



3rd Capacity-building Hub Finance and Technology Day

World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) Deploying Global Youth Capacity in UN Organisations and Engineering for SDG 13

Event Summary

The focus of this event was to highlight the work of youth groups relating to climate change and the outcomes of the COP26.

Joint Statement [Joint Youth Statement](#)

The WFEO Global Young Engineers Working Group on SDG13, UNFCCC YOUNGO, UN MGCY Science-Policy Interface Platform, Global Youth Climate Network (GYCN—a volunteer initiative of the World Bank Group’s young professionals), and Members of the UN Secretary-General’s Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change bring together an unprecedented and powerful joint statement with clear overarching and priority climate policy recommendations. The joint declaration aims to provide a united youth voice in contribution towards the outcomes of COP26 in the following areas: climate change mitigation, adaptation & resilience, and inclusive and meaningful youth involvement in policy making.

GYCN Position Paper [GYCN Position Paper](#)

Climate change is undoubtedly the biggest challenge of humanity. While climate change is a continuous existing threat, it is also a fundamental transgenerational challenge, calling for the global youth community’s involvement in today’s decision-making that will affect tomorrow’s world. If we want to address climate change, it is important to ensure that young people enjoy equal opportunity to contribute to the discussion on the future of our planet.

GYCN engages with global youth to raise awareness about climate change and drive climate ambition and climate action globally. In February 2021, the GYCN started working on a new initiative—the GYCN Position Paper on Climate Action—to provide a platform for youth climate leaders to discuss major challenges and problems that affect their communities and critical actions that should be taken by stakeholders to address the climate crisis.

The purpose of the Position Paper is to bring youth perspective to global climate discussions and inform decision-making processes at different levels. The Position Paper has been prepared by 60 youth climate leaders representing around 50 countries across the world. It provides a set of solutions and policy recommendations across seven thematic areas: economic recovery and climate finance, energy, transport, agriculture and food, cities, sustainable innovation, and climate education.





WFEO Global Young Engineers Working Group on SDG 13

The WFEO Global Young Engineers Working Group on SDG13 Climate Action was created as part of the WFEO Young Engineers/Future Leaders Committee. The organisation represents national engineering institutions from 100 nations and represents 30 million engineers. It is represented at major UN Organisations and co-chairs the United Nations Scientific and Technological Community (STC) Major Group. The working group aims to advocate for the involvement of young engineers in policy making and to initiate and facilitate collaboration between countries to contribute to global and local sustainable development.

