



## UN CC:Learn 2021-2025 Implementation Phase

### Consultation – Learning through Youth

18 October 2022, online



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# Consultation II – Learning through Youth

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## 1. Introduction

The second consultation under the *Dialogue Space on Learning through Youth* was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The overall aim of this consultation was to bring together interested UN CC:Learn partners and other relevant stakeholders to discuss ACE priorities and activities for COP27 related to strengthening youth capacity and networks on climate change.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Discuss ACE priorities and activities for COP27
- Explore synergies and coordinate around work on youth and climate change.

The Head of the UN CC:Learn Secretariat, Mr. Angus Mackay opened the event. He highlighted that UNITAR will run the Climate Classroom initiative to provide short introductions to many topics that are discussed in the negotiations and beyond and give time for delegates and other interested participants to reflect on them. As part of this initiative, this year young people will take the lead to deliver three classes. In addition, UN CC:Learn launched a youth survey targeting anyone up to the age of 35 years old to better understand what kind of products young people are looking for to advance their skills, take effective climate action and participate in the climate debate. Over 2,000 responses have been received so far.

## 2. Opportunities for Collaboration

The discussion was contextualized through a highlight presenting the Youth Dialogue on Adaptation Action organized by the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA), delivered by Ms. Adriana Valenzuela, Thematic Lead - Youth Leadership and Education at GCA, followed by an overview of UN CC:Learn planned activities for COP27, introduced by the UN CC:Learn Secretariat.

### Highlight: GCA's Youth Dialogue on Adaptation Action

The event was illustrated through the following video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxZr-9\\_g9lw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxZr-9_g9lw)

Ms. Valenzuela then noted the GCA, in collaboration with youth organizations, organized this event in 2022 to identify good practices, ideas and recommendations from youth to contribute and shape the adaptation agenda. Preceded by a series of consultations, the Dialogue brought together young leaders from 23 countries around the world. The main recommendations include to: (1) advance adaptation education; (2) promote the role of youth in adaptation negotiations and activities; (3) create more jobs for young people and (4) enhance access to funding. The youth is calling to have a sub-COP on youth and include adaptation education. So, education could be part of the global adaptation framework. At COP27, GCA will present the recommendations and submit them to the adaptation negotiators.

### Open Discussion

- UN CC:Learn Secretariat: What can be done to link the Youth Climate Dialogue (YCD) initiative and the GCA initiatives? It was suggested to explore this further through bilateral discussions.
- UN CC:Learn Secretariat: It is important to put adaptation education at the center of the discussion. The survey already shows that young people feel unprepared to make a life and a living. We need to find a way to do more in this area.
- GCA: the main question is how we can highlight adaptation education under the adaptation agenda. Submissions are often invited and even if there is no call, it is still possible to provide submissions. We could be involved this year and next year to make sure adaptation education is on the agenda for COP28.

### UN CC:Learn at COP27

UN CC:Learn will actively participate in COP27 and support multiple events, including:

- The Presidency in-session event “implementing the ACE framework” on [15<sup>th</sup> November](#) (ACE Day). UN CC:Learn has offered its support and has suggested a speaker from Ethiopia for consideration as part of the panel of speakers.
- UNITAR Side Events: 1) Accelerating the circular economy agenda to tackle climate change and foster economic transformation ([9<sup>th</sup> November](#), 11:30-13:00); 2) Scaling up innovative finance and solutions for accelerated adaptation in LDCs, SIDS and Africa ([11<sup>th</sup> November](#), 13:15-14:45).
- UN CC:Learn global, regional and national partners’ side events.
- The UN CC:Learn West Africa Hub informal roundtable on national budgeting for climate change learning will be held on [15<sup>th</sup> November](#). This will bring together the representatives from the 13 WAH member countries, other interested countries from the region, as well as UN Agencies, to discuss and share experience of the financing of climate change education and training. Additional details will be shared with UN CC:Learn partners closer to the date.
- UN CC:Learn will have bilateral meetings with partners and other relevant stakeholders.
- UN CC:Learn will be hosting a COP27 dinner of [16<sup>th</sup> November](#). All are welcome and more information will be shared soon.

Furthermore, UN CC:Learn will organize a 10<sup>th</sup> edition of its Climate Classroom initiative. The Climate Classroom is a regular feature of UN CC:Learn’s engagement in COP and beyond. It includes a series of 45-minute introductory classes on climate change issues - an “espresso-shot” of knowledge for COP attendees and other interested professionals. This year’s COP will see the highest number of classes so far, with over 20 sessions, including three youth-led (by YOUNGO and the Future Leaders Network) and one on green jobs for young people organized by ILO. Also, the Climate Classroom generally gathers a significant number of young people in the audience, interested in learning more on different topics. This year’s programme covers topics ranging from climate change adaptation, climate change and human rights, humanitarian energy to early warning systems, e-waste and climate change communications. Most classes will take place online (via Zoom), with 1-2 in person at the COP27 venue. This edition is organized in collaboration with 15 organizations, including the CIF, FAO, the Future Leaders Network, GCA, ILO, ITU, MEECE, OHCHR, UNEP, UNITAR, WHO, WMO, WRI, WTO, YOUNGO.

More information on the Climate Classroom will be made available on UN CC:Learn’s COP27 webpage.

### 3. Discussions on COP27

After these interventions, the floor was opened for participants to share their feedback, thoughts, as well as plans for COP27.

#### 1. Climate Youth Negotiators Programme (CYNP)

- CYNP, as a programme of the Future Leaders Network, will collaborate with UN CC:Learn as part of the Climate Classroom initiative.
- CYNP will be supporting 56 youth negotiators from 26 countries in participating in the negotiations. The team will assist the negotiators and ensure they have a sense of belonging and can make the most of the event as many of them will be attending COP for the first time.
- CYNP will be also involved in 20 side events.

#### 2. NDC Partnership

- The NDC Partnership will host three core events focused on finance, investment planning, and climate commitments. In addition, the Partnership will launch a thematic call on low emissions.
- The NDC Partnership is looking into the data to support countries in integrating ACE into NDC enhancement and implementation.
- They are also looking for resources and platforms focusing on youth and climate change to add to the NDC Partnership website.

#### 3. YOUNGO

- YOUNGO will deliver one climate classroom in partnership with UN CC:Learn.
- They have five side events planned in different pavilions as well as workshops on climate finance for youth.
- They will also participate in the high-level opening during Youth Day.

#### **4. SDC**

- SDC is organizing a range of activities at COP27, including a side event on early prevention.

#### **5. GCA**

- GCA is interested in connecting with CYNP and the negotiators they will support at COP27.
- GCA is also happy to support the Climate Classroom initiative.

#### **6. UN CC:Learn Secretariat**

- There has been an important shift in the role of youth organizations at COP in the past years. If, during the first COP meetings, youth organizations were attending as invitees, now they are engaged in a much more decisive role. Youth organizations were able to develop expertise, apply it in the negotiations and bring partners together.
- Partners are invited to share their events and side events at COP27 with UN CC:Learn. UN CC:Learn can share them among its networks and channels.
- UN CC:Learn has recently launched a number of new learning products on its e-learning platform such as a COP27 updated version of the Climate Change Negotiations and Health course and courses on Food Waste and e-Waste. These could certainly be referenced on the NDC Partnership website, as relevant.

## **4. Conclusion and Next Steps**

- UN CC:Learn Secretariat: The Dialogue Space provided today a coordination space for COP27. Next year, the idea is to also use this space in a creative way to develop new ideas and go deeper on a common topic. The UN CC:Learn Secretariat is exploring options to identify a charismatic person to chair this space and provide further inspiration and direction. Suggestions are very welcome. Also, if partners have ideas of topics they would like to discuss in this space they are invited to share them. The main goal is to create a space to think the unthinkable and reflect on how we can make a difference.
- YOUNGO: Agree with the element of co-creation. YOUNGO would be very interested in doing this together as the official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC and the network of youth and children all around the world.
- YOUNGO: Suggested discussing opportunities for collaboration on the development of dedicated capacity-building programmes on climate change after COP27. Also, they would be interested in discussing YOUNGO's climate finance academy bilaterally with the UN CC:Learn Secretariat.
- YOUNGO was involved in capacity-building for young people at the Regional Climate Weeks. A summary of the discussions was released by UNDP and can be shared.

### **Next Steps**

- UN CC:Learn will share the report of this consultation with the group.
- UN CC:Learn will share information about the initiatives/activities organized by partners at COP27 with the group.
- Partners can share their activities or links to activities they will deliver at COP27 and UN CC:Learn can also disseminate through its channels.
- The next consultation meeting will be held after COP27.

## Annex 1 – Agenda

### UN CC:Learn Dialogue Space – Learning through Youth –

Tuesday, 18 October 2022  
(3pm – 4:30pm CEST)

Online

The UN CC:Learn partnership is scheduling a 1h30 group consultation with interested UN CC:Learn partners and other relevant stakeholders to discuss ACE priorities and activities for COP27, with a focus on strengthening youth capacity and youth networks to actively participate and take informed action for climate change, and explore synergies and opportunities for collaboration.

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#### ***Welcome and Introduction***

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| 3:00 - 3:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcoming remarks</li><li>• Tour de table</li><li>• Objectives and agenda</li></ul> |
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#### ***Opportunities for Collaboration***

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| 3:15 - 4:20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Highlight: GCA Youth Dialogue on Adaptation Action</li><li>• Presentation: UN CC:Learn activities for COP27</li><li>• Moderated discussion:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Partner activities at COP27</li><li>➤ Identification of synergies and opportunities for collaboration</li></ul></li></ul> |
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#### ***Conclusion***

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| 4:20 - 4:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary of key points</li><li>• Wrap-up and next steps</li></ul> |
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## **Annex 2 – Presentation**





# WELCOME

UN CC:Learn COP27 Consultation  
– Learning through Youth

18 October 2022

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. CEST





# Opening Remarks

**Mr. Angus Mackay**

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# Tour de Table

# Meeting Objectives

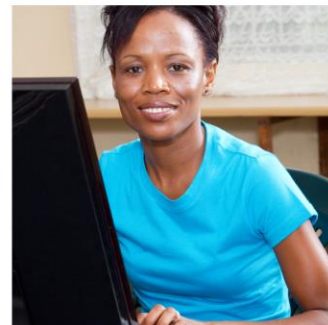
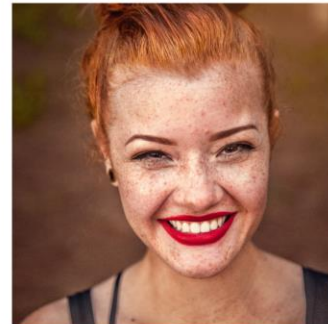
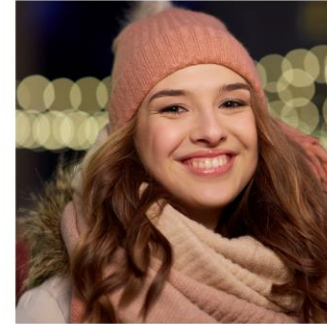
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# Agenda

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  - UN CC:Learn @ COP27
  - Moderated discussion
    - Partner activities at COP27
    - Identification of synergies and opportunities for collaboration
- Conclusion



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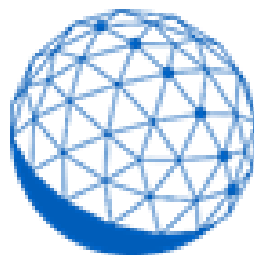
# Opportunities for Collaboration



# Highlight – GCA Youth Dialogue on Adaptation Action

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## UN CC:Learn @ COP27

- High-level side event on ACE (15 Nov)
- Partner side events
- West Africa Hub roundtable on national budgeting for climate change learning
- Bilateral meetings
- UN CC:Learn dinner



# Climate Classroom @ COP27

- 45-minute introductory classes on key climate change topics
- **24** classes (online or face-to-face)
- **15** organizations: CIF, FAO, Future Leaders Network, GCA, ILO, ITU, MEECE, OHCHR, UNEP, UNITAR, WHO, WMO, WRI, WTO, YOUNGO







# Discussion

# Summary of Key Points and Next Steps

# Thank you!



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The One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership

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