



3rd Capacity-building Hub Finance and Technology Day

Global Youth Development Institute

Establishing a “Marketplace” for CB/ACE: Leveraging Private and Other Sources to Close the Finance Gap

Concept Note

Background:

The mission of the GYDI is to educate and empower young people as leaders for climate and sustainability action, especially those who are most vulnerable to climate impacts. GYDI's efforts – embedded in the UNFCCC process and related global/regional networks – combine training for meaningful youth engagement in these processes/networks with capacity building to enhance the ability of these young leaders to implement climate action back at home.

Both of these elements, however, suffer from the chronic lack of financial resources and other support which afflicts Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) and Capacity Building (CB) activities more generally. A wealth of youth-led projects and initiatives within ACE and CB stand ready to contribute provided the necessary investments are made. Establishing a “Marketplace” for ACE and CB projects would do much to help in solving this chronic gap.

Objectives:

1. Enhance the case for greater investment in ACE and CB activities by highlighting several youth-led projects and proposals ready to transform finance into action.
2. Showcase the concept for a virtual project “Marketplace” as a concrete and strategic step toward solving the lack of resources for ACE and CB projects and activities.
3. Advance the discussion between Parties, practitioners, and potential funders on how to solve the funding gap, aiming to inform the COP26 Decision on the future of ACE.

Format:

Venue: 3rd Capacity-building Hub within COP26 (Blue zone)

Location: Glasgow, UK

Date: November 4th, 2021, Thursday

Length: 60 minutes

Language: English





The modalities of the session will include a brief round of “lightning pitches” (very fast presentations in the style of an elevator speech, backed up by more detailed concept notes) by young climate leaders and a moderated discussion between the key actors in the room (Parties, practitioners, and potential sources of funding).

Virtual audience engagement will be conducted to the extent feasible through the COP26 Platform, while the main speakers/actors should be available in person (pending capacity).

General Structure:

1. Introduction and Overview of Session Objectives (3 minutes)
2. Lightning Pitches by Young Climate Leaders (10 minutes)
 - a. Ms. Disha Sarkar: Green Job Training and Capacity Building for UN Processes in Vulnerable Hill, Rural, and Indigenous Communities of NE India
 - b. Ms. Joanita Babirye: Climate Training for Girls and Women in Uganda
 - c. Ms. Ma. Cecilia Quaglino: Youth Climate Empowerment in Argentina
 - d. Mr. Jin Tanaka: Youth Training for Water Conservation in Asia-Pacific
3. Presentation of “Marketplace” Concept with any Q&A (7 minutes)
4. Moderated Discussion among Participants (35 minutes)
 - a. How can the “Marketplace” play a viable role in the COP26 ACE Decision?
 - b. How can we – as Parties, practitioners, or potential funders – individually contribute to closing the chronic finance gap moving ahead from COP26?
 - c. How can we, together as ACE and CB actors, enhance our collaboration toward solving the finance gap now and moving ahead from COP26?
5. Closing and Outcomes (5 minutes)

Speakers		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Ms. Joanita Babirye	Co-founder	Girls 4 Climate Action (Uganda)
Ms. Ma. Cecilia Quaglino	Environmental Communication Strategies Coordinator	Fundación Nueva Generación Argentina (FNGA) (Argentina)
Mr. Jin Tanaka	Branch Manager	University Student Chamber Council (Japan)
Others TBC		

Moderators		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Mr. Timothy Damon	Founder and President	GYDI
Ms. Disha Sarkar	COP26 Representative	UN Resource Center, NE India & UNESCO Association of Assam





Outcomes:

1. The general case for investment in ACE and CB activities – from both Parties and Non-Parties – by private and other potential sources is stronger.
2. The highlighted youth-led ACE and CB projects are better networked with potential sponsors and are in a stronger position to secure funding and be implemented.
3. The Party representatives return to the informal consultations with a clear and concrete option for tackling the finance gap through the next ACE work programme.
4. The Parties, practitioners, and potential sources of funding have an enhanced strategic relationship and are better positioned for collaboration and collective ACE/CB action.
5. The summary report from this session helps to inform future discussions on this critical topic, while fostering greater potential for ACE and CB implementation.

Relevant Links:

1. The [1-page concept note for the ACE Marketplace](#) (YOUNGO 2021)
2. The [Outcomes of the ACE Youth Forum 2021](#) supporting the ACE Marketplace
3. The [formal submission of YOUNGO](#) (2020) supporting the ACE Marketplace
4. The [formal submission of ECOS](#) (2020) supporting the ACE Marketplace
5. The [Impact Report of the ACE Youth Forum 2021](#) (Acknowledgment to GYDI)
6. The website of GYDI with its [COP26 Delegation](#) and examples of past projects

