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# YoU-CAN

## The Youth UNESCO Climate Action Network

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**Youth UNESCO**  
**Climate Action Network**  
**YoU-CAN**

# What is YoU-CAN?

The Youth UNESCO Climate Action Network (YoU-CAN) is a UNESCO youth-led network that aims at supporting and strengthening international cooperation with and between youth climate networks worldwide, notably those operating within UNESCO's areas of competence.

- Promoting multidisciplinary youth climate actions through education, sciences, culture, communication and information.
- Building on UNESCO and Youth Networks resources to generate transformative climate action.
- Making culture, diversity of cultural heritage and knowledge, a spearhead to change present and future generations' minds and behaviours.



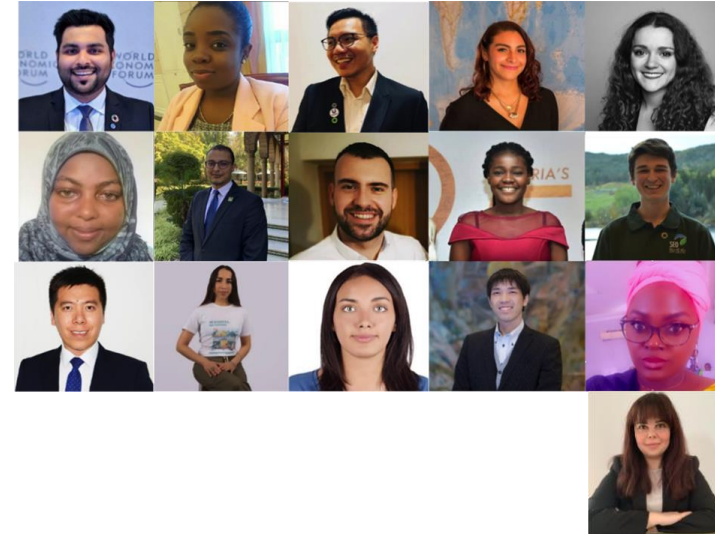
*Launch of YoU-CAN, COP26, Madrid, 2019:  
ESD Side Event: « Changing Minds, Not the  
Climate – UNESCO Designated Sites, Education  
and Youth for Enhanced Ambition »*



# Who is YoU-CAN ad-hoc Steering Group?

In order to operationalize the YoU-CAN Network, an ad-hoc Steering Group was established in July 2020.

The ad-hoc Steering Group is composed of 15 representatives of youth networks for climate action, with three representatives per region, keeping in mind UNESCO's global priorities Gender Equality and Africa, and Small Islands Developing States among its priority targets.



## Mission & Mandate

Defining structure, objectives, membership, partnership, and activities of the Network.

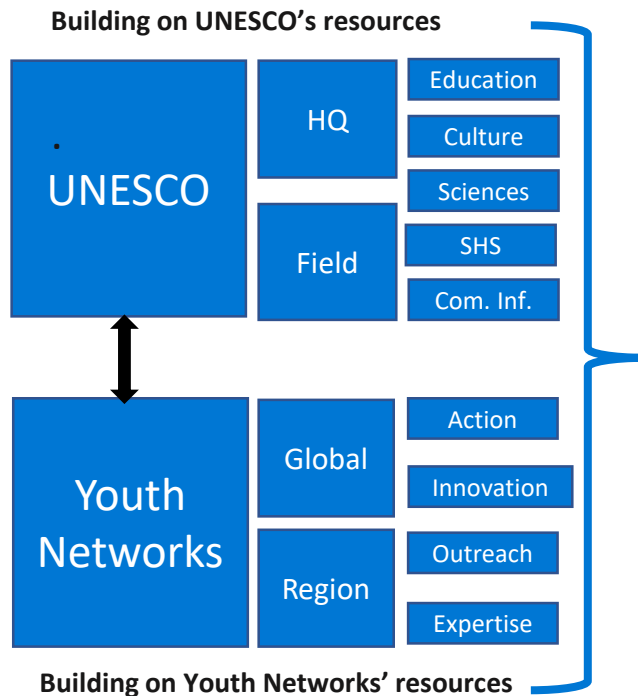
The ad-hoc Steering Group (AHSG) will operate until the official structure of YoU-CAN is set up.



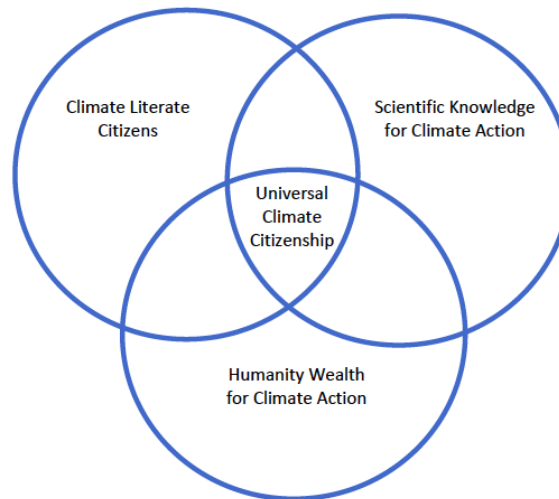
# What are YoU-CAN objectives?

« Changing Minds, not the Climate »: Building a Climate Literate Generation

**YoU-CAN's Mission Statement:** « YoU-CAN's role is to establish an international platform connecting youth climate action networks with UNESCO's components to strengthen further young people capacity to address the challenges of Climate Change, to co-construct a common understanding of climate action by generating innovative solutions while assuring inter-stakeholder and intergenerational dialog »



Cross-cutting solutions through  
4 Thematic Areas



## 4 Objectives

1

Broadcast and scale-up UNESCO and youth networks already existing knowledge and resources on climate

2

Endeavor to achieve common understanding of climate change and action for climate change through the aggregation of UNESCO and youth networks knowledge and resources

3

Co-construct innovative climate solutions

4

Promote inter-stakeholder and inter-generational dialogue on climate

# Acting locally, impacting globally: Building on regional action

## Supporting youth climate action in the 5 UNESCO country regions

Africa

Asia & the  
Pacific

Arab States

Europe &  
North  
America

Latin America  
& the  
Caribbean

### YoU-CAN Proposed Methodological Approach:

**Step 0:** Identify resources and knowledge on climate available and usable within UNESCO and in the Networks.

**Step 1:** Contribute to broadcast it.

**Step 2:** Improve and leverage it.

**Step 3:** Innovate and propose new solutions/ideas

### UNESCO Field Offices

Brasilia, Guatemala, Havana, Lima, Mexico, Montevideo, Kingston, Port-au-Prince, Quito, San José, Santiago

### Youth Climate Networks



Caribbean Youth Network on Climate Change?



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# Thank you

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