

ORIENTATION SESSION FOR YOUTH COP29

Monday 11 November 2024



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Webcast link





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Welcoming Remarks



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Outline

General Information:

1. Information for admitted Observers

Information on:

1. Gender & ACE & GCA
2. Adaptation
3. Mitigation
4. Transparency
5. Means of Implementation

Other updates:

1. COP 29 PYCC
2. UN Youth Office
3. YOUNGO
4. YAG

General information on observer engagement in the UNFCCC process



CHARACTERISTICS OF UNFCCC

- Largest UN annual conference
- Wide range of issues under discussion
- High demand for observer participation



Source: UNFCCC secretariat



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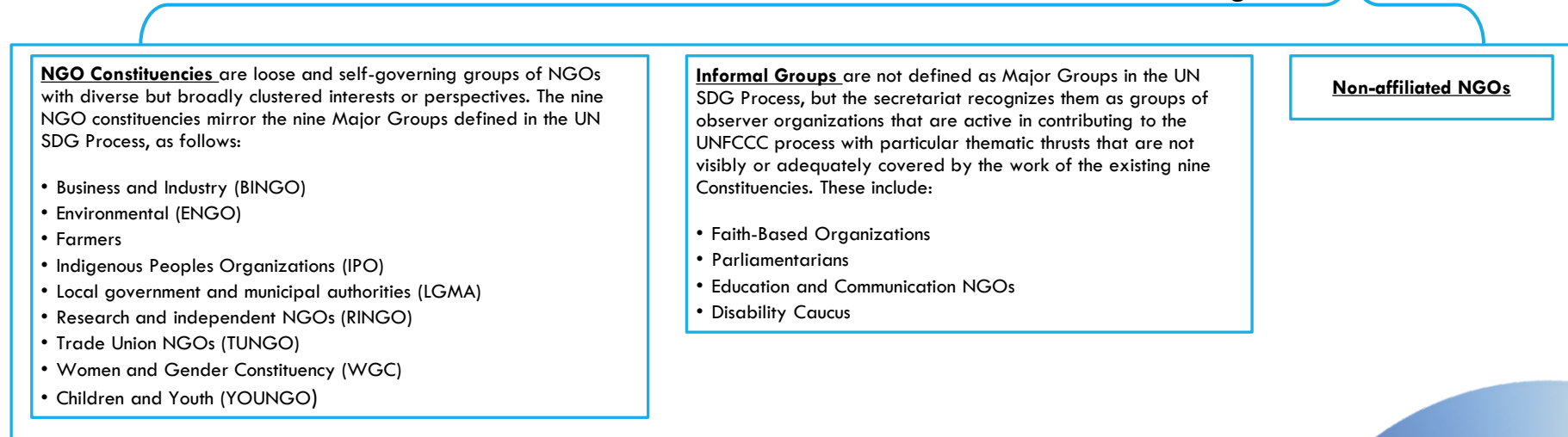


OBSERVER ORGANIZATION CATEGORIES

Observer organizations are categorized into the following three types:



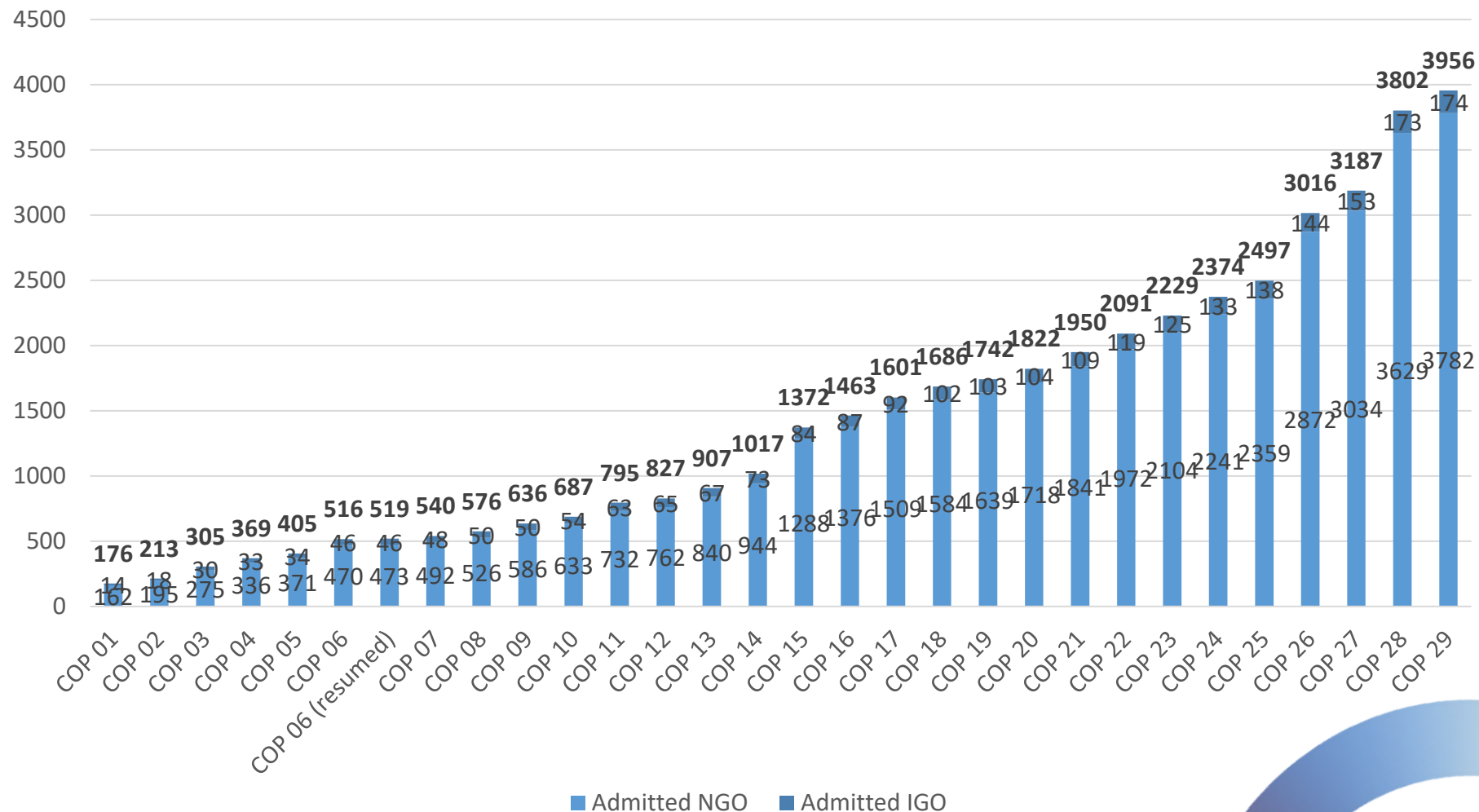
NGOs can choose to affiliate with the following:



**IGOs and NGOs can register delegates once they have received observer status*

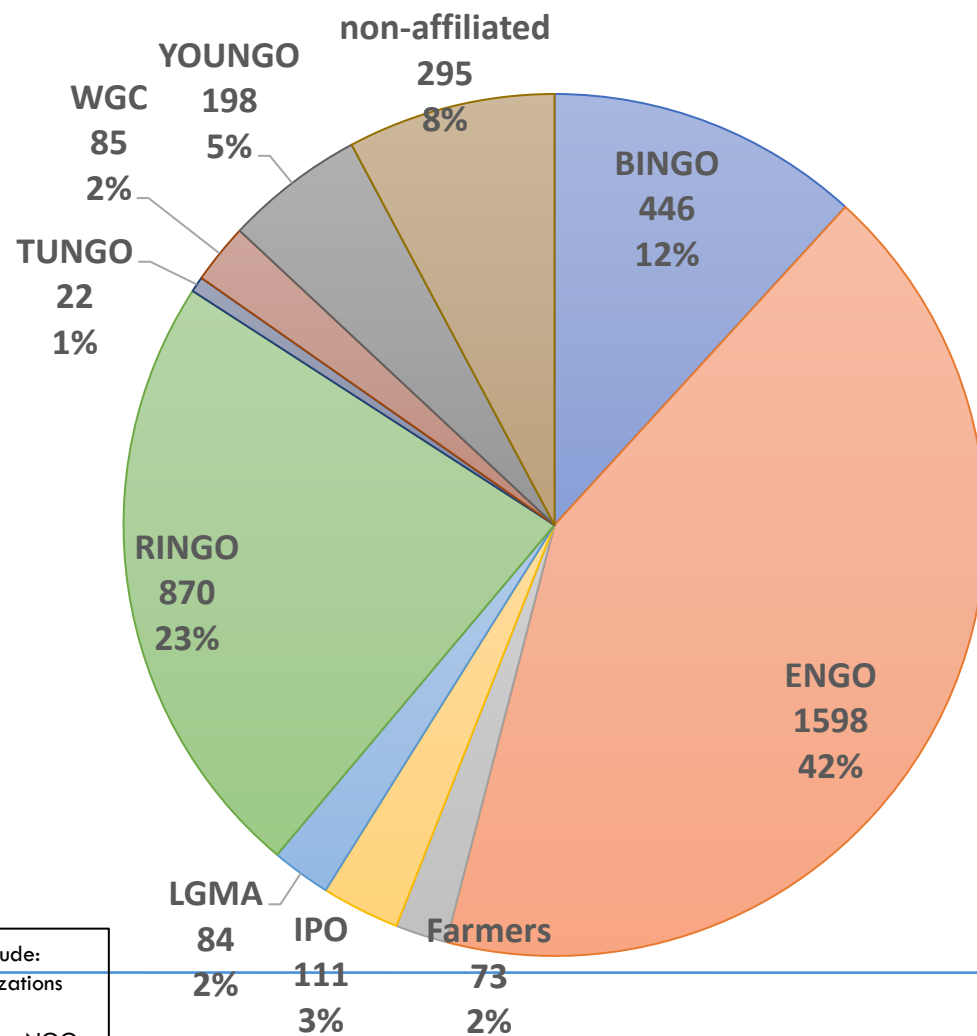


ADMISSION: UNFCCC OBSERVER STATUS



NB: Organizations that were admitted for one-COP only are not included

ADMISSION: CONSTITUENCY AFFILIATION

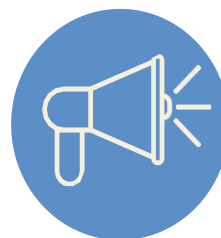


*Non-affiliated include:
Faith based organizations
Parliamentarians
Education and comms NGOs
Disability caucus (tbc)



There are many ways for observers to engage during formal sessions of the UNFCCC:

Follow the negotiations to provide tailored substantive inputs to Parties, ensure transparency to the workings of a complex intergovernmental process, raise public awareness, and enhance public access to information.



Showcase findings, whereby observer organizations can network and disseminate research findings, lessons learnt from the implementation work on the ground and various messages and stories to a wide audience.

Side events, exhibits, advocacy actions are some of the avenues to showcase these. For further information, refer to pages 35 - 37.



Hold **bilateral meetings** with government delegates to share position papers and submissions, and advocate policy perspectives.



Develop **position papers** and **make formal submissions** in response to calls for information and views by negotiating bodies. Information on submissions is available [here](#).

Townhalls will provide space for preparing for dialogues and briefings and raising key issues and asking pertinent questions to the Presiding officers and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary. These Townhalls are usually chaired by one of the NGO constituency Focal Points. During the conference, information on such meetings will be published in the Daily Programme and on the CCTV screens.



At **press conferences**, observers can utilize the media's extensive reach to convey their views and advocate for change. This platform is instrumental in shaping public discourse and influencing climate policy on a global stage. More information on press conferences is available [here](#).

ACCESS TO MEETINGS

FORMALITY OF MEETINGS:

The chart below provides a breakdown of types of meetings and documents.

ACCESS TO OBSERVERS:

- Open: O
- Closed: X

Observers will have priority to rooms over Party overflow, unless the Party overflow are accompanied by a Party member. In the event that Parties fill room capacity, nine seats (one per NGO Constituency) will be reserved.

Open meetings are limited by capacity. Closed meetings can be opened and open meetings can be closed should Parties decide to do so during the meetings.

Timeline

Meeting Type	O	O	O/X	X	O	O
	Opening Plenary	Contact Groups (CG)	Informal Consultations	Informal Informals	CG Conclusions	Closing Plenary
Documents to consult	Pre-sessional documents	Pre-sessional documents/ Deliberations/ Draft text	Deliberations/ Draft text	Draft text	L Documents	Adoption of L documents



MAKING INTERVENTIONS

Observers are often invited by the Presiding Officers to make interventions at the opening and closing plenaries - time permitting. Sometimes, co-chairs of CGs might invite observers to make interventions at the end of the CGs, if time and Parties allow for it.



If your constituency wishes to speak on a particular agenda item, approach the secretariat support team present in the room at the beginning of the CG / IC, and they will ask the Co-Facilitators to explore the possibility.



If the Co-Facilitators ask the Parties and no objection is raised, and only if time remains after all Parties have spoken, observers will be given the floor. In this case representatives of the nine NGO constituencies have the priority, followed by other observers.



Parties are increasingly open to hearing observer statements in CGs and ICs.



Ways to engage through NGO Constituencies and Informal Groups:

- Attend **daily coordination meetings** of respective Constituencies. Information on such meetings will be published in the Daily Programme and on the CCTV screens.
- Make **joint constituency statements** in the plenaries addressing the conference with concise and impactful messages from a diversity of voices, channeled through constituencies. Statements may also be provided during **Contact Groups** or **Informal Consultations**, time and Parties permitting.
- Attend **townhall meetings** with NGO Constituencies and high-level representatives, such as COP President, UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Subsidiary Body Chairs, and sometimes the High-level Climate Champions and UN Secretary General. These could be used to raise key issues and ask pertinent issues. Information on such meetings will be published in the Daily Programme* and on the CCTV screens.
- **Nominate speakers/experts** to speak at UNFCCC mandated events/workshops.



SIDE EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Organized by observer organizations, Parties partnering with observers, [side events and exhibits](#) are popular modes of observer engagement at COPs.

330 joint side events and 120 exhibits are selected from 1,300 and 300 exhibit applications respectively, particularly those proposals by developing country observers.

They will cover the following issues:

1. Mitigation, including response measures
2. Adaptation, including loss and damage
3. Means of implementation and support
4. Integrated and holistic approaches
5. Other unique perspectives related to UNFCCC.

Is your organization involved in organizing a side event or an exhibit?

Check the [home page of SEORS](#) for the most up-to-date logistical information.

Did you know?

The SBI recognized side events as an **essential part of the UNFCCC process** and an important tool for engaging observers in knowledge-sharing, networking and the exploring of actionable options for meeting the climate challenge. (FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraph 224).



Source: UNFCCC secretariat



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SIDE EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

[COP 29 Side Events schedule](#)

[How to attend COP 29 side events](#)

[COP 29 Exhibits schedule](#)

[How to attend COP 29 exhibits](#)

Side events and exhibits will be running every day (except Sunday, 17 November, the rest day!) from Monday, **11 November** to Thursday, **21 November**.

To avoid thematic clashes, most of the **side events** falling under the topics of the COP 29 Presidency thematic days, are **not** allocated on those days. Instead, they are grouped into "thematic clusters" and are assigned slots **on the days prior to the thematic day** and/or **on the days after the thematic day**.

Date	Monday, 11 November	Tuesday, 12 November	Wednesday, 13 November	Thursday, 14 November	Friday, 15 November	Saturday, 16 November
COP 29 thematic days	no thematic day	no thematic day	no thematic day	Finance / Trade & Investment	Energy / Peace, Relief & Recovery	Science, Technology & Innovation
Side event thematic tracks				Science, Technology and Innovation	Finance / Trade Investment	Finance / Trade Investment
	Science, Technology and Innovation	Science, Technology and Innovation	Science, Technology and Innovation			

Date	Monday, 18 November	Tuesday, 19 November	Wednesday, 20 November	Thursday, 21 November
COP 29 thematic days	Human capital/ Children and Youth / Health / Education	Food / Agriculture / Water	Urbanization / Transport / Tourism	Nature & Biodiversity / Indigenous Peoples / Gender equality
Side event thematic tracks	Energy / Peace, Relief & Recovery	Human capital/ Children and Youth / Health / Education	Nature & Biodiversity / Indigenous Peoples / Gender equality	Urbanization / Transport / Tourism
	Food / Agriculture / Water		Food / Agriculture / Water	Human capital/ Children and Youth / Health / Education



ADVOCACY ACTIONS

Inside the conference venue, advocacy actions by admitted observers can be facilitated upon request and after confirmation by the UNFCCC secretariat.



Admitted organizations are required to submit an application request by 10:00 local time the day prior. For advocacy actions planned on Monday, 18 November, the deadline to submit the form is at 10:00 on Saturday, 16 November.



United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) and secretariat staff must be present during the action to ensure the safety and security of all participants. Trust relationship between NGO colleagues, the secretariat and



UNDSS colleagues is vital.

Any advocacy actions outside the Blue Zone are under the sole jurisdiction of the host country.



Source: UNFCCC secretariat



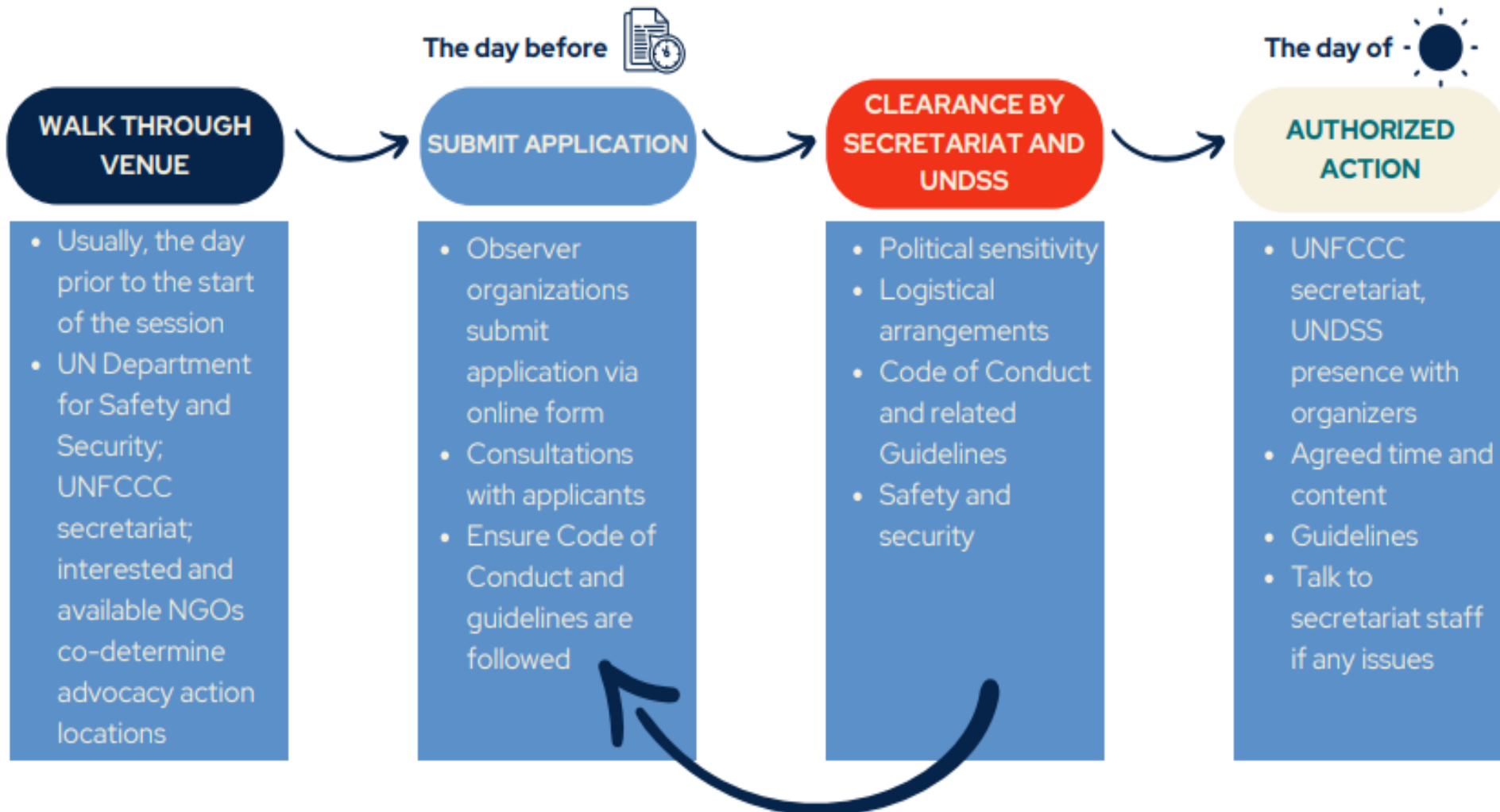
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ADVOCACY ACTIONS

Clearance Process



(Iterative process in case of feedback/need for revision)





We wish you a productive conference!

For more information please visit the Non-Party
Stakeholder web pages or contact us at
cool@unfccc.int



UN Climate Change website
Our official website. You can find
documents, calendar of events,
news and resources here.



X (previously Twitter)
[@UNFCCC](https://twitter.com/UNFCCC)
[@simonstiell](https://twitter.com/simonstiell)



Instagram
[@unclimatechange](https://www.instagram.com/unclimatechange)



LinkedIn
[UN Climate Change](https://www.linkedin.com/company/un-climate-change)
[Simon Stiell](https://www.linkedin.com/company/simon-stiell)



Tiktok
[UN Climate Change](https://www.tiktok.com/@unclimatechange)



UN Climate Change App
This app will give you quick
access to information
about the UN Climate
Change process and
associated events.



Apple phones



Android phones



Learning Resources & COP29 Events



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Available on the UN CC: Learn Platform:

- *A participant guide of the UN Climate Change process*



Online lesson comprising two modules.

- **Module 1:** Overview of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Process
- **Module 2:** The Negotiations and Rules of Procedure of the Intergovernmental Climate Change Process

Available on the UN CC: Learn Platform:

- *Mastering International Climate Negotiations: All You Need to Know*

New!
Info on COP29



Course modules

1. Introduction to the course

- 1.1. Introduction to climate change and the UNFCCC process
- 1.2. The science behind it all (Research and Science)
- 1.3. Where we stand: the Global Stocktake

2. Mitigation

- 2.1. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS)
- 2.2. Mitigation Work Programme
- 2.3. Response Measures
- 2.4. Article 6 on Market and Non-market Mechanisms

3. Adaptation

- 3.1. Global Goal on Adaptation
- 3.2. Least Developed Countries
- 3.3. National Adaptation Plans
- 3.4. Loss and Damage
- 3.5. Local Communities and Indigenous People's Platform

4. Transparency

- 4.1. From the Measurement, Reporting and Verification system to the Enhanced Transparency Framework
- 4.2. Training programme for expert reviewers
- 4.3. Support to developing countries
- 4.4. Together4Transparency

5. Climate Finance

6. Technology Mechanism

7. Capacity Building and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

8. Just Transition

9. Agriculture and Food Security

10. Gender

11. The Ocean

12. In Practice: How to Navigate the UNFCCC Website and App

13. Conclusion

Negotiations

SBI Agenda item 18 on
Matters relating to Action
for Climate Empowerment

Parties will consider the
annual summary reports
published in 2023 and 2024



ACE Presidency Event

Advancing Climate Transparency:
Opportunities
through Action for Climate
Empowerment



Launch of ACE Hub 2.0

ACE Hub 2.0 Launch and
Reception at COP29 -
Advancing Meaningful
Climate Action through
Radical Collaboration



Information on ACE

ace@unfccc.int

Gender at COP29

Events

Gender Day on 21 November in MR11

Gender in Transparency

- ❖ **Presidency high-level event 10-11.30**
- ❖ **Technical in-session dialogue 15-17.00**

The Power of Gender Data for Prioritization and Transparency: Workshop with a Focus on NDCs and BTRs – 19 Nov, 13:30, Shirvan

Enhancing Inclusive Climate Action: Alliance for Gender-Responsive Climate Finance – 20 Nov, 10:00, UAE Pavilion

NEGOTIATIONS

COP 28 outcome on gender and climate change TIMELINE 2024



**Gender related events
at COP 29**



**Information on the
Review**





Marrakech Partnership and High-Level Champions Events





Mitigation

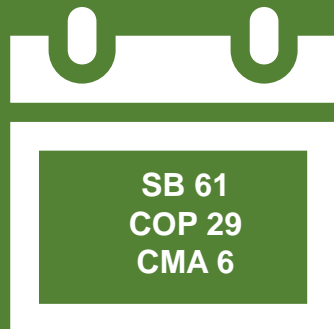


Adaptation

Events

Negotiations

- GGA
- Adaptation Committee
- National Adaptation Plans
- Least Developed Countries
- Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples



Adaptation

- 30 years of Adaptation
- Transformational Adaptation
- Unpacking the loss and damage landscape



Youth Specific

- LCIPP Youth Roundtable
- LCIPP Annual Gathering of Knowledge Holders



Together4Transparency at COP29

The UNFCCC secretariat looks forward to welcoming you there!



Official side
events

Mandated
events

Other
thematic
events

Trainings and
information
events

- **Facilitative sharing of views under the ICA process:** Friday 15 - 10:00-13:00 – MR04
- **Multilateral assessment under the IAR process:** Friday 15 - 15:00-18:00 – MR04 & Saturday 16 - 10:00-13:00 – MR07



#Together4Transparency



Negotiations

Finance

- Long-term climate finance
- Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) and the second review of the functions of the SCF
- Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund and its membership
- New collective quantified goal on climate finance
- Guidance to the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility
- Report of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage and Arrangements between the COP, the CMA and the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage
- Sharm el-Sheikh dialogue on the scope of Article 2, paragraph 1(c)
- Report of developed country Parties on doubling the collective provision of climate finance for adaptation
- Seventh review of the Financial Mechanism
- TUA dialogue (Finance)

Technology

- Joint annual report Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) for 2024
- Linkages between the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism
- Poznan Strategic Programme on Technology Transfer
- Technology Implementation Programme

Capacity-building

- Second review of progress and the need for extension of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)
- Review Terms of reference for the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention

Means of Implementation

Youth focused events



11
MON **DECODING UNFCCC
LANGUAGE**

1500-1630
SPECIAL EVENT ROOM 5
NASIMI, AREA B



19
TUE **EMPOWERING YOU(TH) FOR
SYNERGISTIC RIO CONVENTIONS ACTION**

1515-1615
SPECIAL EVENT ROOM 4
SHIRVAN, AREA B



20
WED **HOW TO SUSTAIN AND SCALE FUNDING
FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS**

1445-1545
SPECIAL EVENT ROOM 4
SHIRVAN, AREA B



21
THU **TOOLS4YOUTH
MARKETPLACE**

1600-1715
SPECIAL EVENT ROOM 4
SHIRVAN, AREA B



Means of Implementation

Finance

13 Nov
SCF Side Event: Key reports of the Standing Committee on Finance for COP 29

14 Nov
6th High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance

16 Nov
2nd High-level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance - "A multi-stakeholder approach to mobilization and delivery of adaptation finance"

Other events

- NBF side event
- NCQG Ministerial consultations

Other events

Technology

14 Nov
Climate Technologies: Impact Stories from Country Support through the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism

16 Nov
• AI Innovation Grand Challenge Award Ceremony
Implementation of Technology Action Plans to Realize Ambitious and Feasible NDCs

18 Nov
• Technology Day on Transformative Industry: Driving industrial transition through NDCs - Session 1
• Technology Mechanism event: Capacities for Climate Innovation: Artificial Intelligence

19 Nov
High-level Dialogue - Moving forward with NDC acceleration in agrifood systems: Climate Technology Uptake

20 Nov
Technology Day on Transformative Industry: Driving industrial transition through NDCs - Session 2

Capacity-building

6th Capacity-building Hub



Capacity-building for NDCs

NDC Enhancing
Capacities Workshop



Implementing NDCs
and NAPs through MOI

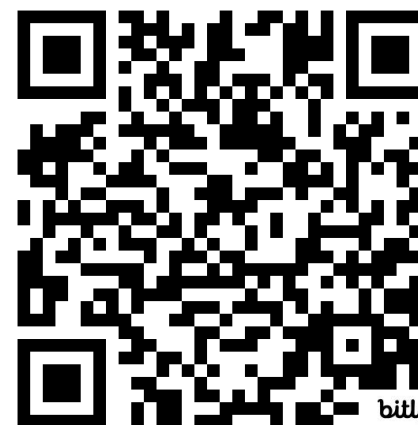




Information for participants



Virtual Platform





Daily Programme



UN Pavilion



Side Events



Schedule of Events



Questions and Answers



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Roundtable Breakout Sessions



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Updates



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Children and Youth Updates



Leyla Hasanova

COP29 Presidency
Youth Climate Champion



ASG Felipe Paullier

Assistant Secretary General for
Youth Affairs, UN Youth Office



Beniamin Strzelecki

UN SG Youth Advisory Group on
Climate Change (YAG)



Vikrant Srivastava

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**Information about the
PYCC and PYCC events at
COP29**

PYCC



YOUNGO's engagement at COP29



OUR HISTORY

TIMELINE

1992 – Rio Earth Summit

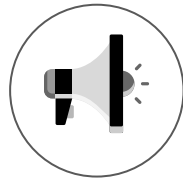
The Principle 21 of the Rio Declaration identified nine sectors which includes Children and Youth

2009: Copenhagen Conference of Parties

The UNFCCC secretariat and the member states to the Convention officially recognized youth as an observer constituency of its own



and the story continues with your climate activism



2005: Montreal Conference of Parties

In 2005, we formally gathered in Montreal ahead of COP11 to make our voices heard as International Youth Climate Movement

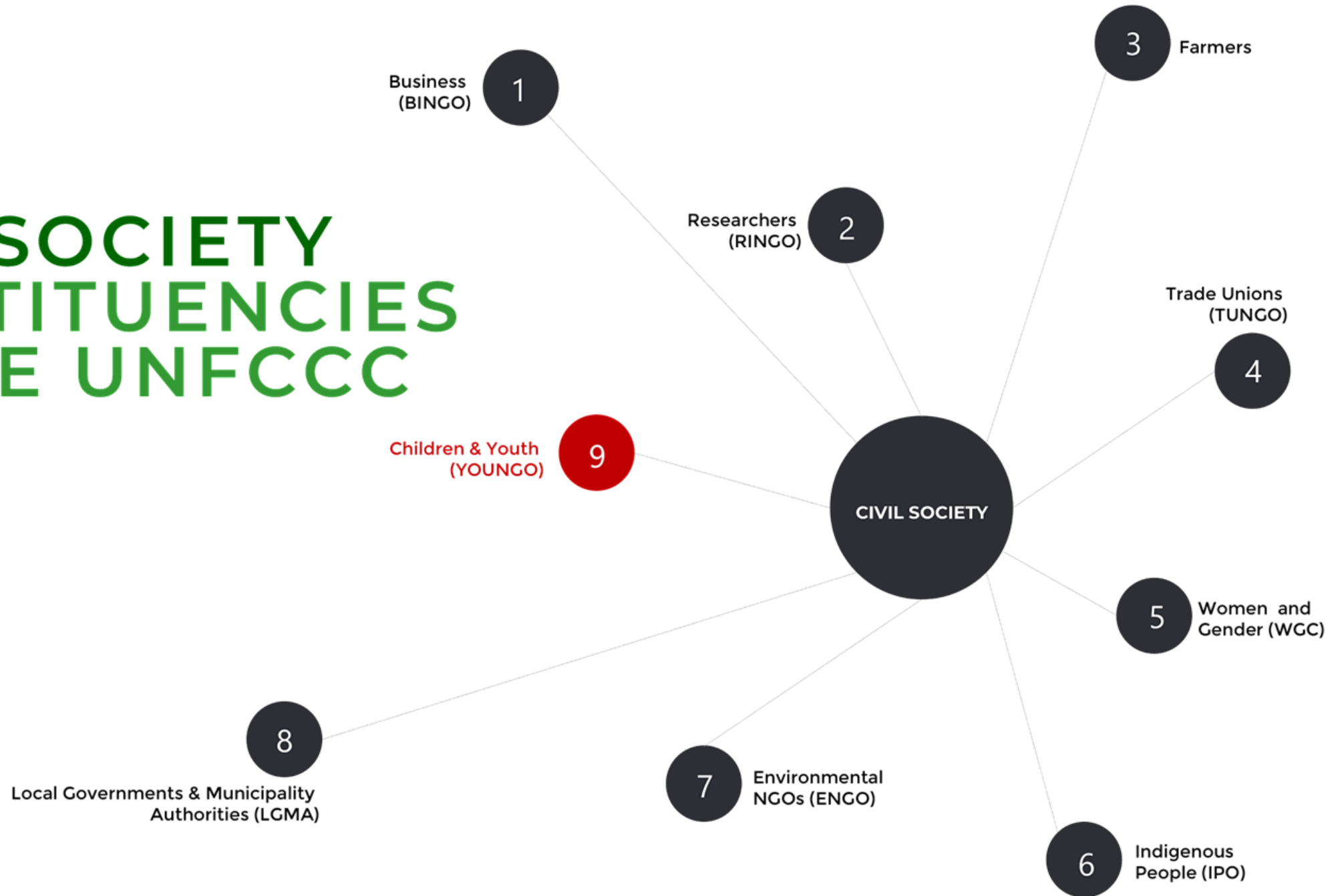
2011: Constituency Confirmation

Formalized and confirmed YOUNGO to represent as the formal voice of Children and Youth in UNFCCC processes

YOUNGO is the official Children and Youth Constituency to the UNFCCC

- **We are the mechanism to ensure the voices of children and young people in the UN Climate Change space.**
- **We are all volunteers!**
- **YOUNGO is present at the United Nations Climate Conferences but also works throughout the year to ensure the voices of children and youth are present in these discussions**

CIVIL SOCIETY CONSTITUENCIES OF THE UNFCCC

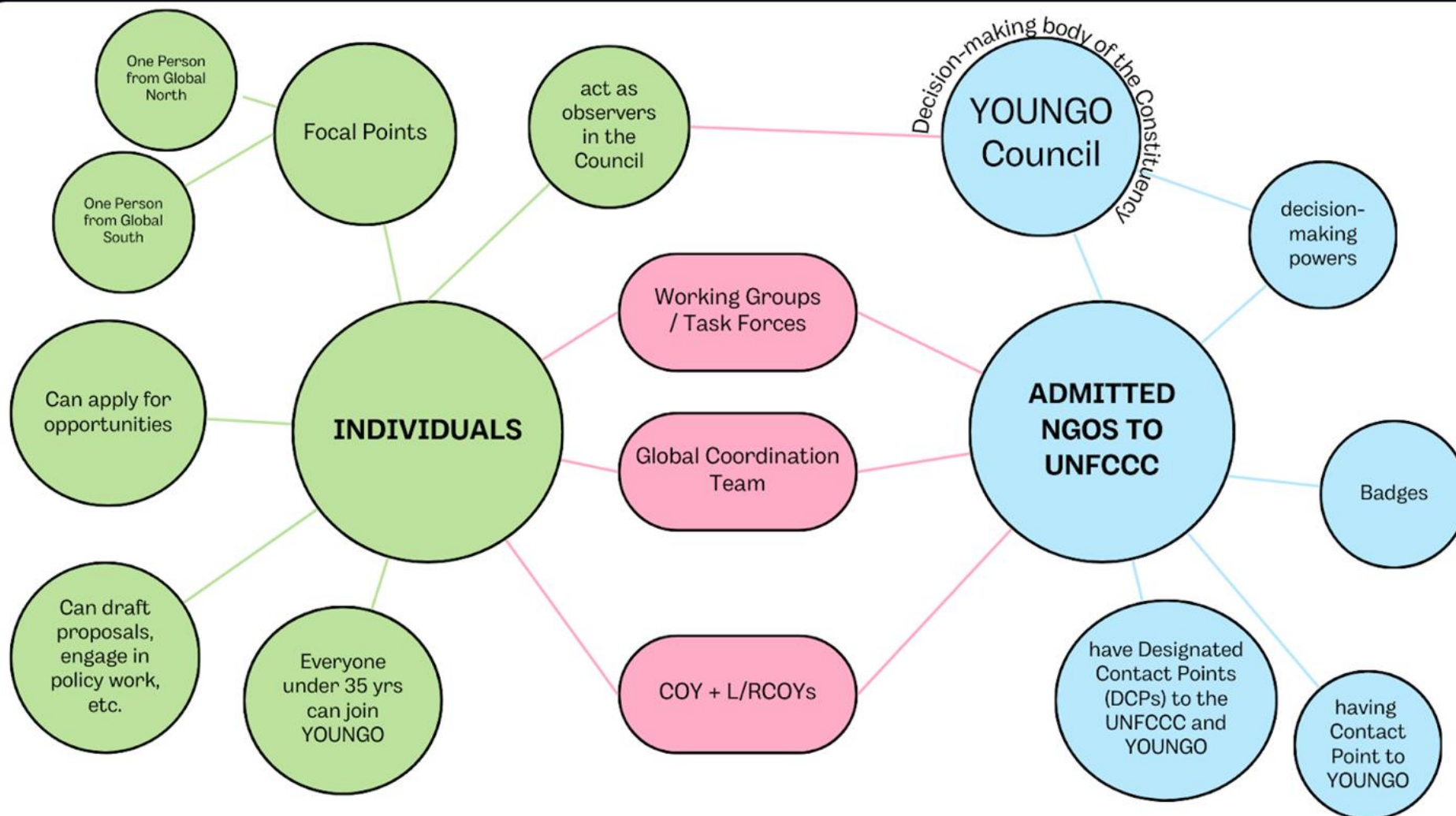


YOUNGO is **not** an organisation!
It is a CONSTITUENCY!

We are a mechanism mandated to represent the
voices of the children and youth in UNFCCC processes!

YOUNGO STRUCTURE

This graphic shows a simplified structure of the internal organisation of the Constituency.





Focal Points

- Their main task is to liaise with the UNFCCC secretariat.
 - No decision-making or representation mandate.
 - FPs are elected on an annual basis by the Constituency, one person from Global South (GS) and the other from Global North (GN).



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How can you be engaged?



The Global Youth Statement (GYS)



- **The Global Youth Statement synthesizes the collective demands of children and youth across the world, represented by YOUNGO, to global leaders**

- **Key policy document for youth lobbying:**
 - In YOUNGO interventions
 - In bilateral meetings
 - In any conversation with a decision-maker!



Traditional Lobbying Opportunities



Negotiations
(plenary, informals, etc.)



Interventions



Bilaterals

Event-Based Lobbying Opportunities



Technical
Workshops



Side Events &
Civil Society
Events



Exhibitions

"GET LOUD" Opportunities



Actions



Protests



Press Conferences



Interviews

Non-Traditional Opportunities



Essential info available in the infoblast here!

Checklist

General

- ☐ Read through and Bookmark this [Central Information Toolkit](#) for all important links!
- ☐ Bookmark the [overall COP page](#) on the UNFCCC website
- ☐ Bookmark and read through the [COP29 UNFCCC webpage for Observer Organisations](#)
- ☐ Bookmark the [COP29 Website](#)
- ☐ Read the [Observer Handbook for COP29](#)
- ☐ Find the [COP Overall Schedule](#)
- ☐ Find the [COP Events Schedule](#)
- ☐ Read the [UNFCCC Code of Conduct](#)
- ☐ Download the [UNFCCC App](#)
- ☐ [How to COP - UNFCCC](#)
- ☐ Read and bookmark [Info and A-Z for COP29 participants](#)
- ☐ Eat, drink and sleep!

YOUNGO

- ☐ Join YOUNGO Broadcast chat

YOUNGO - children and youth constituency for climate change processes
www.youngoclimate.org | younggo.unfccc@gmail.com

- ☐ Read and bookmark the [Global Youth Statement \(GYS\)](#)
- ☐ Check out the [YOUNGO on-ground WG sheet](#)
- ☐ Save the [important contacts sheet](#)
- ☐ YOUNGO [website](#) + Linktree
- ☐ Take a look at the COP29 Capacity Building slides and the [YOUNGO Onboarding slides](#)
- ☐ Read through this collection of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) in YOUNGO
- ☐ [COP for Newbies](#)
- ☐ Save the YOUNGO Phone number as a contact (details to be shared closer to COP)
- ☐ Take a look at the [First Time at COP guide!](#)
- ☐ Read the [YOUNGO Code of Conduct](#)



SPOKES & POLICY DEBRIEF



Don't Miss Out!

Spokes: Every day at 9:00 am, Side Event Room 9, Zone B

Policy : Every day at 5:30 pm, C&Y Pavilion.

Children & Youth Pavilion, Room D08: Opening Ceremony on 12th November, with events throughout COP29.

We support you!



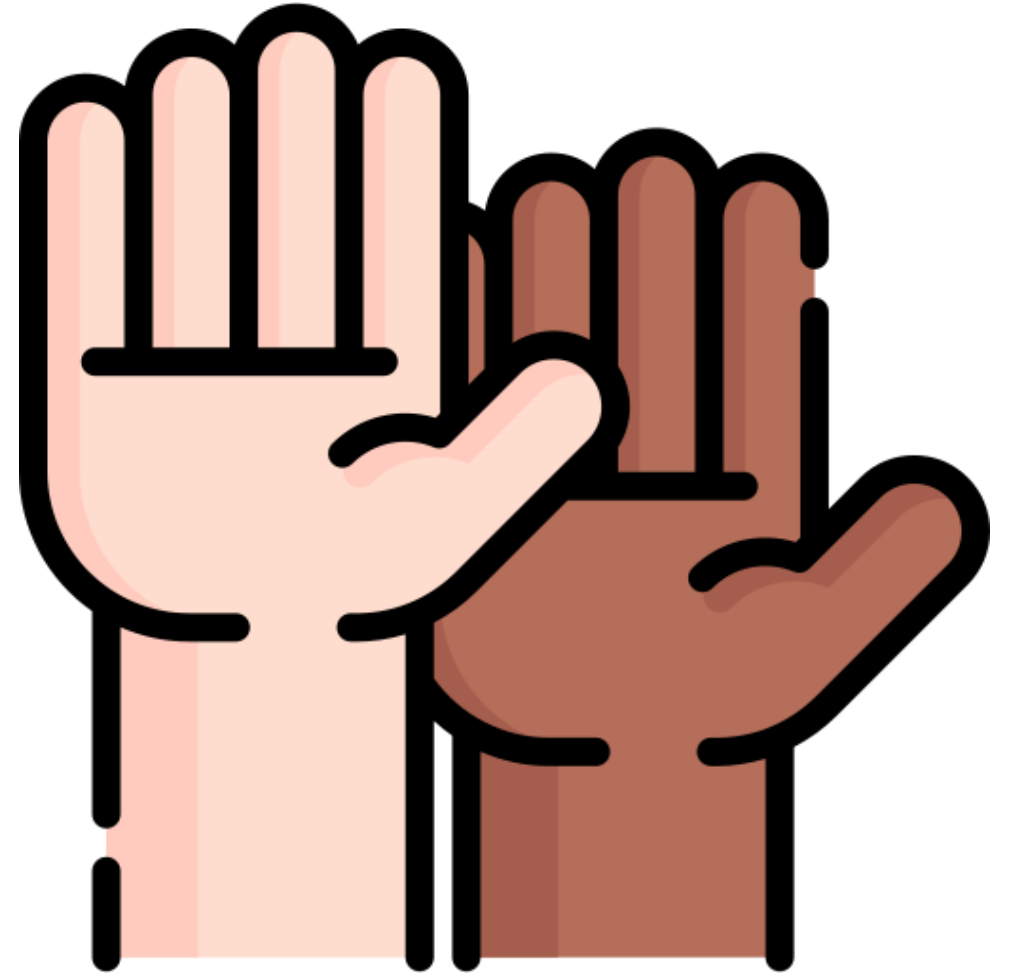
WhatsApp Broadcast Group
announcements and updates



Remember...

- You **cannot speak on behalf of YOUNGO** without there having been a selection process.
- If you join a YOUNGO working group, you make decisions as a team.
- Take care of yourself, take enough breaks and get enough sleep





Feedback Survey



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