SDG7 Youth Constituency

Overview and Introduction to the UN Major Group for Children and Youth (UN MGCY)
What is the UN MGCY?
The UN MGCY is the formal engagement mechanism for young people at the UN. It is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to be self-organised and engage in numerous policy processes related to sustainable development.

What does the UN MGCY do?
Its primary purpose is engaging communities of young people in the Design, Implementation, Monitoring, and Follow Up & Review of sustainable development policies at all levels.

How does UN MGCY Receive its Mandate?
Agenda 21 (1992); several UN General Assembly Resolutions (such as 2013’s A/Res/67/290); Agreements with UN bodies and conferences
Vision

● The UN MGCY seeks to build a world on the collective principles of
  ○ solidarity
  ○ justice
  ○ equity
  ○ universality
  ○ inclusion
  ○ human rights
  ○ the integrity of the planet

● We strive for a resilient world where young people and all rights holders in all their diversity are equals in decision making.

● We stand for the idea that places where power and influence are most concentrated must recognise and operationalise the importance of the actions and views of young people in promoting and protecting the rights of all and the wellbeing of the planet for present and future generations.
Areas of Work

Policy and Advocacy

Participation of young people in official and formal avenues of policy design, implementation, monitoring, follow-up, and review.

Youth Action

Platform that encourages young people to lead, join, showcase, and share innovative and effective actions aimed at addressing the needs of people and planet.

Capacity Building

Enhancing understanding, knowledge and skills in relation to sustainable development, meaningful engagement, and the UN system.

Knowledge

Platform for dialogue to create an evidence base for best practices through the assessment of existing knowledge, generating new knowledge, identification of emerging issues, and effective use and dissemination.
Areas of Engagement

- Resilience and Humanitarian Action
- Human Rights
- Peace and Security
- Youth Policy and Development
- Sustainable Development: Economic, Environmental and Social
- Governance
UNMGCY MEMBERS MAP

8000+ Member Entities
SDG7 Youth Constituency
The **SDG7 Youth Constituency** is the formal engagement mechanism for young people in UN and UN-related processes focused on energy topics. Moreover, SDG7 YC acts toward youth engagement in other energy-focused processes in the multilateral system.
• **Policy advocacy**
  ○ Youth engagement in inter-governmental and multi-stakeholder processes of UN and allied institutions, including engagement with member states

• **Capacity-building**
  ○ Exchanging opportunities and know-how relevant to youth in the sector
  ○ Organising webinars and other educational engagements

• **Youth action**
  ○ Showcasing, mobilising, and supporting existing and new youth actions on sustainable energy
  ○ Building or supporting region-specific networks of youth involved in renewable energy sector

• **Knowledge**
  ○ Drafting youth publications in partnership with relevant stakeholders
  ○ Consolidating best available scientific data to support work of youth movements
Avenues of engagement in SDG 7

Facilitating participation and engagement of youth and youth organisations globally in processes of

Structure

Global Focal Points

Regional Focal Points
- Africa
- Europe
- LAC
- Arab Region & West Asia
- Asia & Pacific

Thematic Focal Points
- Energy Access
- Gender Aspects of Energy
- VRE Integration
- Energy & Clean Cooking
- WEF Nexus
- Financing for RE
- Humanitarian Energy

Coordination Team – Permanent

Working Groups
- Long-term

Projects
- Short-term

Constituency Members
Current **Global Focal Point** for 2020-2022

**Science Policy Circle** represented by:
- Chiagozie Udeh, Nigeria
- Beniamin Strzelecki, Poland

Global, Regional and Thematic Focal Points are supported in their work by the UN MGCY Secretariat and the Coordination Team.
Meet the 2020-2021 SDG7 Coordination Team!

Regional Focal Points

Africa
- Amayo Passy Ogolla
  Kenya
- Mamadou Alpha Sow
  Guinea
- Karimatou Diallo
  Guinea
- Emmanuel Emechete
  Nigeria

Europe
- Federico Barbieri
  Italy/Belgium
- Luciana Miu
  Romania/UK

Arab Region & West Asia
- Asma Rouabha
  Tunisia
- Salma Moustaid
  Morocco
- Thera Fatma
  Indonesia
- Aditi Mishra
  India

Asia & Pacific
- André Cabanzo Alvarez
  Colombia
- Jorge Martinez
  Mexico
- Roshelle Pinnock
  Jamaica

If you have any inquiries, please contact SDG7 Global Focal Point: sdg7gfp@unmgcy.org
Membership in UN MGCY is facilitated through an open process. Any formal and informal child-led, youth-led and child-and-youth-serving entities, as well as their members and individuals, may join. All members and focal points engage on a voluntary basis.

Universal model of membership, promoting a system where “no one is left behind”.

All members of the UN MGCY must, first and foremost:

- agree to adhere to the Process and Procedures of the UN MGCY;
- agree with the principles of the UN Charter;
- agree with the values and principles of the UN MGCY as expressed in its vision - “the collective principles of solidarity, justice, equity, universality, inclusion, human rights and the integrity of the planet”.

The membership is divided between the following categories:

- Any youth-led or child-led entity that is representative of the interests of children and/or youth,
- Any individual not part of one of the above mentioned categories, may join the UN MGCY through becoming a member UNMGCY’s legal entity called Children Youth International (CYI).
Join us!

Official membership + mailing list:
https://www.unmgcy.org/get-involved

Make sure to identify “SDG7 - Sustainable Energy” as Area of Engagement.

Telegram group:
Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.
Universal access to modern energy

SDG7
Target 7.1
Increase global percentage of renewable energy
Double the improvement in energy efficiency
Promote access to research, technology and investment in clean energy
SDG7
Target 7.B

Expand and upgrade energy services for developing countries