

Distinguished co-facilitators and delegates,

My name is Aseel Abo-Taleb from Yemen. Today, I speak here as a representative of the young people of the world- a generation that refuses to inherit a world on the brink of climate catastrophe. It is our present and future that hangs in the balance.

YOUNGO, the children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC would like to thank the co-facilitators for providing us with a unique opportunity to co-create this process. We ask for the same inclusive participation of Non-Party Stakeholders, as we move to the political phase. We also ask for the meaningful engagement of diverse and frontline groups on panels, in meetings, and in all discussions on the GST.

The current commitments outlined in NDCs, which are already lower in ambition than what is needed in this emergency, have also not been fulfilled.

Reflection on what worked well, challenges faced, and a way forward is important. But reflection alone is not enough. We need concrete action backed with concrete plans and clear implementation strategies.

We believe that the GST should inform the CMA of the share of the remaining carbon budgets that parties use and include equity criteria, such as the share of historical responsibility. The technical dialogue needs to clearly differentiate between true carbon mitigation solutions and false solutions, like carbon capture, that prolong reliance on fossil fuels.

Loss and Damage should be profoundly reflected in the GST report to establish a baseline for where we are in the world on addressing loss and damage. We notice the urgency needed to scale up global financial flows to achieve the Paris Agreement goals, with priorities given for just transition and measures to directly benefit communities and most affected areas by climate change.

Further consideration should be given to food systems transformation, and sustainable healthy diets in particular. Shifts towards plant-based diets offer significant opportunities to adapt and become more resilient by offsetting key impacts of climate change.

The GST must result in clear guidance and a commitment by Parties to implement a human rights-based, intergenerational, and intersectional approach, that advances the rights of children and youth and is conducive to intergenerational justice.

We once again remind Parties to reflect on why we are doing this stocktake and on what lies at stake in your country and among your loved ones.

Finally, the time for half-hearted measures has passed and we are already late. Let us seize this opportunity to create history and set a beautiful example for the future stocktake.

Thank you.