



YECAP TRAINING PROGRAMME Concept Note and Agenda

A. Introduction

The Youth Empowerment in Climate Action Platform (YECAP) was convened in February 2021 and has since been able to complete multiple achievements. With this backdrop, a one-year grant programme was proposed to formally establish the YECAP platform in the lead up to Stockholm +50. This grant capitalizes on the key strengths of convening partners to strengthen the youth climate empowerment ecosystem through the piloting of a series of key regional activities. To bring this concept to reality, UNDP Asia-Pacific, and the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia-Pacific, (RCC Asia Pacific), in collaboration with UNICEF East Asia and Pacific, UNICEF South Asia, the British Council, YOUNGO, the Movers Programme and the 2030 Youth Force has established a regional platform for youth climate action YECAP. The UNFCCC/RCC Asia-Pacific activities included in the YECAP programme, aim at strengthening young people's climate knowledge and advocacy skills, increasing opportunities for them to engage in national and regional policy.

B. Proposed Objectives of the training

- i. Increasing the capacity of young trainees on underlying processes of UNFCCC such as Mitigation, Adaptation, Means of Implementation, and, Communication and Engagement Tools.
- ii. Increasing knowledge and awareness among young people on the UNFCCC negotiation process, key topics that are of importance for Parties (countries) and non-party stakeholders, motivating them to be able to participate in the process.
- iii. Increasing the understanding of the **key outcomes from COP 26 and COP27** and knowledge sharing on the implementation and decision-making process **in the lead up to COP 28**.
- iv. Sharing available opportunities for the young advocates to engage at national and regional dialogues and programmes including Nationally determine Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and other key areas from the **outcomes of COP 26 and COP27**.

C. Proposed Outcomes from the training

- i. Trained youth leaders will be able to share their knowledge, experiences, and opportunities through YECAP and in collaboration with YOUNGO with other young people from their country and region to scale the impact.
- ii. Given the opportunity, trainees of YECAP Programme will be able to participate and contribute at the national, regional, and global negotiation process.
- iii. UNFCCC through their RCCs could curate more opportunities for the youth across the globe, and provide them with the chance to engage with other regions across the globe

- iv. Trained young leaders will advance their understanding of negotiation skills (both associated as an “Observer” and “Negotiator”) associated with key topics and statement drafting process.
- v. Trainees will be able to contribute substantively to youth-inclusive national climate policies and generate new ideas and initiatives to drive climate action on the ground, whenever opportunities are available.

D. Overview of the YECAP Training Program:

No.	Timeline	Program	Tentative title of the key sessions
1	19 th April (Concluded)	Introductory session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to RCC Bangkok and YECAP Training Programme • Understanding ACE Initiative • Overview of ESCAP 79th Commission • Overview of YECAP Programme
2	15-17 May (Concluded)	YECAP Training Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details included in the following section
3	21 June	2 nd Online Session	➤ NDCs, LT-LEDS and Commitments by countries
4	10 August	3 rd Online Session	➤ Capacity Building for Youth and opportunities available in the region
5	At APCW	Hybrid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understanding the Concept of Net Zero, Reducing Emissions and setting climate targets ➤ Preparation for COP28, Important topics for COP28 ➤ Information on Capacity building sessions by YOUNGO and ACE
6	At COP 28	Hybrid	➤ SE or Opportunities through ACE and CB Team

E. Proposed In-Person Training Agenda in 15-17 May:

The seventy-ninth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) was held from 15 to 19 May 2023 at the United Nations Conference Centre Bangkok and was guided by the theme “Accelerating climate action in Asia and the Pacific for sustainable development”. The session brought together leaders and ministers from the region, heads of regional organization and a broad array of stakeholders to accelerate ambitious climate action in Asia and the Pacific towards net-zero pathways. The session allowed building on the outcomes and momentum of COP27 and discussed opportunities and practical solutions to accelerate climate action in the region, as countries gear up for the Climate Ambition Summit 2023 and COP28.



The in-person 3-day training of young climate action leaders under YECAP Programme was organised during the ESCAP CS79. The tentative agenda included:

- ✓ **Day 1 of the Training Programme was on gaining practical experience by attending the ESCAP Commission session as “Observers” and experiencing how Country statements are read.**
- ✓ **Day 2 of the Training Programme was sharing information regarding the overall negotiation process and substantive topics. Through few targeted sessions on ACE, Article 6, Coal Phase Down and Fossil Fuels, Loss and Damage and Technology, UNFCCC Secretariat colleagues shared key aspects on the negotiation process with the young climate representatives (neutral perspective and substantive knowledge).**
- ✓ **Day 3 of the training was interactive, targeting some of the skillsets through facilitated working sessions. It included a panel session where 5 representatives shared some examples and key skillset from their experience as negotiators or Chairs. The participants were divided into groups (by interest) and worked through sessions to finally sell their pitch at the Fina session of the day**

Session 4: Preparing and communicating positions effectively

13:45–14:05	Introduction to the session
14:05–14:10	Group discussion on what makes interventions/engagement effective in moving an ‘agenda’ forward
14:10–14:20	Sharing of top 3 points from the groups
14:20–14:25	Background on the national youth focal points – key ‘ask’ by the YOUNGO, and explanation of the group exercise
14:25–14:45	Group work to develop a one-minute ‘pitch’ to move the shakers and prepare for foreseeable Qs/reactions from Parties
14:45–15:20	Selling ‘pitch’ – one group sells the ‘pitch’, the other groups play Parties
15:20–15:30	Lessons learned – What would you do differently in your next advocacy statement to inspire actions by others?

Tentative Outline for YECAP AGYLE In-person Training Programme

Day 1, Monday, 15th May 2023 – Participation and practical experience at ESCAP CS 79	
09:00 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 -12:30	CS 79: Agenda item 1 Opening of the session 2 nominated YECAP will deliver the Youth Statement in the Opening Session
14:30 – 17:00	CS 79: Agenda item 2 Theme topic: “Accelerating climate action in Asia and the Pacific for sustainable development” Practical understanding of Country Statements and General debate Youth participants try to capture information on countries who are comparatively advanced in their work with Youth.



Day 2, Tuesday, 16th May 2023 (Moderated by Banashri Sinha)	
09:30 - 09:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Remarks delivered by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jenny Collste Lager, Programme Specialist - Human Rights Democracy and Gender Equality, SIDA 2. Beniam Gebrezghi, Programme Specialist Civil Society & Youth, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub 3. Andrea Camponogara, Global RCC Lead, UN CC Secretariat
09:45 – 10:00	Photo Session and Tea /Coffee Break
10:00 – 10:45	<p>Ice-breaker session</p> <p>Moderated by Taimoor Siddiqui</p>
10:45 – 11:30	<p>Introduction to the participants and the agenda of the program</p> <p>This session aimed at introducing the agenda to the participants and listening to their expectations and stories</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderated by Banashri Sinha</p>
11:30- 12:30	<p>Session 1: Understanding the Underlying Processes of UNFCCC</p> <p>Expert – Andrea Camponogara, Global RCC Lead</p>
12:30-13:15	<p>Session 2: Action for Climate Empowerment and Youth Engagement under UNFCCC Process</p> <p>Expert – Hyunjin Chang, ACE Team</p>
13:15- 14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:45	<p>Session 3: Understanding Article 6 and ongoing discussions</p> <p>Expert – Jens Radschinski and Perumal Arumugam</p>
14:45- 15:30	<p>Session 4: Discussions on Fossil fuels and Coal Phase Down policies and how Youth voices matter</p> <p>The overall aim of this session is to share information on the “Issue-Based Coalition in Asia and the Pacific”, mainly within the context of sharing ongoing work of the UN Agencies based in this region to listen in to youth voices and to support youth in taking action on the ground. This session also aimed at sharing the work of Working Group on “Coal Phase Down of the Issue-Based Coalition” and why youth voices matter in this particular topic.</p> <p>Expert – Sergey Tulinov (ESCAP, Representative of Issue-based Coalition on Raising Ambition)</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 16:30	<p>Session 5: Loss and Damage and why Youth voices matter</p> <p>Expert – Miwa Kato, Team Lead, Loss and Damage WIM ExCom unit</p>



16:30 -17:00	Session 6: Cross cutting issue - Technology Expert – Andrea Camponogara , Global RCC Lead
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Day 3 Rationale

Each session will provide skills-building for negotiation in a sequential manner. ACE/youth, L&D and Article 6/ Coal Phase Down can be used as examples to demonstrate how participants can apply these skills under different topics, combining with what they learned on Day 2. This will offer an opportunity for them to prepare for COP28 as both Party and observer delegates.

Day 3, Wednesday, 17th May 2023	
09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to Day 3 and Reflections from Day 2 by the participants Facilitator: Banashri Sinha and Benita Gurung
09:15 – 10:20	Session 1: Understanding country context This session will allow participants to navigate through the various reports and communications submitted by Parties (including NDCs and national communications) to understand the status quo of their countries. Participants were shared questions, 3 weeks in advance, to do background research on their country context. During this session, they worked with experts to share their experience, in the country context, on the identified 4 key topics. Working with the experts, they were able to enhance their understanding on the topic and the challenges associated with policy makers and diverse stakeholders to enhance the national climate change policies, plans and strategies. They also brainstormed options to accelerate climate actions through their engagement. Facilitated by: All experts on 4 topics (ACE, Loss and Damage, Mitigation and Technology)
10:20 – 10:30	Tea/coffee Break
10:30 – 11:30 (60 min)	Session 2: Parties, Party groupings/negotiation positions This session aimed at explaining the grouping of Parties and ways of identifying their varying positions on the negotiation topics. YOUNGO Working Groups (on ACE, Migration, Mitigation and Loss & Damage) were invited to share 2022 Global Youth Statement and their expectations for COP28. YOUNGO WG FPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samuel C. Okorie • Ahmad Owda and Bhumi Sharma • Kayode Ojelola Facilitated by: Hyunjin Chang



11:30 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 13:30 (60 min)	<p>Session 3: Panel session on negotiation experience (Moderated by Andrea Camponogara)</p> <p>This session will aim at sharing experience from Climate Change negotiations, from the perspectives of both, Party delegates, as well as UNFCCC and other negotiation supporting agencies. Examples demonstrating the formal and informal process of negotiations will be shared with the participants to understand relevant key topics, including Adaptation, Mitigation and Means of Implementation. Panellists can also link their experience with the ongoing process leading towards COP 28, as informed.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Krittaya Chuhaviriyakul, Environmentalist, Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP) 2. Mr. Sergey Tulinov, Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Division, UNESCAP 3. Ms. Wanna Tanunchaiwatana, Former SBSTA Coordinator/Former Manager, Technology Division, UNFCCC 4. Mr. Mozaharul Alam, Regional Coordinator, Climate Action, UNEP ROAP <p>Guiding questions for this session may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How negotiations happen at COP? What are the steps leading upto COP in the overall process? • What has been your role during climate change negotiations/secretariat and which particular aspect was handled by you during your engagement at and leading to COPs • What happens in the “intersessional period” and/or “outside of the negotiation rooms” that leads to negotiated resolutions being adopted? • Could you share an interesting anecdote that touches upon some of the skillsets that are required by the negotiators? <p>Facilitated by: Andrea Camponogara</p>
13:30 – 13:45	Break
13:45 – 15:15 (90 min)	<p>Session 4: Preparing and communicating positions</p> <p>This session provided an opportunity for participants to discuss what makes interventions/engagements effective, and prepare a sample written submissions and oral statements (link with experience from Day 1). Participants were reminded about various opportunities for providing inputs leading up to SBs and COPs to different target audience (national policy makers, Parties, organizations at different levels etc), as well as different types of intervention (plenary, submissions/call for input, work/meeting of constituted</p>



	<p>bodies or events/panels). Participants worked in groups and presented their interventions.</p> <p>Facilitated by: Miwa Kato and Hyunjin Chang</p>
15:15 – 15:30	Break (moving to side event room)
15:30 – 17:00	<p>IBCs Youth Side event titled “Acceleration of Climate Action: Engagement and empowerment of Youth for the future” (https://www.unescap.org/events/commission79 - Video available on demand)</p> <p>Youth are the inheritors of the future and, when properly engaged, catalysts for innovative and driven actions in the present. As a region with a large Youth population that is uniquely challenged and threatened by climate change, this side event aligns closely with the theme and function on the 79th Commission Session. This event aimed to add value by sharing opportunities for the Youth to influence the development, implementation, and monitoring of climate change policies. We heard from 3 different governments, 3 United Nations agencies, and 2 Youth networks on the opportunities and challenges.</p> <p>Moderated by: Andrea Camponogara, Global RCC Lead, UN CC Secretariat</p>
17:00 – 17:30	Reflection from Day 3 and key takeaways by the participants