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High-level Opening of the Youth-Affiliated Event and Intergenerational Dialogue

Tuesday, 24 October 2023

9:00 – 10:30 local time

Room: Albrook Convention Center (Plenary)

Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2023

I. Background

As intergenerational equity was acknowledged in the Paris Agreement in 2015, youth around the world and specifically from the Latin American and the Caribbean Region have been actively engaged in climate action considering the diversity and particular needs from each vulnerable community. At COP 26, the [Glasgow work programme on ACE](#) acknowledged the growing interest of youth in climate action and stated the critical role of youth and children as agents of change. Therefore, Parties called for further enhancement of youth participation in climate change processes through the adoption of the [Action Plan for the Glasgow work programme on ACE](#) at COP 27 (particularly Activity C.2, Priority Area Tools and Support) which highlights the need to meaningfully include youth in and engage with them on climate action at all levels and facilitate the inclusive participation of, inter alia, children, women, indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities, in climate action.

II. Description and Objectives

The Youth-Affiliated event at the Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week, supported by the [Youth4Capacity](#) programme, the [ACE Hub](#), YOUNGO, and COP28 is being organized with the aim to create a platform for youth to get together and discuss opportunities to enhance meaningful youth engagement and participation in climate policymaking and action in the Latin America and the Caribbean region through various events.

The youth-affiliated event will be delivered in various segments over 2 days (24 and 25 October) in Panama. For further information, please refer to the webpage [here](#).

The aim of the High Level opening is to build momentum for the sessions throughout the two days, where children, youth, UN agencies and government representatives will address the existing needs and solutions of the Latin American and the Caribbean region. The opening will also be an opportunity to introduce the intergenerational dialogue that will follow where the results of the survey assessment led by YOUNGO will be presented, identifying the gaps in children and youth climate engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean. Assessing the takeaways from the survey will allow better engagement of youth and children in decision-making processes, encouraging active participation, and fostering a sense of ownership over climate-related projects and policies.



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III. Programme

Opening (Moderator: Valery Salas, YOUNGO)	
3 mins	Welcome remarks and introduction
4 mins	Ambassador Majid Al Suwaidi, Director General for COP28 (video message)
4 mins	Diana Laguna, Vice Minister of Environment, Panama (TBC)
4 mins	Daniele Violetti, Senior Director of the Programmes Coordination and Director a.i. of the Means of Implementation Division, UNFCCC
Special addresses	
3 mins	Prof. Francesco Corvaro, Special Envoy on Climate Change, Government of Italy
3 mins	Allán Sánchez Osorio, UNFPA - UN Representative of the Grupo de trabajo sobre juventud de la Plataforma de Colaboración Regional para América Latina y el Caribe
3 mins	Dora Nsuwa Cudjoe, Senior Operations Officer, CIF (video message)
5 mins	Ishmael Nicholson, IYCDP Delegate, Belize
5 mins	Priyanka Lalla, UNICEF Youth Advocate, Trinidad and Tobago
Setting the scene for the intergenerational dialogue	
5 mins	YOUNGO Representative – introduction to the intergenerational dialogue
Intergenerational Dialogue (Moderator: Némesis Rodríguez, Jóvenes y Cambio Climático Panamá)	
40 mins	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Irene Miguel Sanz Villanueva - Commission's Directorate-General for International Partnership, Euroclima ● Gerson Barrios - Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Guatemala, President AILAC (TBC) ● Lauren Ritchie - YME Bahamas, RCOY Caribbean Representative ● Daniela Torres - ClimaLab, RCOY Latinoamerica Representative ● Joyce Mendez - United Nations Secretary General's Youth Climate Advisor
5 mins	Closing remarks: Kerryne James, Minister of Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy, Grenada (TBC)
5 mins	Buffer time