

# ACE Dialogue

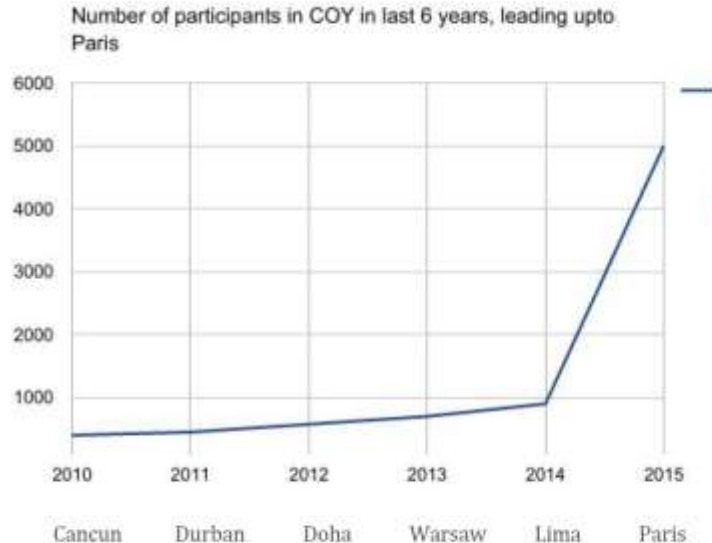
Empowering young people through peer to peer training: the experience of the Conference of Youth



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# What is a COY ?



## Local COYs (LCOY)

- 8 LCOYs in 2015
- 24 LCOYs in 2016
- At: Benin, Brazil, Morocco, Japan, Madagascar, Canada, India, New Caledonia and other places

12 years since inception:

- ❑ More than **25 000** youth engaged
- ❑ Representing **125+ nationalities**
- ❑ At 12 Global COYs, and 30+ Local COYs

# COY as an ACE event itself !

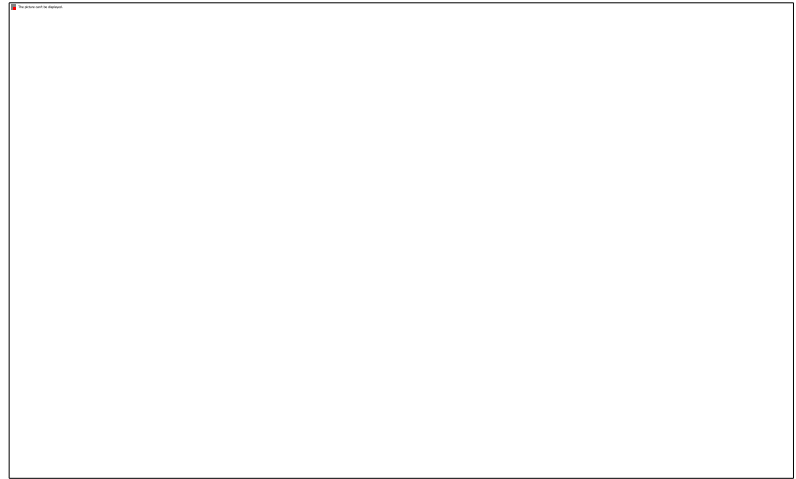
Free and non-accreditation event for international youth :

- Raising awareness for hundreds to thousands of young people
- **Policy Training/Capacity-building**
- **Network Building** : Sharing and building connections between various youth initiatives



# COY as an opportunity for national networks to structure

- Structuring local networks:  
Cooperation between different local grassroots initiatives
- Emergence of national initiatives  
(Warsaw, COY 2013)
- Train on organizational skills



# COY as a preparation for COP

- **Structuring** the YOUNGO Working Groups
- **Empowering** on negotiations and technical points
- **Enabling** to be more effective during COP



# COY as an opportunity to exchange practices

- NGOs, students and young professionals: **exchanges on best practices**
- **Global COY:** enhancing participation (what about Global South ?)
- **Local COYs:** Focusing on national/regional issues with local contexts adapted solutions, and networking.



# Concluding remarks



Thank you !



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