



United Nations Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change

[Selection criteria for third cohort: 2025-26](#)

The Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change provides the Secretary-General with practical and outcome-focused advice, diverse youth perspectives and concrete recommendations, with a clear focus on accelerating the achievement of his climate priorities.

The group will be selected and appointed by the Secretary-General from a pool of candidates nominated by respected youth- and climate-focused non-governmental and civil society organizations around the world.

The Group will be selected so as to reflect a wide diversity of voices from all regions of the world, and an inclusive range of life experiences, perspectives, and areas of expertise. However, as it is not possible for a seven-member group to reflect the full diversity of the global youth climate movement, the Group will be expected to consult widely across global youth networks and include perspectives from outside of the Group in their advice to the Secretary-General.

The third cohort of the Youth Advisory Group will serve for a period ending in December 2026.

Nominated candidates must be between the **ages of 15 to 29**, and will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to the UN's values and to working for youth rights and climate justice;
- Member, founder, or leader of a youth led climate action movement, organization or programme at the global, regional, national or grassroots level;
- Proven ability to collaborate with diverse stakeholders across the global youth climate movement;
- Strong analytic and communication skills;
- Familiarity with existing conventions, policy instruments, and/or other intergovernmental processes on climate change;

The candidates would need to serve on the YAG for two years and be able to leave organizational and country affiliations aside and serve in an individual capacity. Furthermore, to broaden the scope of this opportunity, candidates should not have held a previous role as a UN focal point of a youth constituency and, to ensure representation of the younger ages

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