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# Intergenerational Dialogue with Young Professionals and Executives at COP 28

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10:30 – 12:00 (GST)

Impact and Empowerment Lab, COP 28 Blue Zone

## Concept Note

### I. Background & Objectives

There has been an expression of frustration among young professionals (YPs) entering professions where they expect to be able to use their expertise and be listened to in their roles, but the reality is quite different due to hierarchical structures. This event builds on the Young Professionals Dialogue that was organized at Climate Week New York City in September 2023 that provided an opportunity to understand, engage and empower YPs in targeted sectors with strong influencing power over businesses.

This intergenerational dialogue aims to help bridge a gap that young people are either seen as activists engaging in policymaking or entrepreneurs. There is, however, a lack of discussion and recognition of those going into professional jobs. This event hopes to create an opportunity to address the challenges affecting YPs in sustainability-related roles (working in accounting, consulting, economics, engineering and law) and create a space to discuss and understand both YPs' and executives' views and challenges and to identify potential solutions.

### II. Format & Registration

The event will take place in-person, in English, with Chatham House rules applied. Prior [registration](#) is required and is on a first come, first served basis. Due to venue capacity limitations, registration is limited. A confirmation email with additional details will be shared closer to the event.

### III. Tentative Agenda

Time	Description
15 min	Welcome and Introduction
60 min	Group Discussion – World Café
10 min	Report Back on reflections, key takeaways and next steps
5 min	Closing