

Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit
Track #3: Youth Engagement & Public Mobilization
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1. The Coalition

- **Co-leading countries:** Ireland, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- **Country members:** Namibia, Nigeria
- **Supporting institutions:** Office of the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, UN Foundation
- **Partner countries and stakeholders:**
 - Ongoing consultation with hundreds of civil society organizations, youth groups, trade unions, faith groups, and the private sector including but not limited to: Avaaz, 350.org, CAN International, Youth Climate Lab, Student Energy, Climate Tracker, Global Brain Foundation, Earth Day Network, PACJA, Global Indigenous Youth Caucus, CIVICUS, GreenPeace International, March for Science, People's Climate March, Every Breath Matters, YOUNGO, Climate Outreach, World Resources Institute, Women Deliver, Climate Justice Alliance, WEF Global Shapers, B Team, Project Drawdown, EarthLanka, Salesforce, WeWork, YouTube, UN ActNow campaign.

2. Expected Outcomes

Objective: Respond to the unprecedented mobilization of young people worldwide who are demanding ambitious climate action in the lead-up to the Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit.

Expected Outcomes:

- *Youth Climate Summit*
 - The Youth Climate Summit is a platform for young people from across the globe who are driving climate action to:
 - Showcase their solutions and actions at the United Nations;
 - Engage with decision-makers on the defining issue of our time.
 - This event will take place on Saturday, September 21 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, as part of the weekend of events and

activities in the lead-up to the UN Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit.

- The Youth Climate Summit will feature a full-day of programming that brings together more than 500 young activists, innovators, entrepreneurs, and change-makers who are committed to combating climate change at the pace and scale needed to meet the challenge. It will also feature a strong intergenerational component that will carry forward into the UNSG Climate Summit on Monday.
- X dollars committed to bringing Y number of young leaders from the Global South to New York to participate in-person at the Youth Climate Summit.
- *Youth Pledge (Name TBD)*
 - X number of countries would commit to consult youth when formulating and designing climate action policies, plans and laws.
 - The pact is an opportunity for a large number of countries to sign up to an ambitious framework to include youth in climate decision making. Recent climate strikes have shown that young people and civil society are demanding action on climate and want to be engaged in the decision-making process. The time to respond with action is now.
- *Intergenerational Dialogue*
 - An intergenerational dialogue would give an opportunity to youth activists from both the global south and north to question world political leaders about addressing climate change.
 - Providing youth leaders of climate action with a chance to ask bold and provocative questions of political leaders as well as propose concrete solutions in a UN setting will be an important statement that the voices of youth are being listened to, and more importantly are being responded to.
 - An inter-generational dialogue between these groups will provide a demonstration of the whole-of-society and cross-generational approach needed to address the adverse effects of climate change.
 - Youth participants would aim to include prominent youth climate activists with a particular focus on youth from SIDS and Global South.

Objective: Engage and mobilize young entrepreneurs, innovators, and engineers to deliver low-carbon solutions; support those who already do to scale their efforts.

Expected Outcomes:

- The United Nations launched the “Summer of Solutions” campaign— a call for young people around the world to create innovative technology-based solutions to global challenges. Selected participants and their ideas will have a chance to be showcased at the UNSG Summit and/or the Youth Climate Summit.
- X dollars committed from the private sector and philanthropic foundations to support selected finalists; Y companies and/or corporate leaders commit to mentoring young entrepreneurs and/or youth-led companies developing solutions to climate change.

Objective: Reach beyond the “climate bubble” and engage new, younger audiences, particularly from the Global South.

Expected Outcomes:

- Through partnerships with the private sector, philanthropic foundations, and/or celebrity influencers, X millions of people reached worldwide as a result of innovative public engagement campaigns.