



United Nations
Climate Change



COP29 Orientation Session for Youth

Monday 11 November 2024

Room Nasimi (Special Event Room 5)

Time 13:00 – 14:30

Concept Note

Objective

Youth participation in UNFCCC conferences has been rising steadily over the last years. This includes young representatives of governments, observer organizations and UNFCCC constituencies such as YOUNGO, Indigenous Peoples Organisations, Women and Gender, as well as other Environmental NGOs. This trend is also reflected in the growing number of organizations affiliated to YOUNGO.

This could be due to several factors including the invitation to Parties to include children and youth in their national delegation in Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan ([Decision 1/CP.27 para. 59](#)), and the implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment ([ACE](#)) work programme ([Decision 18/CP.26](#)) and its action plan ([Decision 23/CP.27](#)), recognizing youth as agents of change in the climate change process. The establishment of the role of the Presidency Youth Climate Champion ([Decision 16/CP.28](#)), is also meant to further enhance this inclusive engagement of young people in the UNFCCC process.

The orientation session aims at providing a space for young delegates attending COP29, especially those attending for the first time, to be able to ask questions regarding the UNFCCC process, receive information on what is taking place at the COP29, how they can engage and network with other young delegates.

Targeted audience

The orientation session is offered to young delegates (under 35 years old) attending COP29. Seats will be made available to other delegates depending on room availability.



Tentative Agenda

Orientation Session for Youth	
13:05 – 13:12	<p>Moderators: Jenny Cheng, YOUNGO and Jevanic Henry, UN Climate Change</p> <p>Welcome remarks and presentation of objectives of the orientation session and information on key outcomes expected at COP29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fleur Newman, Communications and Engagement Division, UN Climate Change
13:12 – 13:20	<p>Key information relevant to observer engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anindya Bhagirath, Observer Relations Team, UN Climate Change
13:20 – 13:27	<p>Presentation – Laura Vinuela, Communications & Engagement Division, UN Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-learning modules on UNFCCC Thematic Topics COP29 Relevant Events Accessing information during COP29
13:27 – 13:45	<p>Questions and answers</p> <p><i>UNFCCC Colleagues in attendance for any thematic questions</i></p>
13:45 – 14:10	<p>Roundtable Breakout Session with UNFCCC</p> <p>Youth participants to join break out groups with UNFCCC experts according to area of interest to gain a deeper understanding on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Events at COP29 and how youth can get involved. How youth can be engaged in the work areas of the team.
14:10 – 14:25	<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leyla Hasanova, COP 29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion Felipe Paullier, Assistant Secretary General for Youth Affairs, UN Youth Office Beniamin Strzelecki, UN Secretary General Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change (YAG) Vikrant Srivastava, YOUNGO
14:25 – 14:30	Wrap Up and Feedback Survey