

## **Presidency YCC Work Plan 2024**

The role of the Presidency Youth Climate Champion<sup>1</sup> (YCC) is to facilitate the meaningful engagement of children and youth in climate action, including within the UNFCCC process, while avoiding duplication with the work and activities of the UNFCCC's official children and youth constituency (YOUNGO).

### **Responsibilities**

The Presidency YCC, with the support of the secretariat, should aim to facilitate the meaningful engagement of children and youth in climate action by:

- Supporting the implementation of UNFCCC decisions on matters related to children and youth in the UNFCCC process.
- Supporting the implementation of activities under the work programmes of the COP, the CMA and the Global Climate Action Agenda, including under the Glasgow work programme on ACE and its action plan.
- Engaging in local and regional conferences of youth (LCOYs and RCOYs, respectively) organized by YOUNGO.
- Engaging with youth within all non-governmental organization constituencies of the UNFCCC and youth who are part of national delegations to UNFCCC conferences.
- Upon invitation, and as appropriate, attending the sessions and meetings of the subsidiary bodies and constituted bodies as well as events hosted by Parties and non-Party stakeholders at the local, regional, national, and international level, including events held during regional climate weeks and as part of multilateral forums.

The Presidency YCC will perform their role in close and regular consultation with YOUNGO to avoid duplication of efforts and identify opportunities to create synergies and elevate YOUNGO's work.

### **Functions**

The Presidency YCC's functions could include:

- Enhancing the inclusion, participation and representation of children and youth in climate policy and action through advocacy and awareness-raising.
- Empowering young people to usefully contribute to decision-making on climate through capacity-building and education opportunities.
- Elevating and amplifying the voices of children and youth on climate policy within the COP Presidency, UNFCCC and beyond.
- Catalysing action by leveraging the COP to advance, resource and monitor youth-led climate action.
- Other relevant functions

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<sup>1</sup> [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cop28\\_auv\\_2h\\_youth.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cop28_auv_2h_youth.pdf)

## **Draft work plan for 2024**

### **Function A. Enhance meaningful children and youth participation**

There are several activities in this area that could be facilitated by the Presidency YCC, given the connection to other Parties and the high-level nature of the role. Advocating for children and youth participation among Parties, including the COP Presidency is the core of this function.

Some of the activities under this function include but are not limited to:

- **Facilitate support to COY and COP for the participation of children and youth and the design and implementation of children safeguarding measures.**
- **Advocacy with Parties to include children and youth as part of national delegations to UNFCCC meetings, engage them in relevant climate policy processes, and consider the youth demands emanating from the consultations conducted by YOUNGO (Global Youth Statement and Youth Stocktake)**
- **Promote children and youth mainstreaming across the COP Presidency agenda, including organizing a COP Children & Youth Day, and under the High-Level Champions agenda.**
- **Promote and engage with existing training programs for children and youth negotiators, at the regional and national levels.**

### **Function B. Catalyze action**

The Presidency YCC can play a key role in elevating children and youth action at the international, regional, and local levels, as well as leveraging connections with Parties, donors, and key organizations that can provide funding and support to children and youth-led activities.

Some of the activities under this function include but are not limited to:

- **Support the children and youth pavilion by providing operational support for the running of the pavilion. As appropriate, facilitate a youth-dedicated space in the green zone.**
- **Support existing domestic efforts focusing on youth implemented by the Government of Azerbaijan, relevant organizations, and youth groups, such as the LCOY.**
- **Capitalizing on the COP YCC networks, advocate for support to LCOYs and RCOYs.**

### **Function C. Amplify voices**

This function aims to utilize the COP YCC ability to access to spaces that other youth, including within and outside of YOUNGO and UNFCCC constituencies, cannot access. In addition, the function includes creating spaces and opportunities for youth to engage in dialogue with decision-makers as well as to demonstrate themselves as leaders in climate action.

Some of the activities under this function include but are not limited to:

- **Leverage formal engagement and platforms to amplify YOUNGO's outreach of youth policy demands, including from the GYS and YST, and other children and youth voices, at UNFCCC meetings of the Subsidiary Bodies, New York Climate Week (Summit of the Future), Pre-COP and high-level events taking place at COP.**
- **Promote dialogue between youth and negotiators/decision-makers by co-organizing the Presidency Youth Climate Forum, supporting communication and engagement on the Youth Stocktake, and connecting the coordinators of YOUNGO's working groups with COP 29 negotiators.**
- **Convene virtual [and, when relevant, in-person] conversations with children and youth groups, including YOUNGO, the Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group, parliamentarian youth, and youth in UNFCCC constituencies, ensuring that diverse views are represented, to inform the COP YCC and Presidency's agendas and interventions.**
- **Supporting awareness-raising campaigns at the national and sub-national level in Azerbaijan**

### **Function D. Capacity-building and education**

Education, training, and capacity building are critical to empowering and equipping children and youth to lead on and support climate action. The Presidency YCC is expected to build on existing efforts to promote enhanced access to capacity-building and education opportunities for children and youth.

Some of the activities under this function include but are not limited to:

- **Update and promote learning material developed specifically for youth including the videos on UNFCCC topics and the COP toolkits**
- **Promote greater coordination within the Host Country regarding climate education and training, by elevating existing local initiatives and connecting them with global efforts, such as the Greening Education Partnership including hosting a climate summer camp.**
- **Empower children and youth through climate change education activities, capacity-building and training**