

Role of Youth in Climate Action



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What good practices, projects, materials, and tools exist from youth?

Conferences of Youth (COYs)

- Global Conference of Youth taking place every year near the COP venue
- This year: 28 - 31 November 2019 in Valparaiso, Chile
- 2000 youth from all over the world
- capacity building, networking and policy training
- Local COYs happening all over the world (30 + all over the world)
- Inputs feed into Global COY



From Youth and Non-Party Organisations

Fridays for Future, youth mobilisations across the world, showing young people care.



Young people as multipliers - program in Germany to help in reaching people who are not engaged and to train them (peer-to-peer approach).

From Non-Party Organizations

Policy Citizens' Dialogue

WOSM (Scouts) - Educational Programmes with UN Environment + Scouts for SDG mobilising 50 million Scouts for SDGs - >1 billion hours since 2012



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- Many countries still do not have an ACE National Focal Point
- Lack of engagement of non-party stakeholders in ACE implementation by UN
Learn and lack of recognition of the role of youth CSOs in climate education through non-formal and formal methods.
- Increase in anxiety and mental health issues amongst young people due to inaction on climate change.
- Public and youth participation has to move beyond just consultation to actual co-creation and co-decision making
- Financial support for youth-led climate action and youth CSOs who provide educational programmes and capacity building.

Challenges, Gaps, and how to address them

- Public and Youth participation is still voluntary rather than right-based in many countries
- Ensuring effective capacity building for all people including those outside formally engaged structures
- There should be a dedicated resource to support Parties in implementing YDPs, based upon the experience and practices of Parties who have them already
- Private sectors or enterprise should have ACE as part of the CSR - train their staff

