





# OUR MOTIVATION

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As a young globalized generation, we are feeling the effects of past and current climate related decisions, failures and successes which led us into multiple existential crises and the climate emergency.

We therefore demand science-based, unprecedented, urgent and ambitious action now.

But we are not only victims, we are part of the solution. Hence we have the moral obligation and right to partake in climate processes and sit at the tables when decisions are taken.





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*Acknowledging* that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity,

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2015 Paris Agreement



A large group of young people, likely students, are posing for a group photo in a large, modern convention hall. They are arranged in many rows, some sitting on the floor and others standing. Many are smiling and waving. The hall has a high ceiling with exposed structural elements and lights. In the foreground, there are some green plants. Overlaid on the image are several large, semi-transparent circles in shades of green and blue. The text "What is YOUNGO" is centered over the group.

# What is YOUNGO



# OUR HISTORY

## T I M E L I N E



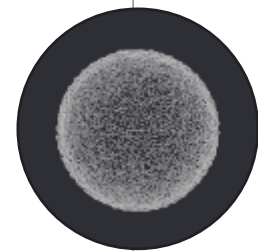
### 1992 – Rio Earth Summit

The Principle 21 of the Rio Declaration identified nine sectors which includes Children and Youth



### 2005: Montreal Conference of Parties

In 2005, we formally gathered in Montreal ahead of COP11 to make our voices heard as International Youth Climate Movement



### 2009: Copenhagen Conference of Parties

The UNFCCC secretariat and the member states to the Convention officially recognized youth as an observer constituency of its own



### 2011: Constituency Confirmation

Formalized and confirmed YOUNGO to represent as the formal voice of Children and Youth in UNFCCC processes



### YOUNGO and Beyond



# Mission

YOUNGO focuses on the following areas:

- Awareness, Knowledge and Capacity Building
- Collaboration, Cooperation and Network
- Policy, Lobby and Advocacy
- Youth Action



# Vision

We aim and envision

- a climate positive and just society living in harmony with nature and the planet.
- an empowered youth generation, who is driving meaningful, impactful and positive change locally, nationally and internationally.
- a UN where youth is sitting at the decision-making tables and is taken seriously.

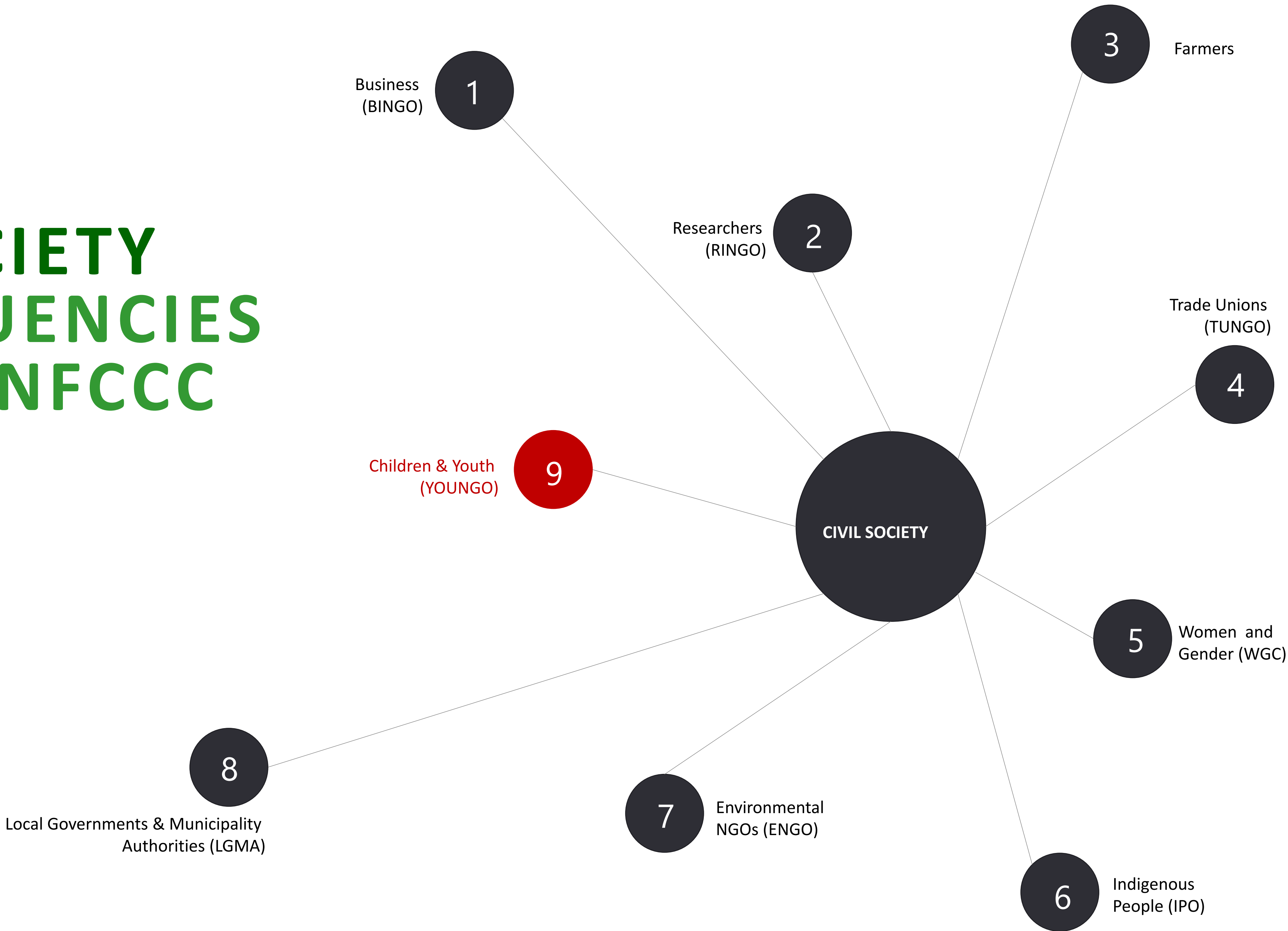


# VALUES & PRINCIPLES

- ✓ Justice and Equity
- ✓ Dignity, Respect and Equality
- ✓ Inclusiveness and Diversity
- ✓ Openness and Transparency
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Impartiality and Selflessness
- ✓ Loyalty
- ✓ Ambition
- ✓ Sustainable Development
- ✓ Compassionate and Cordiality
- ✓ Hopeful
- ✓ Empowerment
- ✓ Democratic and Consensus



# CIVIL SOCIETY CONSTITUENCIES OF THE UNFCCC



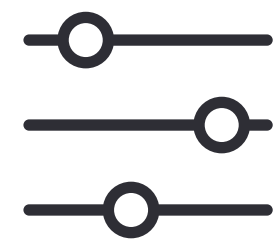


# Youth Participation in UNFCCC Processes



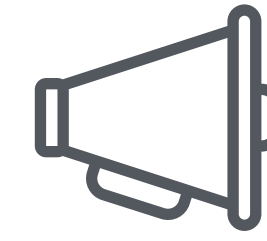
## FLAT STRUCTURE

No Hierarchy



## CONSENSUS

Guided by decision-making guidelines



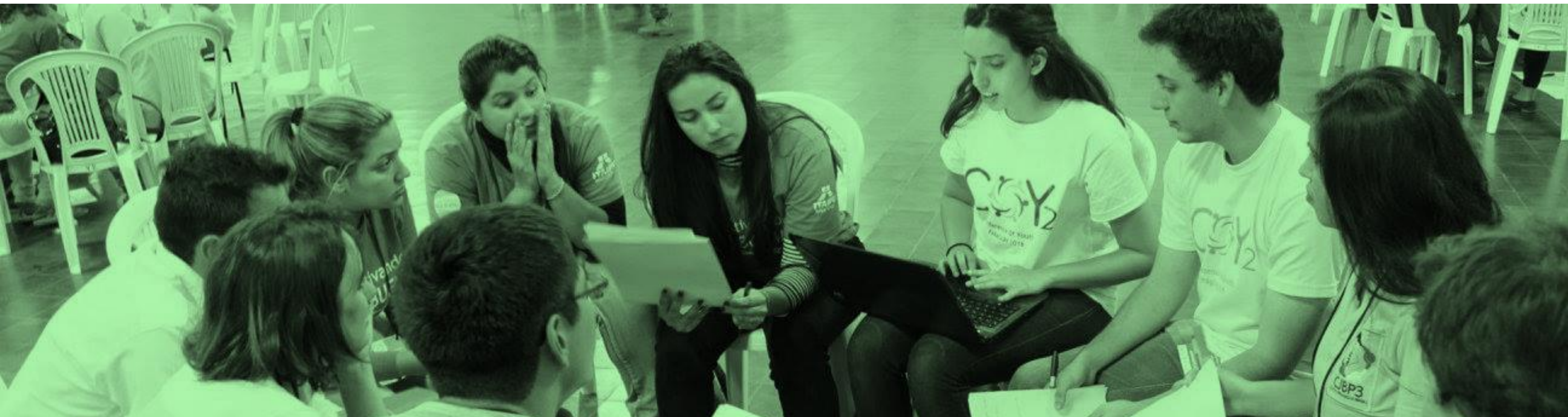
## EQUAL VOICE

Engaging entities have equal voice



## OLDEST AND LARGEST

children and youth constituency to a body of the UN







# Awareness, Knowledge and Capacity Building

We raise awareness, share knowledge and build capacity and skills through our platform and working groups, which create an evidence base for best practices through the assessment of existing knowledge, generating new knowledge, identification of emerging issues, and effective use and dissemination. This is done through webinars, workshops and events such as the Conference of Youth.



# Collaboration, Cooperation and Network

We are a network and facilitate collaboration and cooperation activities for young people to enhance their network and trigger projects in accordance with our vision. This is e.g. done through meetings with Parties and other constituencies or briefings with the UNFCCC and further UN entities as well interested further NGOs, institutions, networks, movements and stakeholders.

# Policy, Lobby and Advocacy

We advocate for pragmatic, responsible and ambitious climate just policies. Through our submissions and interventions, among other activities, we facilitate the collective participation of young people in official and formal avenues of policy design, implementation, monitoring, follow-up, and review at all levels. Furthermore, we support and facilitate children and youth participation and engagement in local, national, and especially international climate processes.





# Youth Action

We mobilize youth and provide a platform that encourages youth to lead, join, showcase, and share innovative and effective actions. Furthermore, we support and stand in solidarity with youth actions around the world.





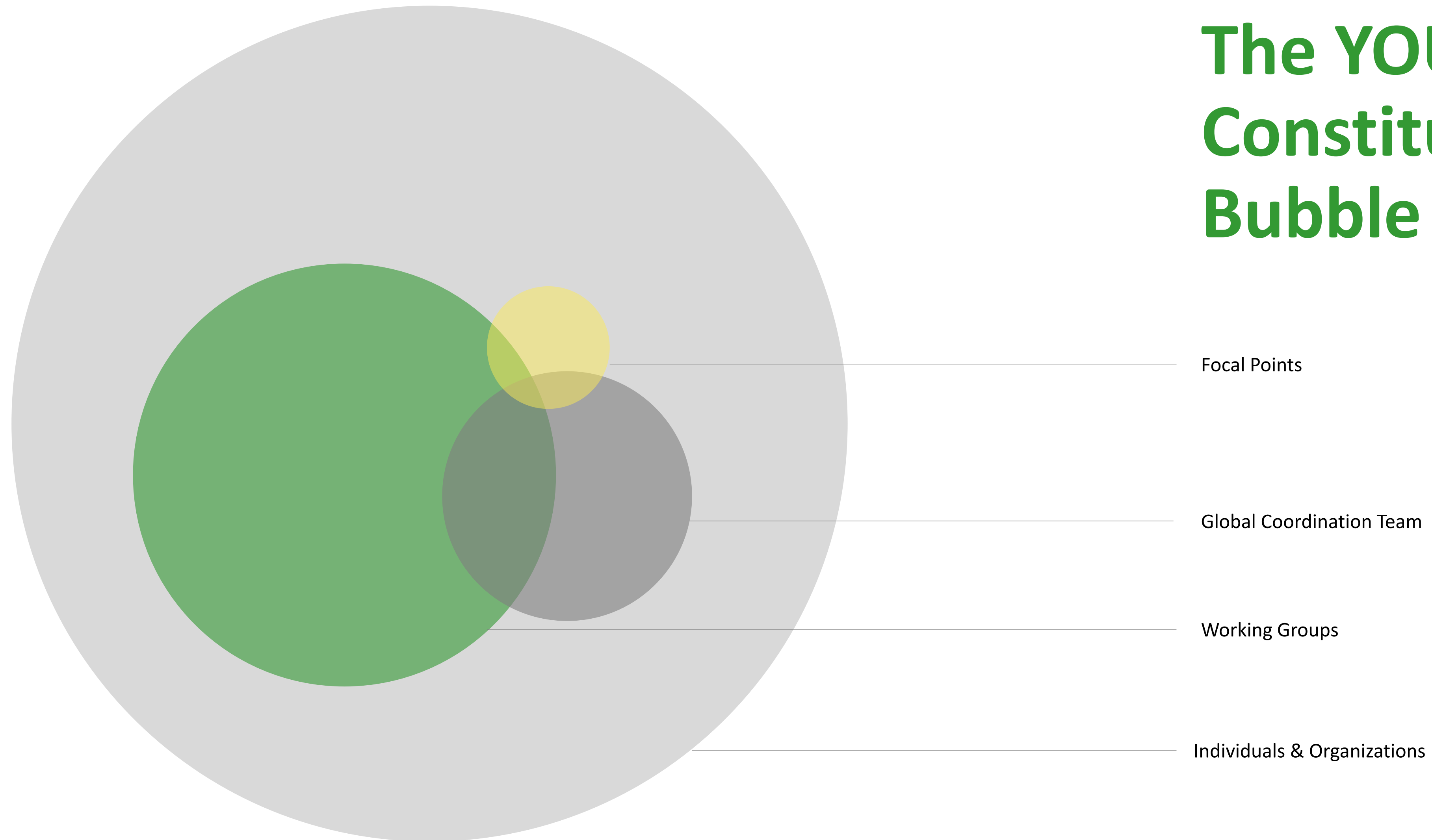
# Membership



<https://tinyurl.com/YOUNGO-Membership>



# The YOUNGO Constituency Bubble





# The YOUNGO Membership

## Individuals

- 10'000+ Individuals

## Organizations

- 1000+ Youth organizations and NGOs



# Working Groups

## Thematic Working Group

- Action for Climate Empowerment
  - Gender
  - Mitigation
  - Adaptation
  - Health
- Oceans
  - Agriculture
  - Human Rights
  - Renewable Energies
  - Conflict of Interest
- Technology Mechanism
  - NDC Enhancement
  - Finance & Market
  - Loss and Damage
  - and many more

## Operational Working Group

- Conference of Youth
  - Communications
  - Awareness
- Actions
  - Policy
  - Engagement





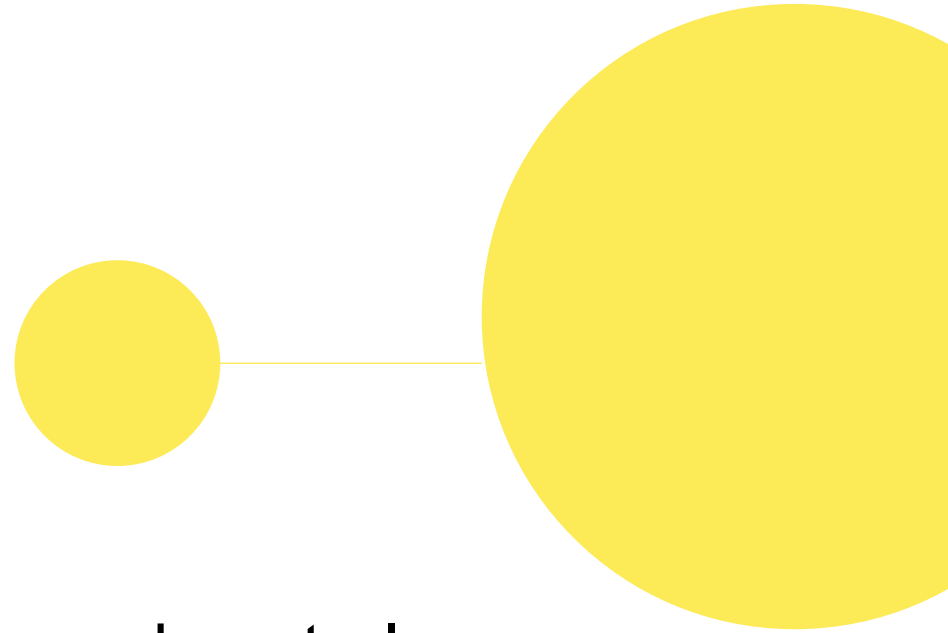
# Global Coordination Team

- Group of dedicated and experienced volunteers
- Provides oversight, facilitation and support
- No decision-making mandate and neutral

# Focal Points

One from the Global North

One from the Global South

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- No decision-making mandate and neutral
  - Liaise with the UNFCCC, broader UN, constituencies and partners



# POLICY TEAM





# ACTIONS TEAM







# COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



# ENGAGEMENT TEAM





# AWARENESS TEAM

The Awareness Team has the purpose of supporting people in case they suffer any form of discrimination or felt uncomfortable during their interactions with the Constituency, whether at conferences or during virtual engagement. It opposes to all forms of boundary violations, intimidation, humiliation, violence and discrimination through sexist, racist, confrontational, homophobic or transphobic acts and attitudes, not tolerating and acting against them.



# THE CONFERENCE OF YOUTH

## OVERVIEW



Global COY

Global COY (GCOY) is the biggest and most substantial youth conference related to the multilateral UN climate processes. It is the official gathering of YOUNGO members and happens a couple of days before the annual Conference of the Parties (COP) at the same location. GCOY brings together inputs of the global youth, which will feed directly into the climate negotiations.



VCOY

Virtual COY (vCOY) is the virtual space where the global youth community facing different barriers such as lack of travel funds, visa restrictions, age barriers or due to environmental considerations comes together. vCOY ensures the voices of less privileged, vulnerable, marginalized, refugee and Indigenous groups are adequately heard and represented and makes YOUNGO even more accessible and inclusive.



RCOY & LCOY

Regional COYs (RCOY) and Local COYs (LCOY) are organized prior to the GCOY across the world, in order to localize the climate conversation and gather more inputs from the ground. RCOYs and LCOYs discuss and develop respective outputs, which feed into national and regional climate policy making as well into GCOY and consequently into the climate negotiations.





# 16<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change CONFERENCE OF YOUTH

Glasgow, Scotland | October 2021

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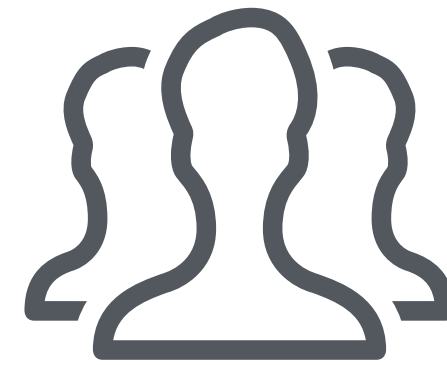
## Unifying for Change



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

## WORKING GROUPS

Join one of our WG  
no selection needed



## FACEBOOK GROUP

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/175380385816743>

## REPRESENT

Represent YOUNGO to meetings,  
fora and consultations



## MAILING LIST

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# ENGAGEMENTS

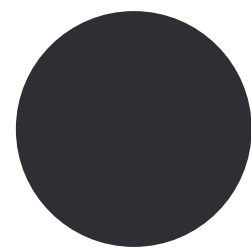
Conference of the Parties (COP)

Intersessional - Subsidiary Body (SB)



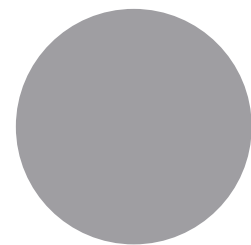


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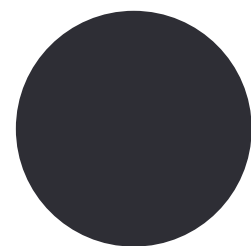
## SPOKES-COUNCIL

Join the daily morning spokes-councils to give and receive updates on the past activities and strategize and plan for the upcoming day



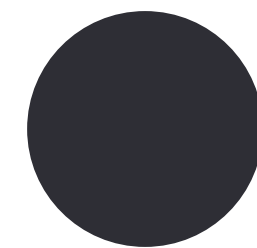
## WORKING GROUPS

Join a working group of interest or create a new one in order to follow a topic more specifically and plan with others targeted strategies, interventions and actions



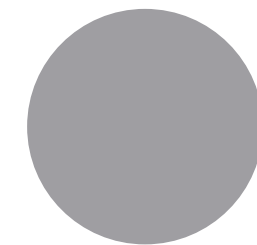
## COORDINATION MEETINGS WITH PARTIES AND GROUPINGS

Join the various coordination meetings with parties and groupings in order to get a more profound insight and directly engage with the negotiators



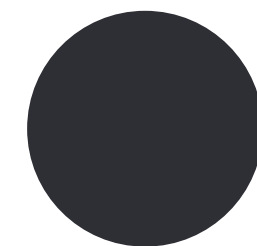
## INTERVENTION

Join an ad hoc team to draft interventions as this is an important official opportunity to make our voices heard to all parties on the respective matter



## BRIEFING AND DIALOGUE

Join official briefings and dialogues e.g. By the UNFCCC, high level champions, constituted bodies, COP and SB chairs in order to be updated about the latest and upcoming developments

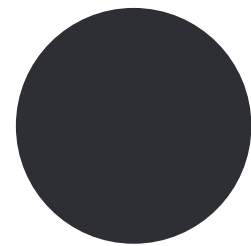


## AFTER COP ENGAGEMENTS

Join refreshing activities and networking events after COP to get to know fellow colleagues, establish friendships and enlarge your network

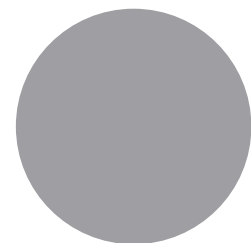


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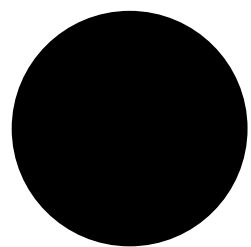
## FOLLOW NEGOTIATION & TALK TO YOUR COUNTRY NEGOTIATORS

Join negotiations as most of them are open to observers in order to be able to make specific inputs, track progress and connect with e.g., your country negotiators



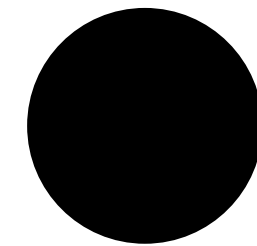
## PLAN ACTIONS

Join and plan creative actions together with the YOUNGO actions team in order to make our voices heard and don't forget to inform the audience about the demands



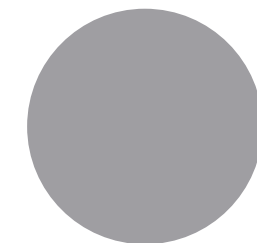
## YOUTH EVENTS

Join and actively participate in the special youth events such as the young and future generations day or education day or bring up youth related topics in other sessions



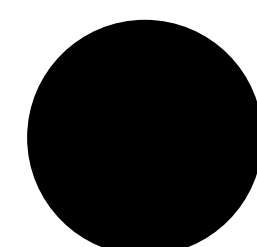
## ENGAGE IN SIDE-EVENTS

Join and engage in the wealthiness of free side events and exhibitions organized by the member states, UN, institutions and NGOs



## PRESS CONFERENCE

Join the YOUNGO as well as other press conferences in order to highlight your activities and work and showcase the efforts by the working groups



## NETWORKING WITH CLIMATE ADVOCATES

Have the opportunity to socialize and network with like-minded individuals and broaden your perspective about climate



# How to get involved during sessions?



Go to [www.menti.com](https://www.menti.com) and use the code 73 17 40  
What are the biggest challenges for youth in addressing climate change?

#TiempoDeActuar #TimeForAction



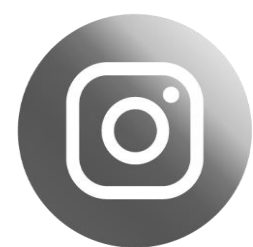
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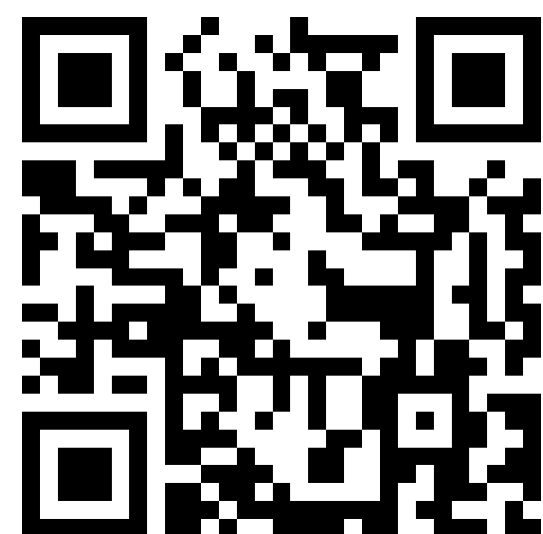




# INTERESTING FOLLOWING UP DOCUMENTS

- <https://climateactiontracker.org> this is probably the most amazing & comprehensive website on climate policies (the so called NDC). You can check different countries and compare them and read a lot of background infos.
- <https://unfccc.int/resource/bigpicture/> this is an interactive guide developed by the UNFCCC and as well super comprehensive with a nice overview.
- This is a page who is summarising all conferences on sustainable development, here the link to UNFCCC conferences: <https://enb.iisd.org/enb/vol12/> This is already quite advanced but amazing for a deep dive, especially on the historic summaries.
- Here specific for COP25: <https://enb.iisd.org/climate/cop25/> If you check out this pages you probably learn more than reading the Paris Agreement - which you of course can read e.g. here: [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/english\\_paris\\_agreement.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/english_paris_agreement.pdf)





# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU



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