



Interactive dialogue on climate change solutions

YOUTH

Side-event at the 47th Session of the
Commission for Social Development
UN Headquarters
Conference Room B
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1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Climate change has the potential to deeply impact human development. While all people of the world currently experience the effects of climate change to some degree, young people and succeeding generations are the most vulnerable to the consequences of inaction today. Although a strong case has been made for addressing poverty eradication and sustainable development as a way to protect the younger generations, much less attention has been given to how young people themselves can influence action on climate change.

The side-event will provide an opportunity to explore the many dimensions of the impact of climate change on youth, as well as review catalytic and innovative action by young people themselves to address climate change.

At the event, panelists will present brief statements followed by a moderated discussion. The event will also provide an opportunity to address key issues in the forthcoming World Youth Report 2009 that focuses on youth and climate change.

The World Youth Report 2009 will include the following chapters:

1. Youth, climate change and the social development agenda
2. Climate change, youth and their well-being
3. Indigenous youth and climate change
4. Addressing change at the roots: Youth consumption patterns
5. Reforming education for climate protection
6. Adapting to climate change: Is youth employment at risk?
7. Positioning youth for adaptation and mitigation: the role of civil society
8. Moving forward: placing youth at the center of the response to climate change

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