Children & Youth Major Group to UNEP
#ThePowerInYOUth

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

1. **Introduction to CYMG UNEP**
2. Major Groups and Stakeholders Engagement
3. Youth Engagement in Negotiations & Processes
4. Youth Environment Assembly and R-YEF
5. West Asia Youth Participation Avenue
6. Capacity Building for Youth
7. Closing and Q&A
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.
Youth Engagement in Negotiations & Processes

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

11th May 2023
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.

Join the...

Asia Pacific Youth Environment Forum
When: 1-2 October 2023
Where: Colombo, Sri Lanka (hybrid format)
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.
LACYEF 2023

POSTALES DEL DÍA
Postcards of the day
Octubre 16 - October 16th

Juan Carlos Bello
Regional Director and Representative
UNEP

José Antonio Dávalos
Minister of Environment
Ecuador

Albina Ruiz
Minister of Environment
Perú

Francisco Canal
Viceminister of Environmental Planning
Colombia

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Emanuele Sapienza
Policy Lead
UNDP

Ligia Castro
Climate Change Director
Panama

Dalia Márquez
President - Junioyud
UJindo Unida en Acción

Genaro Godoy

Alan Valdés
Global Youth Biodiversity Network

José Arrieta
President - Social Good Peru

Rosie Díaz
Director - The Millennials Movement

Mario Galbert
Focal Point - Small Island Developing 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