

Children and Youth Climate Action in Latin America and the Caribbean

Tuesday, 24 October 2023

13:30 – 15:00 local time

Room: Albrook Convention Center

Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2023

I. Background

At LACCW 2023, YOUNGO strives to provide youth with opportunities to self-organize capacity-building, advocacy, and networking sessions that respond to their specific needs and circumstances in the regions. Members of YOUNGO and youth-led or youth-focused organizations from the regions are involved in the co-creation process of the sessions. The co-creation process will include dedicated spaces and support for children and youth-led sessions as well as gathering and reflecting their inputs into the climate action-related capacity-building activities that the Youth4Capacity programme will deliver as agreed by the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security and the UNFCCC.

Latin America and the Caribbean have unique challenges and opportunities within the region, and this region is full of the creativity, passion, and energy of our generation to address pressing climate issues. Therefore, we need to share visions—to empower children and youth as catalysts for climate action in the region with diverse approaches.

The session “Children and Youth Climate Action in Latin America and the Caribbean” would like to envision a future where the voices of children and youth resonate as powerful agents of change, steering the course toward a sustainable and resilient environment. This event will discuss all COYs (Conference of Youth), including their purpose and processes in LAC, which has already mobilized more than 50,000 young people in recent years. In addition, this event includes a panel to discuss the need for collaborative efforts to unify the voices of children and youth and support their involvement in climate change from diverse approaches.

II. Objectives

- YOUNGO's role in engagement in LAC through COYs
- Discuss the role of children and youth in climate action from diverse approaches.
- Inclusion of children and youth voices in climate delegations and negotiations.

III. Programme

Moderator: Kelly Guevara, YOUNGO

| Duration | Schedule |
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| 5 mins | Welcome remarks & introduction of speakers |
| 20 mins | <p>Presentation: YOUNGO's role in LAC engagement</p> <p>LCOYS (purpose and process) - Sharon Marenco (El Salvador) RCOY Caribbean (purpose and process) - Lauren Ritchie (Bahamas) RCOY Latin America (purpose and process) - Daniela Torres (Colombia) GCOY (purpose and process) - Julieta Marino Tartaglino (Argentina)</p> |
| 5 mins | Reflections from YOUNGO |
| 40 mins | <p>Panel: Diversity of approaches in climate action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and adolescent approach - Joselim Huaman Flores (MOLACCNATS, Save the Children partner organization, 16 years old, Peru) • Gender approach - Dalia Marquez (UNEP MGCY, Venezuela) • Intercultural approach - Maria José Andrade (Indigenous People Constituency - IPO, Ecuador). • Disaster Risk Reduction approach - Carolina Cuesta (UNICEF guest - Activist from Uruguay) • Intergenerational approach - Climate Reality Project - Natalia Lever (Mexico) • Intersectional approach - Ashley Lashley (UNICEF Climate Youth Advocate - Barbados) |
| 10 mins | Questions & Answers |
| 10 mins | Buffer time |