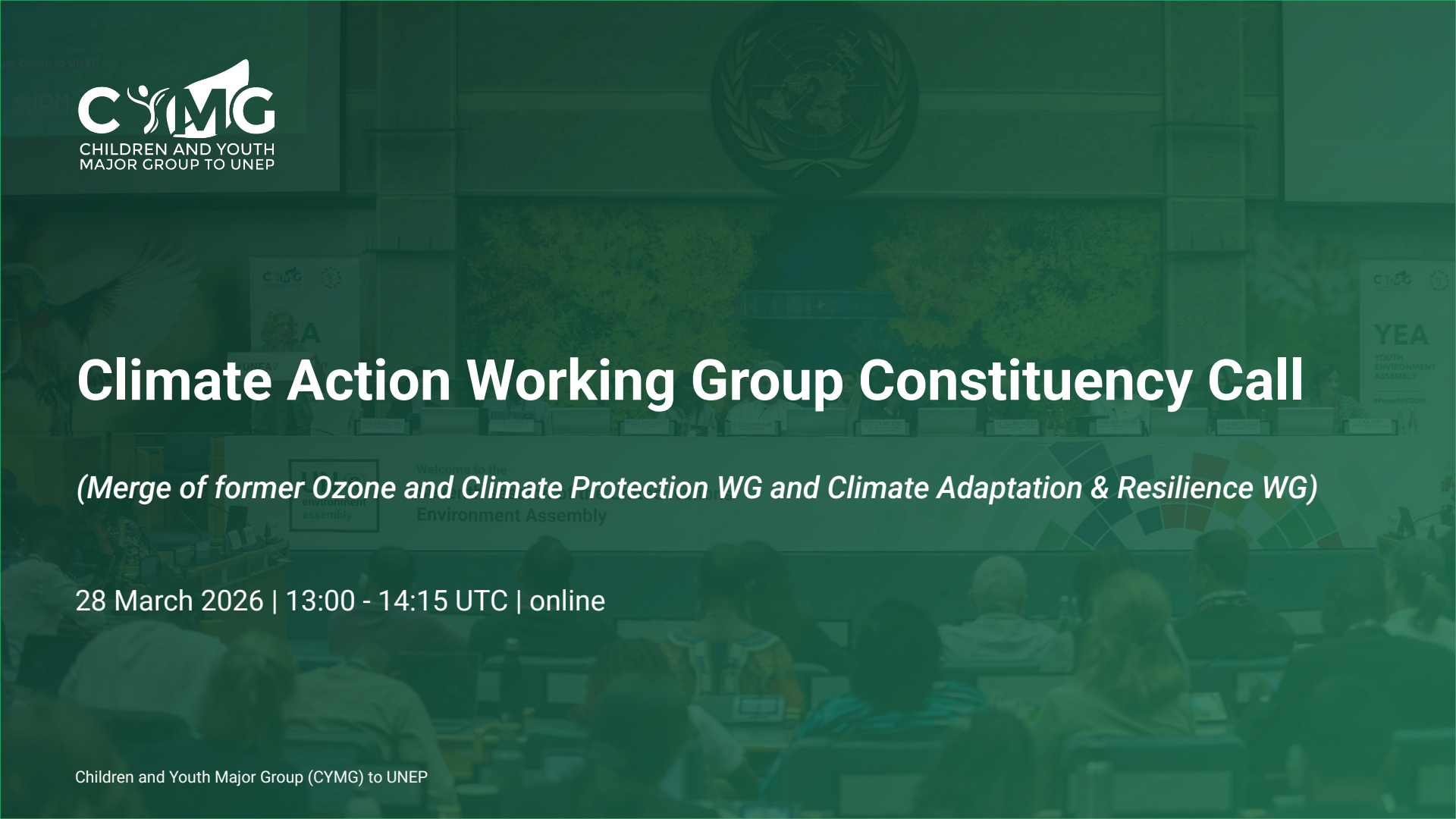


CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAJOR GROUP TO UNEP

Climate Action Working Group Constituency Call

(Merge of former Ozone and Climate Protection WG and Climate Adaptation & Resilience WG)

28 March 2026 | 13:00 - 14:15 UTC | online

Children and Youth Major Group (CYMG) to UNEP

Agenda of the WG Call

1. Introduction to CYMG to UNEP and Climate Action WG
2. Draft Roadmap of CA WG for 2026
3. Drafting the Global Youth Survey on the Kigali Amendment Decade of Action (2016-2026)
4. Plans for Ozone engagement (OEWG, MOP, and related meetings)
5. Plans for COP 31 (Turkiye)
6. (a) AOB: Reachout to Rwanda (Kigali) youth and organisations
6. (b) AOB: Re-activating the YFCP Taskforce

Thematic Focal Points | Climate Action Working Group

(merging the Climate Adaptation and Resilience WG + Ozone and Climate Protection WG (formerly known as Ozone and Clean Air WG))



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About CYMG | CYMG is mandated to coordinate youth engagement …

1. **Mandate** | CYMG is a **formal youth engagement mechanism** to UNEP est. as one of the 9 major groups via Agenda 21 at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit and recognised in UNEA Resolution 7/6

2. **Membership** | CYMG represents **2,000+** youth organisations (**68** of which are UNEP-accredited) & **15,000+** individual members from **130+** countries

3. **Activities** | CYMG supports **youth environmental leadership** through active policy advocacy, expanding youth' access to decision-making processes, and building capacity

… across UNEP's activities in global environmental governance

UNEA and other core processes

UN environment assembly +

1. *Regular CPR meetings*
2. *Regional preparatory processes*
3. *UNEA resolution implementation*

UNEP-administered MEAs and scientific assessments

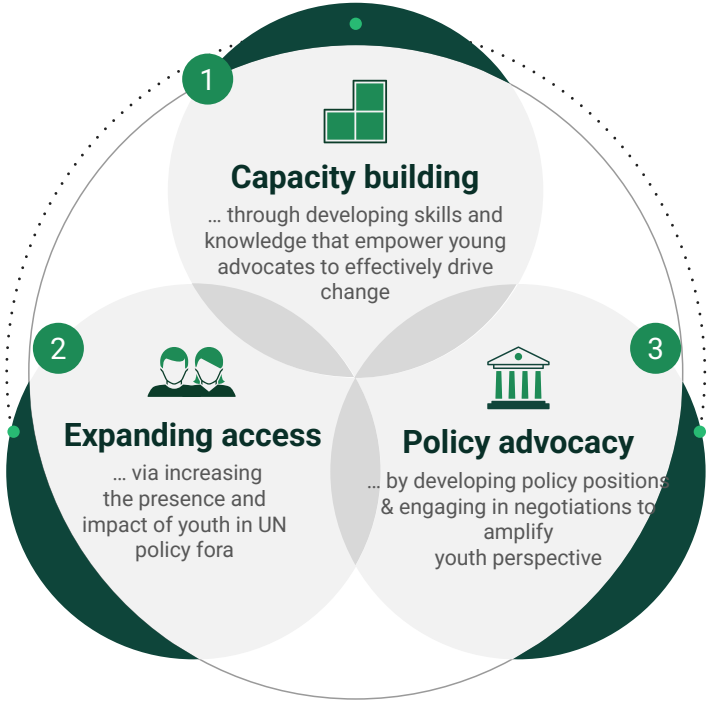
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UNEP-facilitated initiatives & partnerships

UNITED NATIONS EMG · UN environment programme finance initiative · One planet handle with care · LEAP Montevideo Environmental Law Programme, Law and Environment Assistance Platform · CLIMATE & CLEAN AIR COALITION to reduce short-lived climate pollutants · GREEN JOBS FOR YOUTH PACT · United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030

Non-exhaustive

Theory of change | CYMG is strengthening youth engagement and driving ambition in environmental governance through three key avenues



Examples of activities:



Capacity building

- Webinars on MEAs and ongoing negotiations
- Open dialogues on key environmental issues



Expanding access

- Funding and supporting youth participation in meetings
- Organising youth-led side events at major environmental summits



Policy advocacy

- Drafting position papers and policy briefs
- Engaging in dialogues with national and int'l authorities

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Impact | CYMG's constituency model has led to tangible outcomes for youth engagement in environmental governance

100%

UNEA-7 resolutions in which CYMG provided inputs

200+

youth delegates supported to participate in international environmental conferences

1,100+

in-person participants during the 2025 Youth Environment Assembly

170+

webinars, workshops and other capacity-building sessions organised

$150k+

funding received from Member States and UN agencies for youth engagement

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2025 achievements | CYMG led youth engagement in new and familiar environmental governance fora

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UNEA-7

Raised $150k to support 1,600 youth delegates to take part in meetings

UNEA-7 and OECPR-7

- Engaged in negotiations on every resolution through written and oral submissions
- Contributed to and recognised by the UNEA-7 Ministerial Declaration and Resolution 7/6 on Youth and Education
- High-level bilaterals with UNEP ED, Member States, and 10+ UNEP teams

Youth Environment Assembly

- Organised 3rd Youth Environment Assembly (YEA), welcoming over 1,600 delegates
- Launched the Global Youth Declaration, which was presented to key stakeholders

02

Continued engagements

Supported consistent youth engagement in ongoing UNEP-facilitated processes

INC-5.2 Plastic Treaty Negotiations
Launched the Youth Plastic Action Network at INC-5.2 in Geneva

ISP-CWP Establishment @ OEWG 3.2
Led a youth delegation and held a hybrid Youth Consultative Meeting

Montreal Ozone Protocol MOP37
Organised second in-person Youth Forum on Climate Protection

Regional youth engagement
Organised regional youth forums in all six UNEP regions and the Caribbean

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First-time initiatives

Opened doors for young people to engage in and contribute to various processes

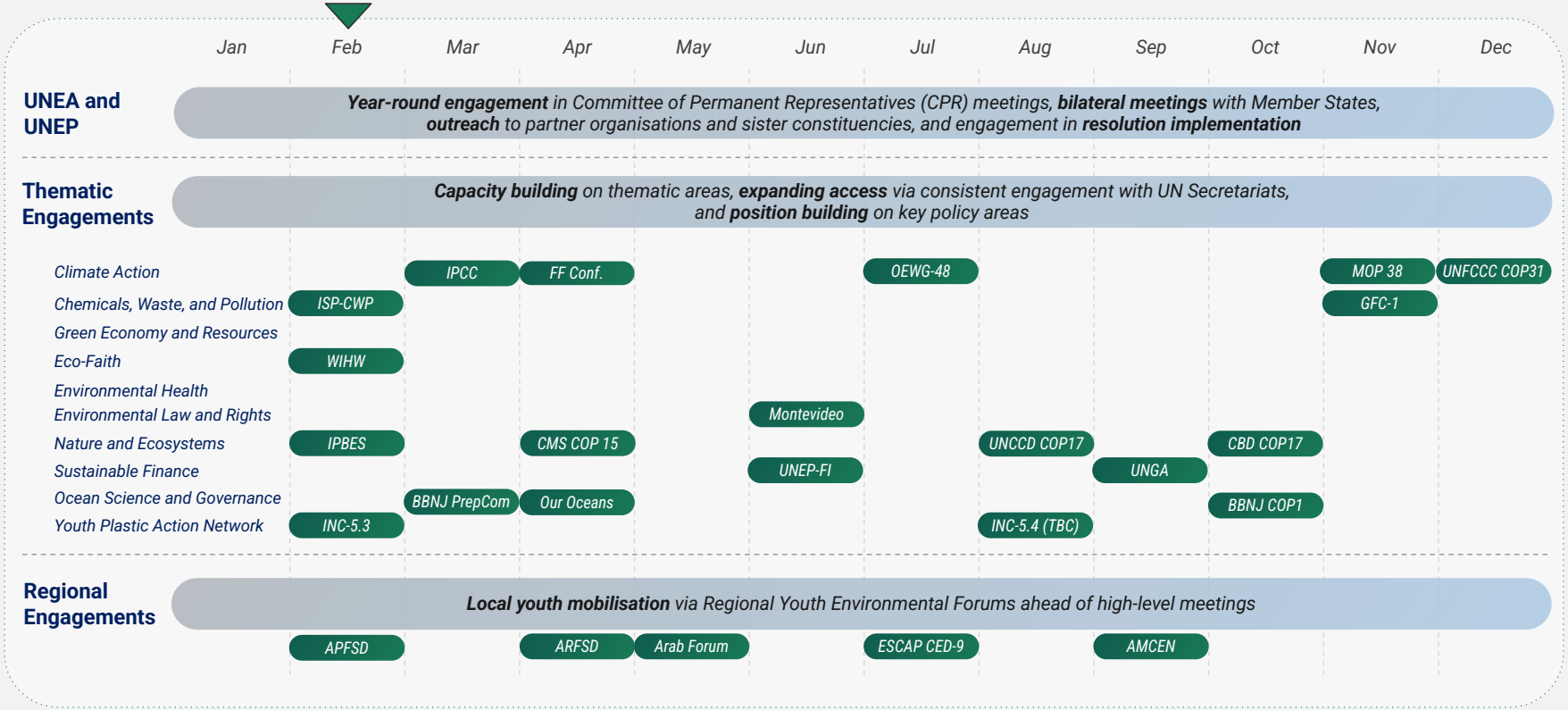
Sustainable Food Systems Conference
Coordinated a youth delegation and held a Youth Consultative Meeting

Global Dialogue on Circular Economy
Convened the 1st Youth Day on *Youth Leadership in Zero Waste* with IETC

Beyond GDP
Collaborated with the "Beyond Lab" and input into High-Level Expert Group

Collaboration with IOM
Co-hosted sessions on the environment-migration nexus

2026 roadmap | CYMG is actively progressing on key engagements



Working Groups (I/II) | CYMG engagement in global environmental governance through 14 working groups covering key regions and topics

Thematic Working Groups

Chemicals & Waste

- Focuses on pollution prevention and sound chemicals and waste management
- Key avenues: Minamata Convention, OEWG Science-Policy Panel, UNEP Nitrogen WG

Climate Action

- Advances in climate mitigation adaptation and resilience, as well as ozone layer protection
- Key avenues: UNFCCC, Montreal Protocol, Global Platform on DRR, Climate & Clean Air Coalition

Eco-Faith

- Incorporates faith-based perspectives into environmental governance
- Key avenues: UNEP Faith for Earth Coalition, various youth faith groups

Environmental Health

- Addresses the intersection of environment, health, and equity using a One Health approach
- Key engagements: One Health Alliance, WHO FCTC COP11, UNEA processes

Environmental Law & Rights

- Advocates for youth participation in environmental law & protection of environmental defenders
- Key avenues: Montevideo Programme, regional human rights forums, UNEP legal frameworks

Green Economy & Resources

- Focuses on sustainable consumption, resource efficiency, and green employment
- Key avenues: International Resource Panel, One Planet Network, Green Jobs for Youth

Nature and Ecosystems

- Promotes youth action on biodiversity, restoration, and nature-based solutions
- Key avenues: UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, CITES, Ramsar, IPBES

Sustainable Finance

- Integrates youth voices in climate finance, green investment, and financial policy reform
- Key engagements: UNEP-FI, G20 Sustainable Finance Track, Financing for Development

Working Groups (II/II) | CYMG engagement in global environmental governance through 14 working groups covering key regions and topics

Regional Working Groups

6 regional WGs: Africa, Asia, Europe, LAC, North America & West Asia

- Coordinates youth engagement across UNEP's six official regions to incorporate local perspectives
- Key avenues: Regional ministerial conferences and UNEP regional fora

Affiliated Networks

Youth Plastic Action Network

- Empowers youth in global efforts to end plastic pollution through treaty negotiations
- Key avenues: Intergovernmental Negotiating Committees on plastic pollution

Ocean Science & Governance

- Coordinates youth engagement in marine protection, policy, and governance
- Key avenues: Regional Seas Conventions, Intl. Seabed Authority, BBNJ, UN Ocean Conference,

Horizontal programmes

Policy Coord. & UNEP Affairs

- Ensures policy coherence across CYMG and coordinates input into the Committee of Permanent Representatives
- Key avenues: Committee of Permanent Representatives

Science-Policy & Knowledge

- Coordinates capacity-building and engagement in environmental science-policy interfaces
- Key avenues: Global Environment Outlook, UN Science-Policy-Business Forum

Children's Affairs

- Ensures engagement of under-18s in environmental governance in a safe space
- Key avenues: Collaboration with Save the Children and Child Rights International Network

Comms & External Affairs

- Manages CYMG communications and outreach, including social media platforms
- Key avenues: N/A

People & leadership (I/II) | CYMG's Global Steering Committee brings together experienced youth advocates from across the world

Global Focal Points



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The Climate Action Working Group

- As the Climate Action Working Group of the CYMG to UNEP, our mission is to represent the diverse perspectives of young people worldwide in formal climate governance spaces, from the Montreal Protocol to the UNFCCC.

- This WG Call is an invitation for all of us to align our efforts, leverage our shared regional strengths, and transform our ambitious policy goals into tangible, youth-led actions for the year ahead.

Working fields of Climate Action within UNEP

Adaptation and resilience

- Supporting governments in building climate-resilient societies by scaling up nature-based solutions and early warning systems.
- **Key avenues:** GGA and the release of the annual UNEP Adaptation Gap Report

Mitigation

- Accelerating the transition to a low-carbon global economy by targeting high-emission sectors like energy, buildings, and transport.
- **Key avenues:** Cool Coalition's National Cooling Action Plans (NCAPs) and the Global Methane Pledge ministerial engagements

Loss & Damage

- Addressing the irreversible economic and non-economic impacts of climate change that go beyond the limits of adaptation.
- **Key avenues:** Operationalization of the FLRD and UNEP's scientific assessments on climate-induced displacement and migration

Climate Finance

- Developing sustainable financial mechanisms to bridge the massive funding gap for climate action in developing nations.
- **Key avenues:** New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) and the UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) Nature Journey for banks.

Climate Transparency

- Strengthening the evidence base for climate action through robust data reporting, review, and accountability frameworks.
- **Key avenues:** Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and the submission of Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs)

NDCs

- Assisting countries in drafting and implementing "3.0" NDCs that align with the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement.
- **Key avenues:** UNEP Emissions Gap Report and the UNDP-UNEP Climate Promise initiative for 2035 target setting

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Agenda 2. Draft Roadmap of CA WG for 2026

Dates	Event	Planned activity
24 - 28 March	64th Session of the IPCC	ongoing
05 June	World Environment Day	Launching of the survey
13-17 July	48th Meeting of the Montreal Protocol OEWG	Side event of CYMG
16 September	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2025 (UNGA Res A/49/114)	Presenting the initial results
October (TBC)	10th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	TBC
2 - 6 November	38th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP 38)	YFCP 3.0
9 - 20 November	UNFCCC COP 31	Collaboration event with partners
TBC	9th international Adaptation Futures Conference (AF2026)	TBC

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CYMG in 64th Session of IPCC

Bangkok, Thailand
March 24th-27th, 2026

We are grateful to facilitate CYMG members' participation through the generous accreditation slots provided by ProVeg International.

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Agenda 3. Drafting the Global Youth Survey on the Kigali Amendment Decade of Action (2016-2026)

Reflection from 2025 Survey:

1. Need a more comprehensive survey.
2. Need to diversify the profile (i.e. share to school students).
3. From Ozone Secretariat: Suggestion for a more focus on energy efficiency and be mindful to the audience.
4. Connecting with National Ozone Units (NOUs), undergraduate, and postgraduate.
5. Lack of diversity of area (need more responses from Europe, North America, LAC, West Asia (other four UNEP regions).

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Agenda 4. Plans for Ozone engagement (OEWG, MOP, and related meetings)

1. Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (OEWG 48): UNCC Bangkok, 13-17 July 2026.

2. Meeting of the Parties of the Montreal Protocol (MOP 38): Kigali, Rwanda, 2-6 November 2026.

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Agenda 5. Plans for COP 31 (Turkiye)

UNFCCC COP31: Antalya, Turkiye, 9-20 November 2026
First time CYMG will officially participate if enough people are joining under the name of CYMG.

Plans:

1. Please help in crowdsourcing on accreditation for both green and blue zone badges.
2. We do not have any leads for funding, all participations are assumed to be self-funded.

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Agenda 6(a). AOB: Reachout to Rwanda (Kigali) youth and organisations

- Reach out to Kigali / Rwanda-based youth organisations/groups
- Collaboration with Rwanda-based universities/student organisations
- Connect with Rwanda Environment Ministry
- Youth Forum on Climate Protection (YFCP 3.0) in Kigali, Rwanda

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Agenda 6(b). AOB: Re-activating the YFCP Taskforce

- Call for members to be launched soon
- Functions of YFCP Taskforce
    - Serve as the main organising body of YFCP 3.0
    - Conduct the pre-YFCP event - initial plan is for World Environment Day (05 June) with the theme #ClimateAction
    - Reach out to potential donors, partners, collaborators for YFCP 3.0

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