

# YOUNGO views on ACE



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# Why do we Care About ACE?

The six elements of ACE form a pillar of the UNFCCC, providing a framework by which to empower **effective and just climate action**.

It is only by building the capacity of everyone to engage in **climate action** and to participate in **climate governance** that we can hope to respond to the climate crisis equitably and with the required levels of ambition and urgency.

# Looking Back

- ACE Contributions by YOUNGO:
  - Annual Conference of Youth (COY) and Local COYs
  - ACE Youth Forum (2018) -> inputs to A12 of PAWP



# Looking Back – Barriers & Obstacles

- Lack of firm metrics and targets for progress
- Disconnect from what is happening at the local level
- Unequal focus on the different elements of ACE
- ACE as a siloed workstream with less priority
- Lack of financial resources for implementation

# Looking Forward – ACE Needs...

- **Action Plan** and **Task Force** with **annual targets** to drive the implementation of ACE
- Integration of **ACE in NDCs, NAPs**, etc & design of ACE national strategies
- Clear **metrics and targets** that put an **equal focus on all ACE elements**
- **Robust financial support** such as by **establishing a platform** for ACE-related projects
- **Linkages** with relevant UNFCCC workstreams (i.e. GAP & LCIPP)
- **Comprehensive approach** to the implementation of ACE that conforms **with rights to participation of vulnerable groups** as put forth in the Paris Agreement

# Call to Action

- We need a **candid assessment** of what is and isn't working in order to fully realize the potential of ACE
- We need **cooperation** between all Parties and NPS to build a new ACE work program that drives the necessary change
- We need a genuine spirit of **collaboration** throughout ACE implementation. Together we can empower each other!

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