

You(th) and NDCs

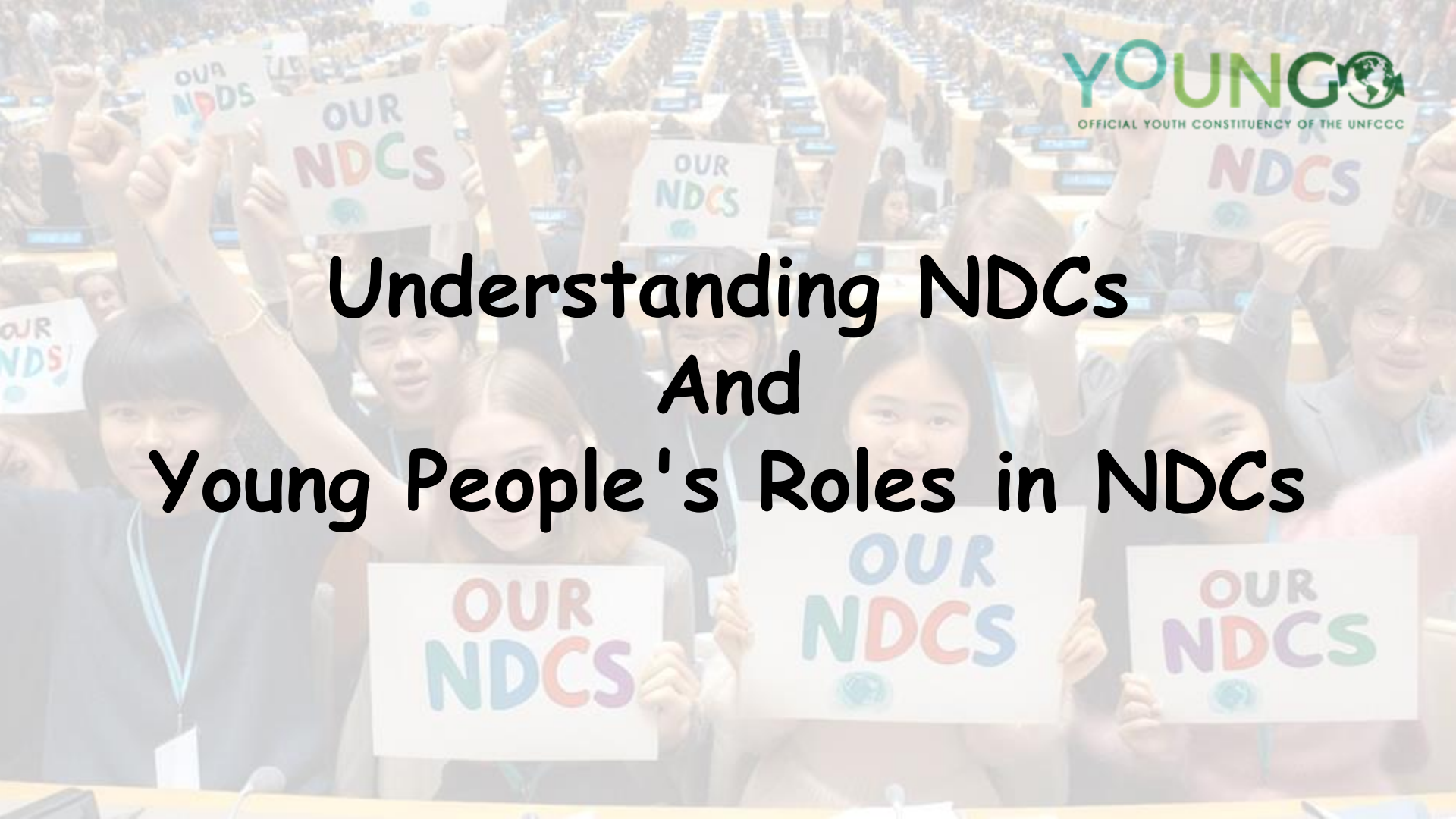
8th June 2024

SB60

Bonn, Germany

INTRODUCTION & ICE BREAKER

Understanding NDCs And Young People's Roles in NDCs



NDC? Whaaattt?

NDCs are Nationally Determined Contributions

The main goal of the Paris Agreement is to keep global temperature rise around 1.5 degree Celsius by 2030. NDCs are commitments of a country that they have made to achieve this goal. (And also to better adapt to Climate Change)

Timeline of NDCs



The Paris Agreement is adopted, establishing the framework for NDCs

Parties revisiting and strengthening their NDCs because of Glasgow Climate Pact

Parties to submit their revised NDCs by the first quarter

2015

2020

2022

2023

2025

Submission of INDCs
(Initial NDCs)
by parties

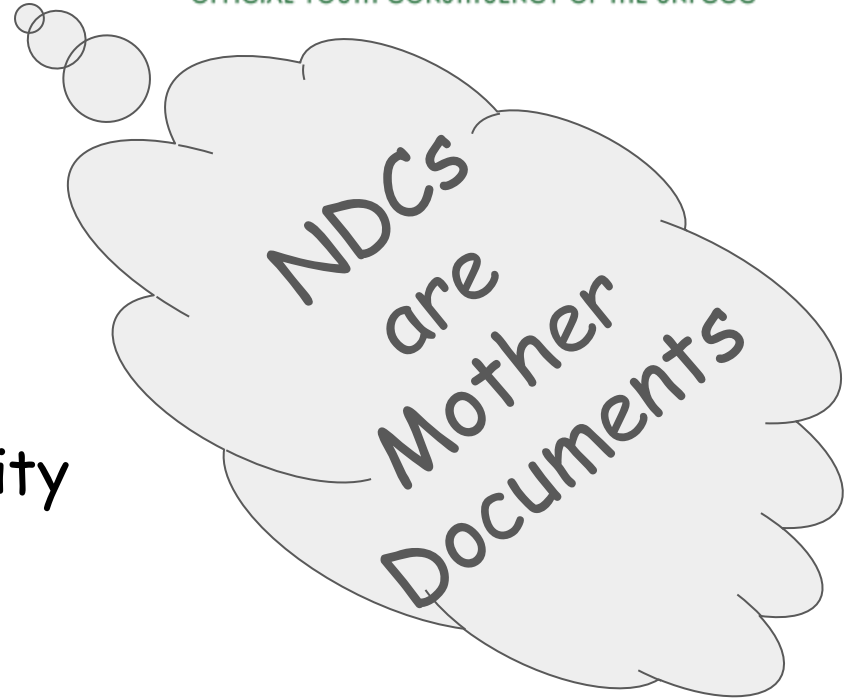
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Global Stocktake

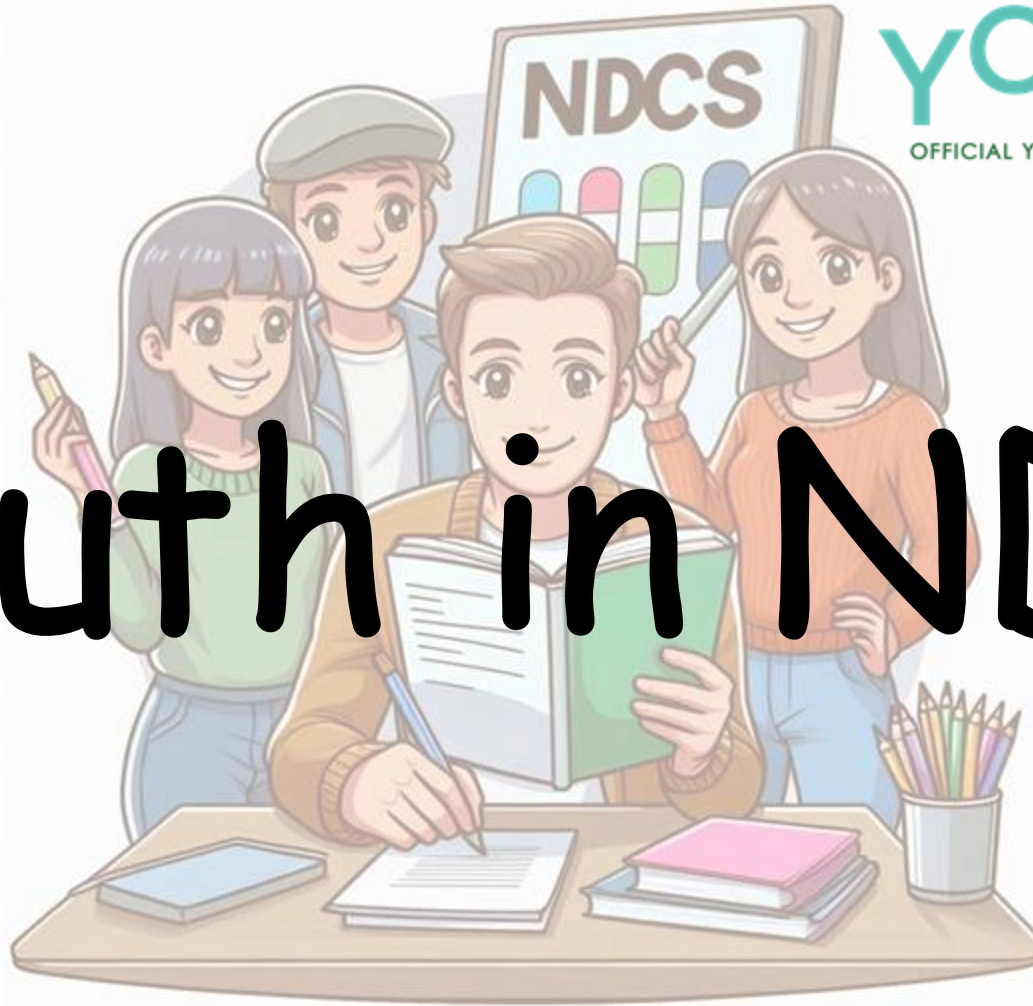


Why are NDCs important?



- Global Climate Goals
- National Commitments
- Transparency & Accountability
- Policy Guidance





Youth in NDCs

Youth in NDCs? WHY??



- To Ensure Whole of Society Approach
- To Bring in Fresh Perspectives
- To Ensure Accountability and Transparency
- To Have a Greater Shot at Achieving the Common Climate Goals
- To Ensure Inclusivity in the NDCs

Okay, but HOW?



- Mapping
- Tracking
- Revising
- Implementing

Mm, but how to do that?



- Learn
- Teach
- Engage
- ACT (Advocacy, Communications, Technology)



How does meaningful youth engagement in NDCs look like?

- Young people in the decision making tables
- Young people making informed suggestions & recommendations
- Young people's suggestions & recommendations are valued equally
- Just representation is ensured
- Young people are given the support to meaningfully contribute in the Process

Things to remember



- Change can be a lengthy process
- Stay Updated
- Don't Lose Hope
- Keep Building the Community

Questions



ON EQUAL TERMS

A youth inclusive NDC process

You(th) and NDCs, capacity building session at SB60

08 June 2024, 13:00 - 15:00 CEST/UTC+2

LEU 1916, UN Campus

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THE STAKES

New NDC enhancement cycle: An opportunity to reshape youth engagement and boost inclusivity in national climate policies:

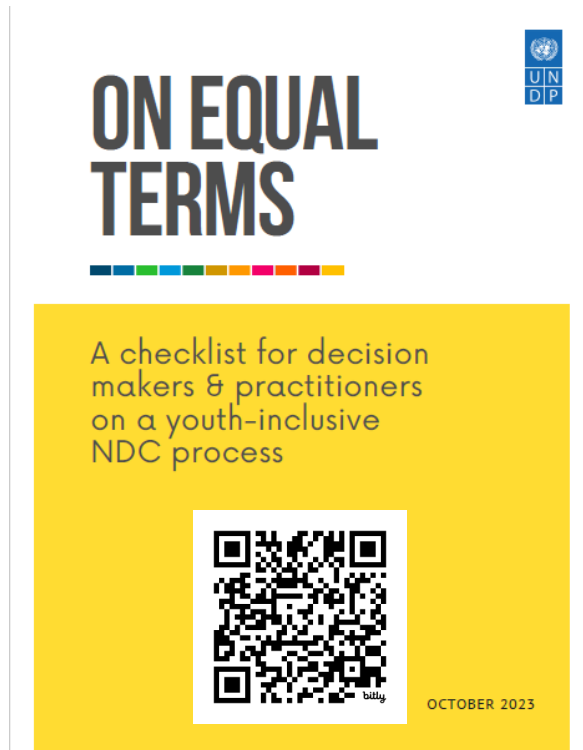
- Not an isolated process, but a measure of the capacity of young people for wider civic engagement.
- Essential for building trust in systems to avert generational impacts of the climate crisis.
- Fosters inclusivity and empowers the younger generation to be active participants in climate action.



ON EQUAL TERMS

A checklist for decision makers and practitioners on a youth-inclusive NDC process

- Based on a survey of **335 young people from 78 countries** and inputs from UNDP practitioners from HQ and regional offices
- Peer reviewed by **10 youth reviewers, UNDP experts and external partners**
- **Key audience:** national policymakers and practitioners in the NDC design and implementation
- **Key objective:** to provide a step-by-step guide on how to design and implement NDCs with young people

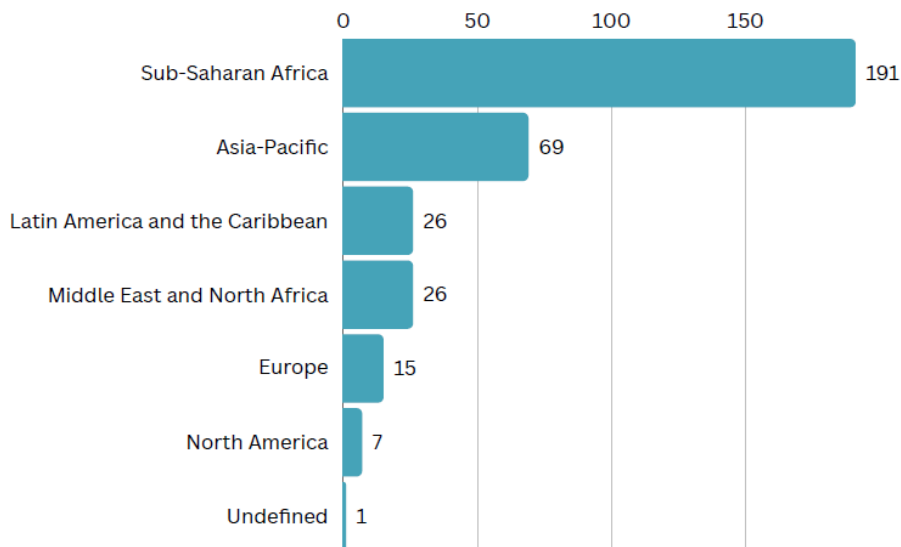


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DIVERSITY OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

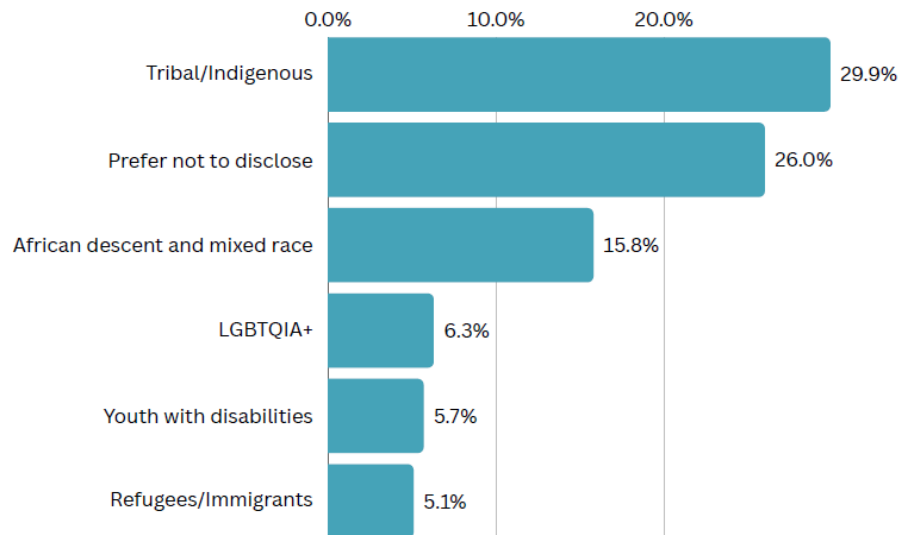
- 335 young people from 78 countries
- Median age: 27

BREAKDOWN BY REGION:



BACKGROUND OF RESPONDENTS:

51.3 percent reported coming from a clearly identifiable disadvantaged/marginalized background



ENTRY POINTS FOR ENGAGEMENT

1. **POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT:** Governments take the political decision to invite young people to co-shape actions, strategies, decisions and outcomes of the NDC process and allocate the necessary financial, logistical and technical resources to support these efforts.
2. **MAPPING:** By mapping youth organizations engaged at country level, governments can identify underrepresented and particularly vulnerable groups and offer them a seat at the table. This can lead to a more inclusive and representative structure for youth engagement.
3. **DISSEMINATION:** It is essential that governments and other actors employ outreach strategies that meet young people where they are, in all the languages of a country or territory, in different formats, online and offline. Young people can co-create this process.
4. **CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING** are essential for improving the quality of young people's participation in both the formulation and implementation of NDCs.
5. **INCLUSIVENESS AND SUSTAINABILITY:** The trust and active participation of young people in NDC consultations depend on their ability to influence the agenda and select representatives equally with organizers. Meaningful consultations allow governments to gain unique insights and foster mutual trust by engaging youth perspectives.
6. **OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY:** Involving young people in monitoring NDC implementation enhances transparency, accountability, and ownership. They can help define key performance indicators and report irregularities or share success stories, with protections against retaliation for their input.

EXAMPLES FROM THE CHECKLIST

FINDINGS FROM THE SURVEY

77.9% of the young people surveyed by UNDP report that they have never participated in, or been invited to participate in, the formulation of their country's NDC.

62.5% of respondents perceive the formulation of NDCs without the involvement of youth as a **structural problem**.

SELECTED QUESTIONS FROM THE CHECKLIST

1. Have you, or the institution you are a member of, made a political commitment, formalized in a law, directive, or other binding instrument, to engage young people in the NDC design process and established a platform (or multiple platforms) for such engagement?
2. Have you conducted a mapping of youth organizations, movements and networks representative of the diversity of actors/groups in your country?
3. How have you built the capacity of young people to understand the NDC design process and contribute to it?
4. Have you issued an open call to the mapped youth organizations, movements, and networks to be involved in designing your country's NDC?
5. Have you organized the consultation process in away that can be considered as genuinely inclusive and meaningful by its participants?
6. Have you involved youth in oversight of the NDC's implementation in a way that is recognized to increase transparency and accountability?

YOUTH4CLIMATE & NDC LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION

Over **90% of applicants** mention they are familiar with their country's NDC

Do you find that your solution responds to any of the following aspects of your country's NDC?

Mitigation 70%

Adaptation 74%

Finance 32%

Technology 51%

Capacity development 76%

Governance 35%

Part of engaging youth in NDC processes is recognizing and supporting their climate action and contributions to NDC local implementation.

The 2024 Youth4Climate Call for Solutions called on youth in 150+ countries to submit their proposals for funding (up to USD 30,000 each), in:

- Climate and Environmental Literacy
- Food and Agriculture
- Nature
- Sustainable Energy
- Sustainable Consumption and Production

THANK YOU!



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the checklist



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youth

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Youths role in shaping climate policies



SBs 60 Position Paper

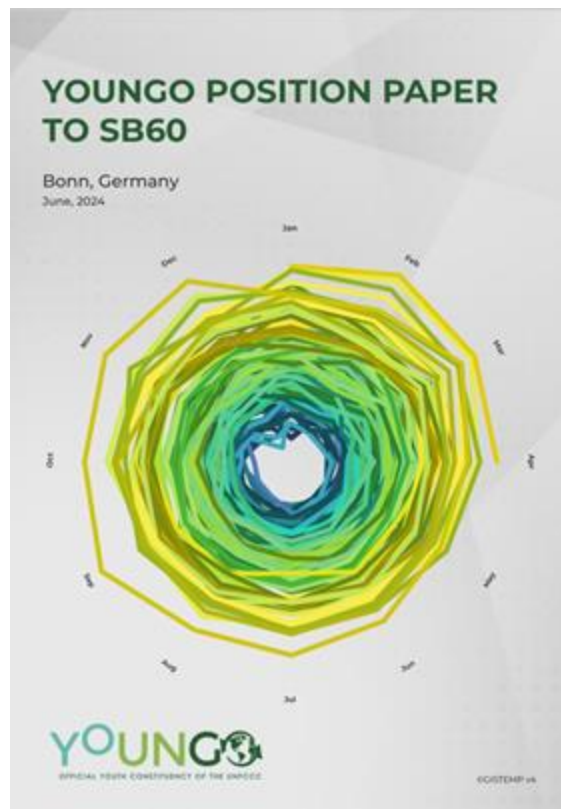


YOUNGO SB60 Position Paper



- **First ever YOUNGO Position Paper to the SBs**
- **Highlights the key demands from children and youth to SB60 on most agenda items**
- **Backup our demands with references from reliable sources, including the decisions made by Parties under the UNFCCC (COP, CMA..etc) or other IGOs/trade bodies within the United Nations space.**
- **Ensuring strong advocacy for climate justice in line with the technical agenda items**

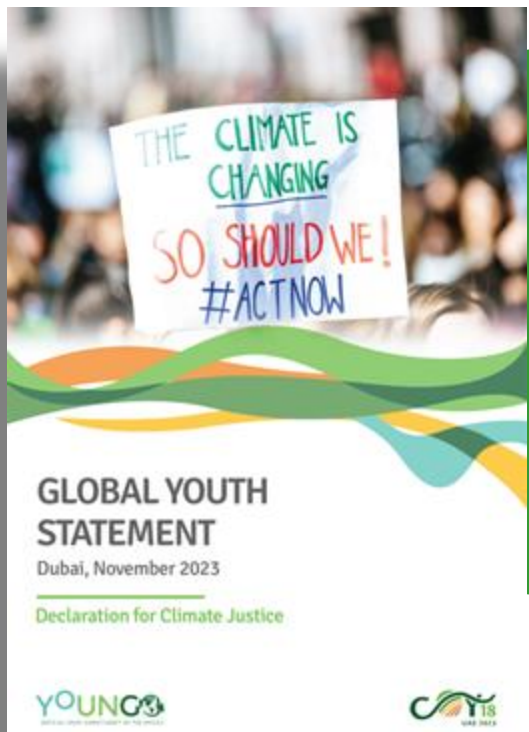
Final Version of the SB60 Position Paper



The Global Youth Statement (from local to global)



Global Youth Statement (GYS)



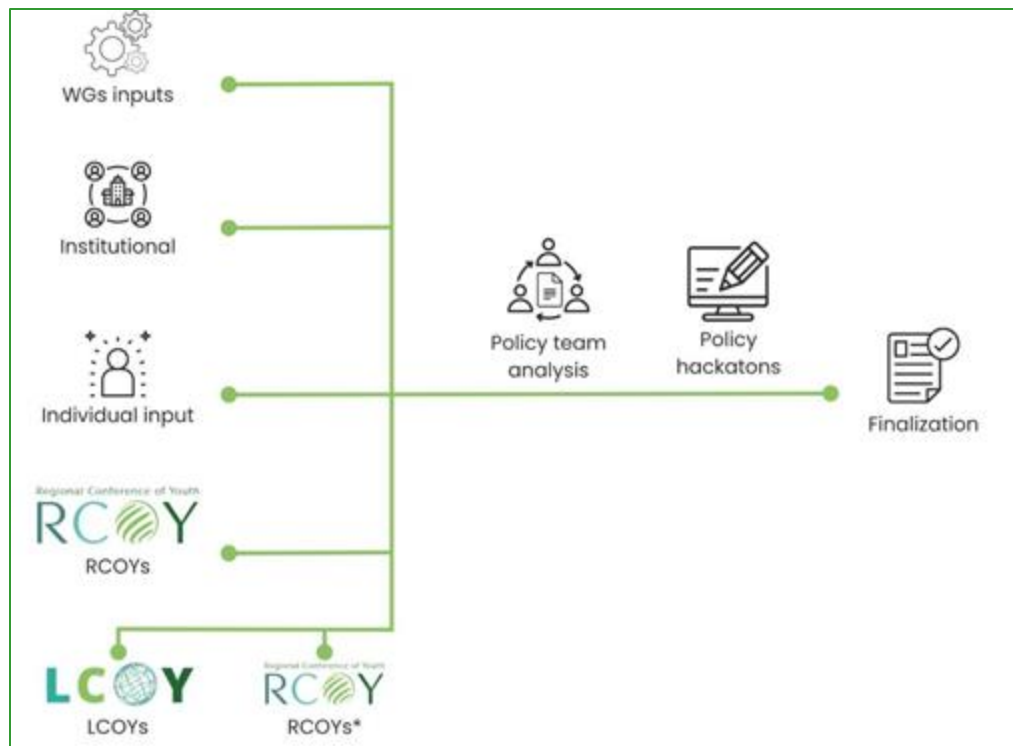
- The Global Youth Statement synthesizes the collective demands of children and youth across the world, represented by YOUNGO, to global leaders
- Key policy document for youth lobbying:
 - In YOUNGO interventions
 - In bilateral meetings
 - In any conversation with a decisionmaker!

The Global Youth Statement synthesizes the collective climate policy demands and proposals of young people, coordinated by YOUNGO, the official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC. Through rigorous consultations at the Local and Regional Conferences of Youth, as well as more than 50 policy hackathons, the COP28 Global Youth Statement brings together more than 700,000 inputs and voices of young people from 150 countries around the world.

Global Youth Statement (GYS)



GYS - The input collection process



A group of volunteers coordinated by the Youngo Policy Team and Working Groups synthesise all inputs and draft the final document

Global Youth Statement (GYS)



Read the GYS here:

<https://www.coy18uae.org/global-youth-statement>

Read COP28 decisions here:

<https://unfccc.int/cop28/5-key-takeaways#:~:text=The%20decision%20emphasizes%20%E2%80%9Cthe%20importance,gases%20and%20by%20conserving%20biodiversity.%E2%80%9D>

Youth Outcomes from Negotiations



COP21 Paris



The Preamble of the **Paris Agreement** acknowledged the need for "the widest possible participation of all countries" and emphasizes the importance of engaging various stakeholders, including CSOs and NGOs.

- "Recognizing the importance of the engagements of all levels of government and various actors, in accordance with respective national legislations of Parties, in addressing climate change ..."
- "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 ... **intergenerational equity**."

COP26 Glasgow



Glasgow Climate Pact:

- Para. 63: "Expresses appreciation for the **outcomes of the sixteenth Conference of Youth**, organized by the constituency of children and youth non-governmental organizations and held in Glasgow in October 2021, and the "Youth4Climate2021: Driving Ambition" event hosted by Italy in Milan, Italy, in September 2021"
- Para 64: "Urges Parties and stakeholders to ensure **meaningful youth participation and representation in multilateral, national and local decision-making processes**, including under the Convention and the Paris Agreement.
- Para 65: Invites future Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties, with the support of the secretariat, to facilitate the organization of an annual youth-led climate forum for dialogue between Parties and youth in collaboration with the UNFCCC children and youth constituency and other youth organizations with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment;

COP27 Sharm el-Sheikh



Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan:

- Para 55: "[...] encourages Parties to include children and youth in their processes for designing and implementing climate policy and action, and, as appropriate, to consider **including young representatives and negotiators into their national delegations**"
- Para 56: " [...] co-organizing the first **youth-led climate forum** (the Sharm el-Sheikh youth climate dialogue), hosting the first **children and youth pavilion** and appointing the first **youth envoy** of a Presidency of the Conference of the Parties"
- Para 57: " [...] notes the outcomes of the seventeenth Conference of Youth, organized by the constituency"

The ACE Action Plan:

- Decisions 23/CP.27 and 22/CMA.4: empowering all members of society, **including children and youth**, to engage in climate action

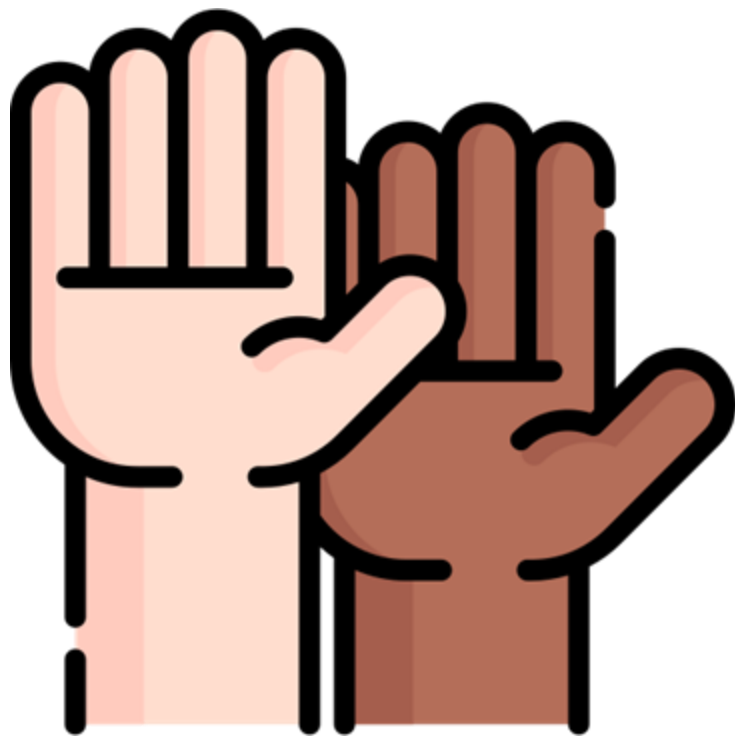
COP28 Dubai

Decision -CP/28 -/CMA.5



“1 . Reiterate their acknowledgement of the role of children and youth as agents of change in addressing and responding to climate change and recognize the opportunity for future Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement **to enhance the meaningful engagement of youth in the UNFCCC process through strengthened engagement on this matter with Parties and non-Party stakeholders, in particular the official children and youth constituency and youth within all other non-governmental organization constituencies of the UNFCCC;**

2. Note the outcomes of the eighteenth Conference of Youth, organized by the official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC and held in Dubai in November 2023, which were informed by local and regional conferences of youth;



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