

Yoko Lu  
Youth Expert

Yoko Lu is an M.Sc. Environmental Biology recent graduate who specializes in Environmental Policy. She is involved in YOUNGO, the youth constituency to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in various initiatives, such as leading the Nature Working Group and Health Working, as the



Contact Point and the Ocean Working Group as the Director of International Affairs and Policy Lead. She is currently the Contact Point of the Mitigation Working Group. She also contributed to various financial mechanisms by providing recommendations to the UNFCCC processes like the New Collective Quantified Goal, International Financial Architecture, and Multilateral Development Bank reform. She is also the Global Facilitator of the Action for Climate Empowerment Youth Forum. She co-led the YOUNGO's COY (Conference of Youth) 16 & 17 and COP 26 & 27 [Global Youth Statement](#) which was drafted in consultation with over 35,000 youth from over 135 countries around the world, which had over 1000 youth applicants to attend the forum, and were delivered to the COP Presidency and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary. In addition, she is a co-founder and champion of the Global Youth Coalition, which has produced a climate training program with Oxford Net Zero, garnering over 10,000 interested youth from all across the world.

Yoko is a feminist activist who is part of the Women's Caucus for the UN Convention on Biological Diversity and the [UN High-Level Political Forum \(UN HLPF\)](#) and the UN SDG Summit, as well as Co-Founder and Policy Coordinator with the Canadian Youth Biodiversity Network (CYBN), where she has been part of the team that worked on the policy for the UN CBD, including the youth recommendation paper with the CYBN, resulting in her attendance to UN CBD COP15 as a Canadian delegate and being recognized

by the Canadian Minister of Environment. She has been recently invited as a panelist on SDG 7 at the 2023 UN HLPF. She was a UN Environmental Programme Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force Member, preparing the Handbook, Policy Paper, and youth consultations leading up to the Stockholm+50. She served the Youth Policy Advisory Council where she prepared the Global Blue New Deal, an ocean policy recommendation document. She has also participated in the COP27 where she has been actively engaging in the UNFCCC processes.

**Experience in Capacity-building from the CB Hub scope in the climate space, from various perspectives:**

1. Organized 8 side events at COP27 with the YOUNGO Health Working Group as the Contact Point and spoke at 5 side events at COP27, including the topics on the Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force, the [interlinkage between just transition, human rights, and business](#), and nature conservation at the Zimbabwe Pavilion as the Nature Working Group Contact Point.
2. Participated in the Open Earth Foundation Hackathon - [Global Stocktake Datathon](#). I was one of the two winners, and our project was presented at the COP27 Climate Action Pavilion and the 2023 Global NDC Conference. Please see the attached for more details about the project 'Ocean Action Tracker.
3. Developed the Race to Empowerment initiative, a youth action financing mechanism, with the Global Youth Coalition. Please see attached.
4. Recently attended the [7th Global Environment Facility Assembly](#) as a YOUNGO representative, where financing for youth was emphasized by the young people.
5. Submitted contributions to the [PCCB](#) and [NDC](#)/GST with the NDC Working Group of YOUNGO.
6. As a member of the Global Coordination Team of YOUNGO, I facilitated the capacity-building on SB and COP for the members.
7. As the NDC Working Group member, I facilitated a capacity-building session on NDC/GST for the NDC WG members.

An additional contribution to the UN and the interlinkages (health and climate), with the WHO: [World Health Organization Policy Brief](#)