



Youth priorities for COP28

Dar es Salaam Youth Climate Declaration

200 delegates and speakers from 24 countries, especially from climate vulnerable countries in the Global South, gathered at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania on October 4-7, 2023, for the Global Youth Climate Summit. During the Summit, the delegates co-created the Dar es Salaam Youth Climate Declaration, outlining concerns and aspirations of youth.

The delegates identified four priority areas of youth engagement in tackling the climate crisis.



Education

- Climate science education in primary, secondary, and tertiary levels;
- Increased funding in national budgets for climate change curriculum development;
- Greater government support in research and development for climate innovation for climate mitigation and adaptation;
- Knowledge transfer from best practices in climate resilience in indigenous communities;
- Capacity building of NGOs and CBOs for climate change education at community levels.



Youth climate entrepreneurship

- Increase training for youth on entrepreneurship;
- Establish incubators and mentorship programs for youth-led, climate-friendly businesses;
- Greater advocacy for environment-friendly products and practices;
- Foster interdisciplinary job creation and value addition;
- Empower youth as climate champions and innovative solution providers.



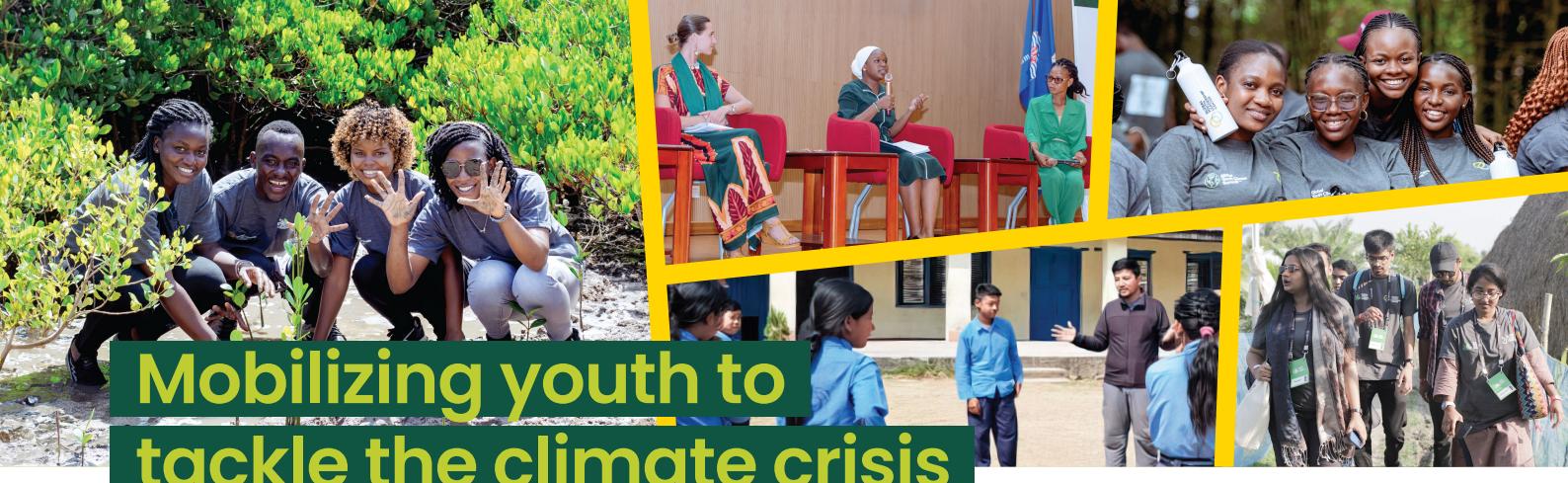
Youth as accountability partners and policy makers

- Ensure meaningful youth participation in all levels—community, national, international;
- Engage youth to assist government in policy and project monitoring evaluation;
- Youth can serve as bridge between government and community;
- Increase youth representation in decision-making bodies, including parliament;
- Have compulsory policies on youth representation in governments.



Access to funding

- Establish country funds from Loss and Damage dedicated to youth entrepreneurship;
- Increase funding support by incubators and accelerators for climate-friendly businesses;
- Provide greater access to funding for youth-led businesses;
- Create green investment fund for youth to take climate action;
- Ensure adequate funding for grassroots initiatives led by youth.



Mobilizing youth to tackle the climate crisis

Global Youth Leadership Center is an international nonprofit that expands youth's knowledge about climate science, builds their leadership skills, and engages them in climate action. We do this through a range of programs in climate vulnerable countries in the Global South.

GYLC is built on the 15-year track record of the Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) in providing adaptive leadership training to youth in the Global South and empowering youth to lead social change. We also bring experience of working with the private sector, co-creating curriculum and placing youth in jobs, and a track record of investing in youth-led businesses and running an accelerator.

How we engage youth in climate action



Deepen knowledge

GYLC helps bridge the information gap by educating the next generation on the science of climate change, to better understand the drivers of global warming and the levers by which each individual can affect change.



Enhance skills

GYLC provides leadership training for youth to build the soft skills needed for both individual and collective action. We empower youth to make mindful and informed decisions about their own lives, ranging from diet to energy use. At the same time, we support youth to build their skills and confidence to act collectively, through community mobilization and political action.



Invest in the future

GYLC invests in youth as entrepreneurs of climate-conscious businesses and in careers in green jobs in the Global South. Using a well-established accelerator model, from 2024, GYLC will support young entrepreneurs who are tackling climate mitigation and adaptation through their businesses.

Youth climate champions

Our climate champions come from 14 different countries and are actively working to mobilize their local communities towards addressing climate change.

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CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

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Opportunity for partnership

- Invest in our climate education, green skills development, and climate action programs;
- Sponsor youth delegates from your country to attend Global Youth Climate Summit 2024 in West Africa;
- Spread the word; connect us to potential partners who may be interested in supporting our work.

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