



# Children & Youth Major Group to UNEP

## #ThePowerInYOUth

West Asia Regional Consultative Meeting (RCM)  
22 – 23 October 2023, Al Bustan Palace, Muscat, Oman

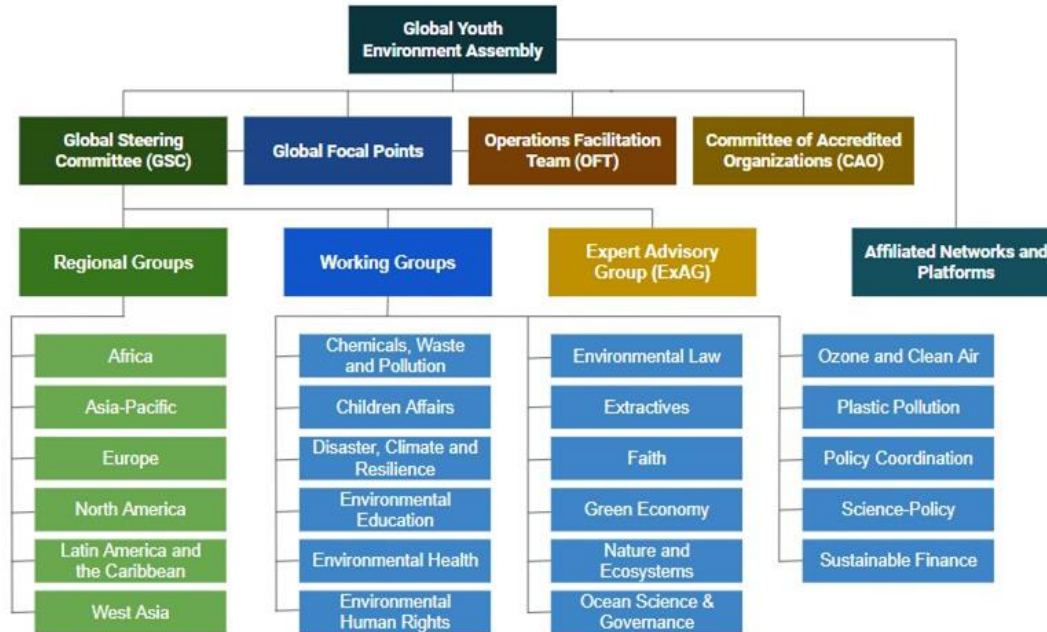


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# The Children and Youth Major Group is the mandated constituency for engaging young people in the work of UNEP



## CYMG UNEP in numbers

900+ youth organisations

4000+ individual members

### 6 Regional WGs

To channel regional youth perspectives and issues unique to each geographic region, corresponding to UNEP's regional offices.

### 17 Thematic WGs

Covering all/most aspects of UNEP's work, including Faith, Environmental Law, and Plastic Pollution

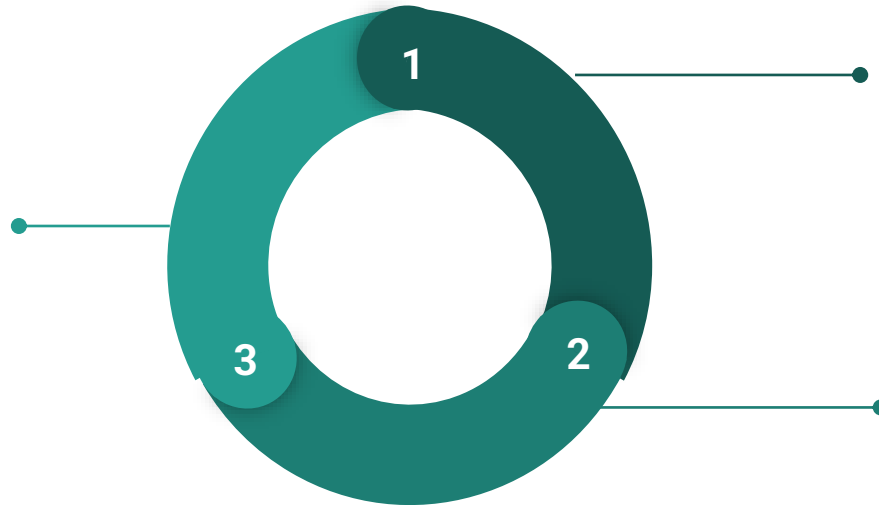
# Major Groups and Stakeholders, including CYMG, are currently engaged in the following processes:

- Intergovernmental Regional Consultations to implement UNEA Resolution 5/12 on Environmental Aspects of Minerals and Metals Management
- The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment
- Intergovernmental consultations on nature-based solutions
- Ad hoc Open-Ended Working Group on a science-policy panel to implement Resolution 5/8 to contribute to the sound management of chemicals and waste to prevent pollution
- Working Group on Nitrogen Management to implement resolution 5/2
- Global Environment Outlook (GEO-7)

# Youth Engagement in Negotiations & Processes

## YEA2024 and R-YEF

Youth Environment Assembly  
and the regional youth forum  
(APYEF23 & LACYEF23)



## Negotiations & Interventions

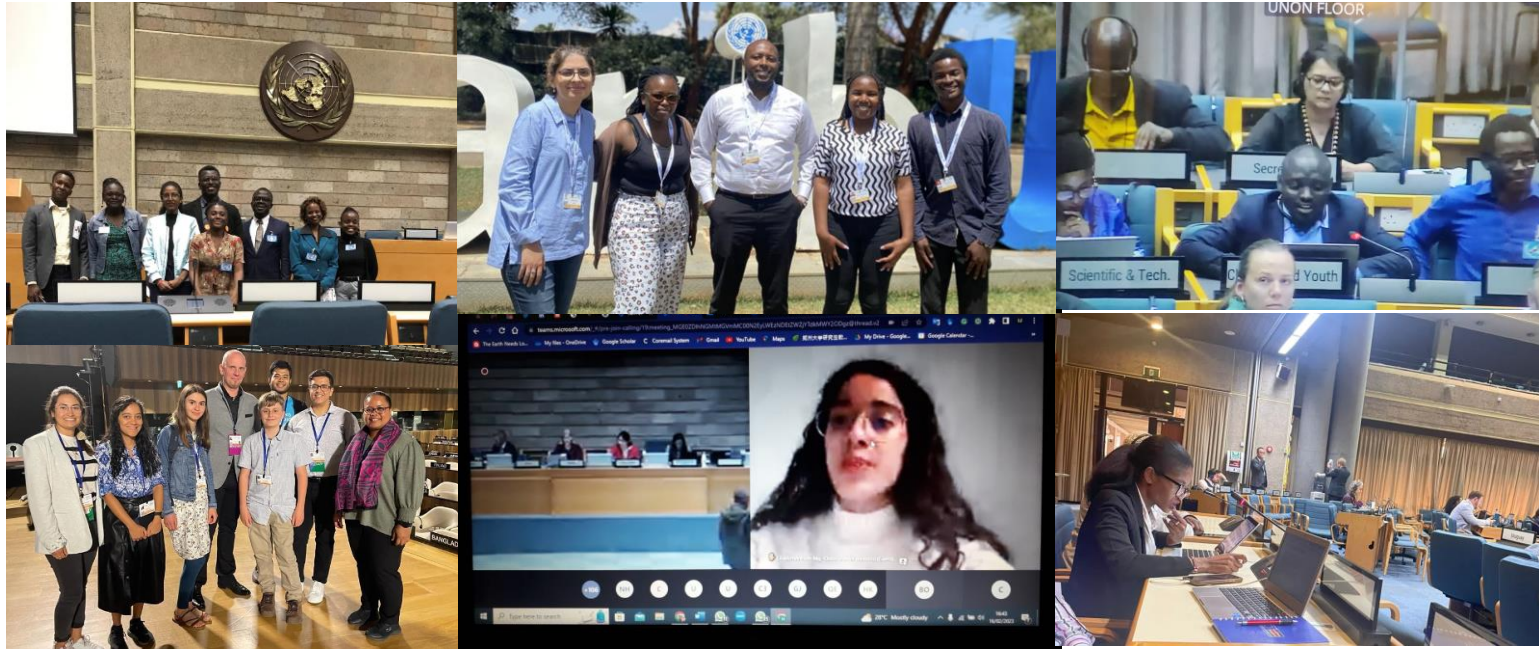
Youth Participation at the UNEA resolutions processes through global meetings, regional consultations and meetings

## Written Submissions

Pre-sessions and In-session submission for Feedback on existing drafts, Operating Principles, Demands, Youth Collective Stance, .. etc.

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UNEA Resolution Processes, CPR Meetings, CPR Sub-Committee Meetings, Regional Meetings,..etc.





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ROSEMOND YEBOAH REPRESENTED  
CHILDREN & YOUTH MAJOR GROUP TO  
UNEP, IN THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON  
MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES





**FAO**

YOUTH ACTION | SCIENCE & INNOVATION | INVESTMENT



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planetary crisis" of climate, nature, and pollution



**LIVING IN  
HARMONY  
WITH NATURE**



**TOWARDS A  
POLLUTION  
FREE PLANET**





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# Youth Engagement in Negotiations & Processes

Written Submission:



SPP Operating Principle  
Submission



UNEA-6 Ministerial Declaration  
(ZOD & FOD)



INC-3 principles and scope  
of the instrument

# Youth Engagement in Negotiations & Processes

## YEA2024 & R-YEF23

- Facilitate meaningful youth participation.
- Showcase youth initiatives and actions.
- Provide policy inputs to UNEA.
- Strengthen youth networks and collaboration.



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**ASIA-PACIFIC  
YOUTH  
ENVIRONMENT  
FORUM 2023**  
Colombo, Sri Lanka

*Asia Pacific Youth Environment Forum*

**When: 1-2 October 2023**

**Where: Colombo, Sri Lanka (hybrid format)**

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# APYEF 2023

## The Asia Pacific Youth Environment Manifesto, *inter alia*:

- calls on UN Member States to prioritize youth involvement in crucial decision-making processes, especially in science-policy interfaces and multilateral financial mechanisms, to ensure intergenerational perspectives to drive innovative solutions and practical applications in local contexts;
- urges Asia-Pacific countries to establish a just and equitable funding mechanism, including a youth-friendly approach to capacity building and fund management to support children and youth-organized initiatives, programmes, and projects; and
- calls upon UN Member States to sponsor a resolution on children and youth, emphasizing the importance of protecting children's fundamental right to live in a clean and healthy environment.



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Focal Point - Small  
Developing Island  
States



# Key Policy Interfaces

## Capacity Building for Youth



UNEA  
Resolutions



Environmental Law  
EMAs

# West Asia Youth Avenues of Engagement:

CONFERENCE

**OEWG 2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution**

11 - 15 December 2023  
Dead Sea, Jordan



Request for the nomination/accreditation for OEWG 2  
Deadline: 25 October 23:59 UTC

## West Asia Youth Avenues of Engagement:

<https://www.youthenvironment.org/join>



**For organisations**



**For individuals**