

Decision -CP/28 -/CMA.5

Presidency youth climate champion

The Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.26, 18/CP.26, 1/CP.27, 23/CP.27, 17/CMA.1, 22/CMA.3 and 22/CMA.4,

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;
3. *Welcome* the appointment by the Presidency of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement of the first youth envoy of a Presidency of the Conference of the Parties;
4. *Also welcome* the initiative of the Presidency of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement in appointing a youth climate champion, who has furthered the meaningful engagement of children and youth in climate action, including within the UNFCCC process;
5. *Recognize* the initiative of the Presidency of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement in supporting youth-led engagement, including by co-organizing the children and youth pavilion, the Dubai youth climate dialogue and the international Indigenous youth forum on climate change, held at the same sessions;
6. *Decide* that a youth climate champion between the ages of 18 and 35 will be appointed to act on behalf of the Presidency of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to facilitate the enhancement of the meaningful, inclusive engagement of youth in climate action, including within the UNFCCC process;
7. *Request* each incoming Presidency of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to confirm its appointee for Presidency youth climate champion for a term of up to two years, with the outgoing Presidency youth climate champion using the second year of the term to support the champion appointed by the incoming Presidency;
8. *Also request* each incoming Presidency of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to provide direction to the Presidency youth climate champion, with advice from the secretariat,

including guidance on avoiding duplication with the work and activities of the official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC, while respecting the independent role of the constituency and supporting the implementation of decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement on matters related to children and youth in the UNFCCC process, including in relation to the matters referred to in paragraphs 10–12 below;

9. *Further request* the secretariat to provide support, as appropriate, to each Presidency youth climate champion, in partnership with interested United Nations entities and in alignment with decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement on matters related to children and youth in the UNFCCC process;

10. *Urge* the Presidency youth climate champion to facilitate the meaningful engagement of children and youth in climate action, including within the UNFCCC process, including by supporting, where relevant and as appropriate, the implementation of activities under the work programmes of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and the Global Climate Action Agenda, engaging in local and regional conferences of youth and engaging with youth within all non-governmental organization constituencies of the UNFCCC and youth who are part of national delegations to United Nations climate change conferences;

11. *Encourage* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies and the Chairs of the UNFCCC constituted bodies to invite the Presidency youth climate champion, whose role is to facilitate the meaningful engagement of children and youth in climate action, including within the UNFCCC process, to attend the sessions and meetings of those bodies, as appropriate;

12. *Also encourage* all Parties and non-Party stakeholders to invite the Presidency youth climate champion, whose role is to facilitate the meaningful engagement of children and youth in climate action, including within the UNFCCC process, to events that they are hosting at the local, regional, national and international level, including events held during regional climate weeks and as part of multilateral forums;

13. *Note* that this decision does not set a precedent for matters pertaining to future champions or other issues and *emphasize* that any future proposals will be considered on a case-by-case basis;

14. *Take note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 8–9 above;

15. *Request* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of supplementary resources and *invite* other sources of funding to provide support for the activities referred to in paragraphs 8–9 above.