed at 6 major greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, sulfur hexafluoride, HFCs, PFCs and nitrous oxide	The Paris Agreement was focused on reducing all anthropogenic greenhouse gases
The first phase of the Kyoto Protocol lasted until 2012	The goals of the Paris Agreement are set to be achieved between 2025 and 2030