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1. Framework

1.1. Description

- (a) Long version: The United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth [*hereinafter* “UN MGCY”] is the UN General Assembly-mandated official, formal and self-organised space for children and youth to contribute to and engage in formal/informal processes at the UN¹ at all levels.

The United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth is the formal mechanism for children and youth (young people) to meaningfully engage in the United Nations.

1.2. Mission

- (a) The UN MGCY acts as a bridge between children and youth and the UN system in order to ensure that their right to meaningful participation is realised.
- (b) Its primary purpose is engaging communities of young people, in the form of formal and informal child-led, youth-led, and child-and-youth-serving public interest federations, unions, organisations, platforms, associations, councils, networks, movements, mechanisms, structures and other entities [*hereinafter* “entities”], as well as their members and individuals, in the design, implementation, monitoring, follow-up and review of sustainable development policies at all levels. To achieve this, it facilitates and conducts a number of online and offline activities in the following areas: Policy & Advocacy, Capacity Building, Youth Action and Knowledge. These are elaborated in further detail in Section 2.1 below.

1.3. Mandate and History

- (a) The first United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, “The Earth Summit”, recognised that achieving sustainable development would require the active participation of all sectors of society and all types of people. As such its outcome, Agenda 21, formalised nine sectors and rightsholder groups of society as the main channels through which broad participation would be facilitated in UN activities related to sustainable development. These are officially called “major groups” and have since been expanded and referenced in over a dozen UN General Assembly resolutions as “Major Groups and other Stakeholders”² [*hereinafter* “MGoS”]. The UN MGCY receives its mandate from these resolutions, bilateral agreements and/or terms of references with specific UN entities.

¹ These include *inter alia* intergovernmental processes, policy processes, coordination mechanisms, interagency structures, partnerships, programmatic work, project implementation, and UN entity specific engagement

² A/RES/68/288, A/RES/67/290, A/69/L.43, A/RES/70/1

1.4. Vision

- (a) The UN MGCY strives for a world where young people and all rights-holders in all their diversity have a seat at the decision making table, and are equal partners in the design, implementation, monitoring and follow-up and review of all policies at all levels.
- (b) It seeks to build a political landscape based on the collective principles of solidarity, diversity, justice, equity, universality, inclusion, human rights, and the integrity of the planet; a resilient world where all life can thrive, and the human rights of people regardless of region, geography, gender, sex, socioeconomic status, faith, religion, culture, ethnicity, creed, (dis)ability, sexuality, marginalised grouping, legal status and any other status, both in present and future generations are achieved within planetary boundaries.
- (c) The UN MGCY, as a key rights-holder constituency in the work of the UN, seeks to galvanise young people everywhere to realise this vision and its collective purpose.
- (d) It stands for the idea that places where power and influence are most concentrated must recognise and operationalise the importance of child-led, youth-led and child-and/or-youth-serving entities, as well as their members and individuals, in promoting and protecting the priorities and rights of young people, other marginalised groups, and the wellbeing of the planet.
- (e) The UN MGCY strives to ensure diversity and inclusion of all children and youth, taking into account (among other things) region, geography, gender identity, sex, socioeconomic status, faith, religion, culture, ethnicity, creed, (dis)ability, sexuality, marginalised grouping, legal status, and any other status.

1.5. Guiding Values

- (a) The UN MGCY strives to exercise the following values in its work ethic:
 - Participatory and consultative;
 - Mission-driven and professional;
 - Innovative, synthesizing old and new;
 - Context conscious;
 - Independent of external control and voluntary in nature;
 - Egalitarian, equitable, respectful and inclusive;
 - Anti-oppression principles and practice;
 - Consensus based decision making;
 - Accountable, transparent, and open; and
 - Evidence-informed and knowledge-inclusive.

2. Function

2.1. Areas of Work

UN MGCY works across the pillars and topics of work of the UN system - *peace and security, human rights, resilience and humanitarian action, and sustainable development* - as well as its organs - *general assembly, economic and social council, security council, secretariat, international court of justice*. This comprises *Policy & Advocacy (policy), Capacity Building (capacity), Youth Action (action), and Knowledge (assessment, generation and use)*.

2.1.1. Policy & Advocacy

The UN MGCY seeks to:

Facilitate the collective participation of young people in official, formal and informal avenues of policy design, implementation, monitoring, follow-up, and review at all levels.

- (a) Facilitate the collective and meaningful participation of young people in official and formal avenues of policy design, implementation, monitoring, follow-up and review at all levels. These include, but are not limited to: intergovernmental deliberations (negotiations, reviews and reporting), substantive deliberations, briefings, special fora, UN reports and UN system-wide policy.
- (b) Advise entities in the UN system's engagement and thematic architecture across the scope of their activities on policy and substantive matters related to youth priorities and processes of meaningful engagement.
- (c) Facilitate the participation of young people in existing stakeholder structures, partnerships, platforms and mechanisms in the UN system and build interlinkages among key stakeholders active in the work of relevant processes.
- (d) Work with relevant partners to build and/or further strengthen institutional mechanisms for young people to participate in policy-making at all levels.

2.1.2. Capacity Building

The UN MGCY seeks to:

Facilitate activities for young people to enhance their understanding, knowledge, and skills in relation to sustainable development, meaningful engagement, and the UN system

- (a) Facilitate capacity building processes and activities for young people aimed at enhancing understanding, knowledge and skills in relation to

sustainable development, meaningful engagement, the UN system and *its various technical and political processes and organs.*

2.1.3. Action

The UN MGCY seeks to:

Provide young people with a platform and help mobilize resources that encourage them to lead, join, showcase, and share innovative and effective actions addressing the needs of people and the planet

- (a) Provide young people with a platform that encourages them to lead, join, showcase and share innovative and effective actions aimed at addressing the needs of all people and the planet.
- (b) Use youth-led initiatives to identify best practices, map sample activities across thematic and regional contexts and exemplify how youth actions contribute to the implementation, follow-up and review of targets, indicators, and deliverables across various sustainable development frameworks.
- (c) Support youth entities in aligning their existing or new initiatives to outcomes of different relevant UN frameworks and mobilise resources for their implementation.

2.1.4. Knowledge

The UN MGCY seeks to:

Provide young people a 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

- (a) Provide young people a platform for dialogue to create an evidence base for best practices in design, implementation, monitoring, follow-up and review of sustainable development frameworks and affiliated processes. This includes the assessment of existing knowledge, the generation of new knowledge, the identification of emerging issues and effective use, distribution and dissemination of knowledge to inform policy processes. It should include inputs from formal, informal, traditional and indigenous knowledge streams.

2.2. Practice

These activities span the four areas of work described above, at different levels -

2.2.1. Provide

- (a) Platforms (online and offline) to foster dialogue among children and youth, other stakeholders and partners to develop skills and capacities on issues which children and youth care about, and/or affect children and youth.
- (b) Support for children and youth and their entities to carry out inclusive, open-ended, and peer-led consultations on relevant policy and thematic issues.
- (c) Spaces for children and youth to coordinate on joint policy positions for UN processes at all levels.
- (d) Information on the deliberations, outcomes and follow-up of UN processes.
- (e) Avenues for knowledge creation and effectively communicating it to both peers and intergenerational stakeholders.
- (f) Opportunities to share youth-led initiatives and sustainable development related opportunities with other peers.

2.2.2. Conduct

- (a) Capacity-building of young people so that they can take part and be informed of policy processes, as well as understand the principles of meaningful rights-based participation, through both in-person workshops and online avenues such as webinars and monthly calls.
- (b) Training of young people on the practical skills of participation at the UN and other spaces for policy making and advocacy.
- (c) Capacity building to integrate principles and deliverables from different sustainable development frameworks into community action and youth-led initiatives, as well as provide avenues for monitoring, tracking impact and reporting it at all levels.

2.2.3. Coordinate

- (a) Logistics of young people's participation in UN processes.
- (b) Formal inputs into UN processes as elaborated above.
- (c) Resources which are offered to MGoS or civil society to enable their participation in processes and ensure fair and equitable distribution of those resources.
- (d) Regular communication and correspondence with the UN MGCY assembly, the UN system and related partners.

3. Avenues of Engagement

The engagement avenues of the UN MGCY span the pillars and organs of the UN across a range of thematic topics.

- (a) These include but are not limited to processes, avenues, and activities of the UN (see footnote 1) at all levels. These are further elaborated in the Annex.
- (b) Engagement in these processes, avenues, and activities is conducted through a combination of structures, further described in *Article 4* below.

4. Organisational Structures

The range of organisational structures within the UN MGCY that help to facilitate activities through the avenues of engagement listed above.

4.1. Working Structures

- (a) The primary structures are:
 - (i) Assembly;
 - (ii) Children and Youth International [*hereinafter* “CYI”], as well as the CYI Board of Trustees/UN MGCY Board;
 - (iii) Secretariat, comprised of the Organising Partners, the Administrative Team and Policy Officers [*hereinafter* “Secretariat”];
 - (iv) Constituencies and/or Working Groups;
 - (v) Regional Caucuses;
 - (vi) National Platforms/Caucuses;
 - (vii) Platforms;
 - (viii) Grievance Redressal Mechanism; and
 - (ix) Advisory Group.
- (b) These structures are operationalised through the coordination structures outlined below in Section 4.2, with further details in the respective TORs in the Annex.

4.1.1. Assembly

- (a) The Assembly constitutes the entirety of the UN MGCY. It consists of all members (entities; and individuals through CYI) and all structures;
- (b) It is the main decision making body that provides guidance on the overall activities of the UN MGCY. It meets through regular (monthly) open calls conducted via different Constituencies/Working Groups, and one in person Annual General Assembly [*hereinafter* “GA”], with an online engagement component. The calls can also be convened by the Secretariat in consultation with the Coordination Team.
- (c) The Assembly has the following tasks:
 - (i) Receive reports from the Secretariat and the working structures on their activities and any policy or statements that have been

produced on behalf of the UN MGCY;

- (ii) Coordinate any policy and decide on any issues where there may be overlap or conflict among Constituencies/Working Groups;
 - (iii) Ratify the appointment of the Secretariat and the Advisory Group, and take part in election of the UNMGCY-CYI Board of Trustees;
 - (iv) Establish new or close old organisational structures and decide upon the avenues in which the UN MGCY engages.
- (d) The arrangements of the annual GA are detailed in the Annex.

4.1.2. Children Youth International as well as the CYI/UNMGCY Board of Trustees

- (a) “Children and Youth International” is the legal and financial entity of the UN MGCY.
- (b) It supports the functioning of its secretariat³, laterally oversees the work of the Organising Partners (OPs)⁴, co-leads the secretariat election process along with the UN MGCY coordination team, convenes UN MGCY’s grievance redressal mechanism, and provides the organisational avenue for young individuals aged 30 and below to engage in the work of the UN MGCY.
- (c) Its (CYI’s) activities are executed through its board.
- (d) The composition and processes of the CYI Board of Trustees are detailed in Annex.

4.1.3. Secretariat

- (a) The Secretariat is responsible for overall facilitation of the UN MGCY. It comprises the Organising Partners [*hereinafter* “OP(s)”], Policy Officers and the administrative team (coordinated by the Administrator) of the UN MGCY. Its work includes, but is not limited to:
 - (i) Organising Partners:
 - Policy (political, procedural and substantive) coherence (values of UN MGCY, means of implementation, principles of meaningful and rights-based institutional engagement, youth issues, established policy positions and more);
 - Oversight of Constituencies/Working Groups, Policy Officers and Administrative Team;
 - Engagement in Collective avenues

³ The specific distribution of tasks will be determined bilaterally and further shared publicly, including with the UNMGCY Coordination Team..

⁴ Elaborated in the terms of reference of the secretariat organising partners

- Facilitate engagement in collective avenues detailed in the Annex.
 - (ii) Policy Officers
 - Support, backstop and directly help coordinate the work of different Constituencies Working Groups aligned by the pillars of the UN and/or cross cutting issues;
 - Support discussions and deliverables on relevant current affairs, trends and emerging issues and events as related to their areas of focus;
 - Work on producing substantively/thematically focused forward looking and narrative shaping, *inter alia*, documents/processes associated with the Advocacy Framework of UN MGCY.
 - (iii) Administrative Team (coordinated by the Administrator):
 - General administration and coordination, including finance and communications.
 - Management of membership databases, supporting logistics for on-ground activities, etc.
- (b) The Secretariat takes all decisions and positions via consensus.
- (c) Its meetings can be convened by OPs, Administrator or POs.
- (d) Further details of task and governance are elaborated in the ToRs included in the Annex.

4.1.4. Constituency/Working Groups

- (a) This is the structure that directly facilitates and coordinates formal engagement and participation in respective UN processes and/or avenues along the UN MGCY's areas of work.
- (b) Each UN process, entity or clusters of UN processes has a corresponding working group as the formal constituency of that specific process/avenue.
- (c) Further details are included in Annex.

4.1.5. Regional Caucuses

- (a) This includes all the member entities in a specific region (Asia Pacific, Western Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, Africa, Western Europe and Others). They coordinate the work on the UN MGCY at the regional level.
- (b) Further details are included in Annex.

4.1.6. National Platforms/Caucuses

- (a) This includes all the member entities in a specific country or territory. They coordinate the work on the UN MGCY at the national level.
- (b) Further details are included in Annex.

4.1.7. Platforms

- (a) This is the structure that supports and informs the deliberations of Constituencies Working Groups' activities and members as per their (constituencies') respective areas of focus in order to strengthen coherence within the UN MGCY.
- (b) Existing platforms:
 - (i) Children: This is the structure coordinating policy in the interests of children and engaging children in UN processes. It is facilitated by a Children's Platform Focal Point;
 - (ii) Science-Policy Interface Platform (SPI): This platform enhances the evidence-base within each working group to inform policy design, implementation, follow-up and review through the analysis, assessment, generation, dissemination and effective use of knowledge from both formal and informal sources;
 - (iii) International Youth Entities Platform (Global Coalition of International Youth Organisations): This comprises all international youth entities within the UN MGCY membership;
 - (iv) Regional Youth Entities Platform (Network of Regional Youth Organisations): This comprises all regional youth entities within the UN MGCY membership;
 - (v) National Youth Entities Platform (Global Network of National Youth Platforms) : This comprises all national youth platforms/caucuses within the UN MGCY membership;
 - (vi) Grassroots Youth Entities Platform (International Alliance of Grassroots Youth Organisations): This comprises all sub-national/grass-root level youth entities within the UN MGCY membership;
 - (vii) Platform for Youth Mechanisms of UNGA Observers: This serves as a dedicated space for youth engagement mechanisms associated with UNGA observers to help amplify advocacy positions and enhance outreach efforts of UNMGCY and also ensure that perspectives of youth mechanisms of UNGA observers are reflected within the work of UNMGCY;
 - (viii) Platform for ECOSOC Youth Organisations: The platform serves as a dedicated space for youth NGOs with ECOSOC accreditation, in order to better coordinate and strategically align their work;

- (ix) Platform for Youth Mechanisms to (other) Multilateral Organisations: This platform serves as a dedicated space for youth engagement mechanisms to multilateral organisations;

(c) Further details are included in Annex.

4.1.8. Grievance Redressal Mechanism

(a) Grievance Redressal Mechanism of UN MGCY serves as a space to address disputes within the UN MGCY.

(b) Further details are included in Annex.

4.1.9. Advisory Group

(a) This non-executive (no secretarial, coordination or advocacy roles) body has an advisory role and provides support if and when needed. Members of the advisory group provide advice to the working and coordination structures of the UN MGCY based on their experience and knowledge.

(b) Members of the Advisory Group should have contacts and relationships that would be helpful to the UN MGCY and CYI.

(c) The members of the Advisory Group are suggested by the CYI Board of Trustees in consultation with the UN MGCY Coordination Team, and can be of any age. Members serve for two (2) years.

(d) Three (3) months before the end of a member's term, the CYI Board of Trustee Boards and the UN MGCY Coordination Team will start the consultation process to appoint a new member. Potential members may be nominated by the Assembly and/or the UN MGCY Coordination Team and Secretariat. Nominees must be ratified by the Assembly to join the group. To ensure institutional continuity, the terms of group members should be staggered.

4.2. Coordination Structures

(a) For the purpose of effective coordination of its mandate and work areas, the UN MGCY has several coordinating structures.

(b) The primary structures are:

- (i) UN MGCY Coordination Team
- (ii) Constituency/Working Group Coordination Team
- (iii) Regional Caucus Coordination
- (iv) National Caucus Coordination
- (v) Science Policy Interface Platform Coordination Team
- (vi) Youth Entities (International, Regional, National and Grass-roots) Platform joint-Coordination Team
- (vii) All Focal Points Group
- (viii) Focus Group

4.2.1. UN MGCY Coordination Team

- (a) This comprises the Secretariat (OPs, Policy Officers, and Administrative Officer and team), all Global Focal Points, Regional Caucus Coordinators, Liaisons/Focal Points of the Platforms and one/two representative(s) of the CYI/UNMGCY Board.
- (b) Its role is to coordinate, execute and create greater cohesion, coherence across all of the UN MGCY's of work, *inter alia*, thematic, regional and institutional work, within and across the various engagement avenues and processes.
- (c) It is chaired by the UN MGCY OPs and its meetings are convened by the UN MGCY Secretariat.
- (d) The current composition of the coordination team is listed in the annex.

4.2.2. Constituency/Working Group Coordination Team

- (a) This comprises the Global Focal Points [*hereinafter "GFP(s)"*], Regional Focal Points [*hereinafter "RFPs"*], Thematic Focal Points [*hereinafter "TFPs"*] and Science-Policy Interface Focal Points [*hereinafter "SPI FPs"*].
- (b) It is chaired by the GFPs.
- (c) The constituency/working group can have/decide to (through an elaborated process) include more members to their coordination team as they see relevant.

4.2.3. UN Inter-Agency Network for Youth Development Youth Caucus

- (a) This is convened by UN MGCY. It provides a space for dialogue to support meaningful youth engagement in the work of the UN IANYD and serve as its third co chair. More details in the Annex.

4.2.4. Regional Caucus Coordination

- (a) This includes all the Regional Focal Points of the respective regions for the different Constituencies/Working Groups, and is responsible for mainstreaming regional perspectives across the work of the UN MGCY. Regional caucuses are grouped as per the regional commission regions (ESCAP, LAC, ECE, ESCWA, ECA).
- (b) It is chaired by the Regional Caucus Coordinators.

4.2.5. National Platform/Caucus Coordination

- (a) This includes all the focal points of the different national youth platforms/caucuses. Provides a space to coordinate national level activities across different contexts.
- (b) It is chaired by the National Platform/Caucus Convenors.

4.2.6. Science Policy Interface Coordination Team

- (a) This includes all mandated Science-Policy Interface Focal Points coordinating the Science Policy Interface Platform, the SPI Platform Coordinator as well as GFPs of the respective Constituencies/Groups and OPs.

4.2.7. Platform Taskforce

- (a) These include the different mandated positions/focal points within each of the platforms (Youth Entities - International, Regional, National and Grass-roots Platforms, Platform for Youth Mechanisms to UNGA Observers, Platform for ECOSOC Accredited Youth Organisations, Platform for Youth Mechanisms to Multilateral Organisations) respectively.

4.2.8. All Focal Points Group

- (a) All mandated positions within UNMGCY (described in section in 4.3) constitute the “All Focal Points Group”.

4.2.9. Focus Group

- (a) To facilitate a more dedicated space for work on a specific process or engagement, an ad hoc Focus Groups can be created by relevant Focal Points, in consultation with their respective Constituencies/Working Groups
- (b) Meetings of the Focus Group can be convened as required, together with other forms of virtual or in-person consultation
- (c) Work of the Focus Group and its outcomes must be regular shared with the relevant Constituencies/Working Group(s) and/or the Assembly

4.2.10. Global Thematic Initiatives

- (a) These bring together the formal youth constituencies in each substantive cluster (Peace and Security, Resilience and Humanitarian, Environment, Social, Economic, Human Rights) in order to better coordinate activities, create coherence across their work and engage in forward looking advocacy.
- (b) More details in the Annex.

5. Mandated Positions

- (a) For the purpose of effective facilitation, the UN MGCY has several formal mandated positions. They may be member entities or individuals nominated by member entities and have a predetermined mandate period. The detailed Terms of References (ToR) for each of the below, including the process of peer selection and/or election, can be found in the Annex. These include the following:
 - (i) Organising Partners (OPs)
 - (ii) Policy Officers (POs)
 - (iii) Administrator and Admin Team

- (iv) Global Focal Points (GFPs)
- (v) Regional Caucus Coordinators (RCCs)
- (vi) National Platform/Caucus Coordinators (NPCs/NCCs)
- (vii) Children's Platform Focal Points
- (viii) Science Policy Interface Platform Focal Points (SPI Platform-FP)
- (ix) Regional Focal Point (RFPs)
- (x) Thematic Focal Points (TFPs)
- (xi) Science Policy Interface Focal Points (SPI-FPs)
- (xii) Board Members (BMs)
- (xiii) UN IANYD Youth Caucus Convenor(s)
- (xiv) Youth Entity (International, Regional, National, Grassroots, ECOSOC accredited, Youth Mechanisms of UNGA Observers) Platform Focal Points / Liaisons

5.1.1. Organising Partners (OPs)

- (a) These are individuals comprising part of the secretariat and responsible for executing its respective tasks.
- (b) Policy (political, procedural and substantive) coherence (values of UN MGCY, means of implementation, principles of meaningful and rights-based institutional engagement, youth issues, established policy positions and more);
- (c) Oversight of Constituencies/Working Groups, Policy Officers and Administrative Team;
- (d) Facilitate engagement in collective avenues detailed in the Annex.

5.1.2. Policy Officers

- (a) They are individuals. They support, backstop and directly help coordinate the work of different Constituencies/Working Groups aligned by the pillars of the UN and/or cross cutting issues.
- (b) Coordinate forward looking substantive development and advocacy, and build coherence across the engagement avenues.
- (c) Support discussions and deliverables on relevant current affairs, trends and emerging issues and events as related to their areas of focus.
- (d) Work on producing substantively/thematically focused forward looking and narrative shaping, *inter alia*, documents/processes associated with the Advocacy Framework of UN MGCY

5.1.3. Administrator and Admin Team

- (a) The role is played by an individual, responsible for coordinating the administrative team and its tasks

- (b) Admin team reports to the Administrator in the context of their work and can be selected for different tasks, such as membership management, communication, social media, etc

5.1.4. Global Focal Points (GFPs)

- (a) They are member entities responsible for the overall facilitation of the specific Constituencies/Working group and its tasks.
- (b) They represent the respective Constituency/Working groups in the UNMGCY Coordination Team and the UN IANYD Youth Caucus.
- (c) They may be member entities or in certain specific cases individuals nominated by member entities, excluding CYI.

5.1.5. Regional Caucus Coordinators (RCCs)

- (a) They are responsible for coordinating the activities of the regional caucus across the scope of the work of UN MGCY.
- (b) They also represent the caucus in the UN MGCY Coordination Team and the UN IANYD Youth Caucus.
- (c) The position/s is shared between relevant regional youth platform/s and a young person/youth entity elected through the regional membership/MGoS structure.

5.1.6. National Caucus/Platform Convenors (NCCs/NPCs)

- (a) The National *Caucus/Platform* is convened by two rotating co-convenors selected from its membership through an organized, transparent and equitable process through consensus. If no consensus can be reached, the selection will be made by a simple vote through each member of the caucus.

5.1.7. Children Platform Focal Points (CPFP)

- (a) The Children's Focal Points coordinate the Children's Platform. They are responsible for facilitating child participation and child-related policy within the respective Constituencies/Working Groups, and they may be member entities or individuals nominated by member entities, excluding CYI.

5.1.8. Science-Policy Interface Platform Focal Points (SPI Platform FPs)

- (a) They are responsible for the overall facilitation of the SPI Platform. They may be member entities or individuals nominated by member entities, including CYI.

5.1.9. Regional Focal Points (RFPs)

- (a) They are responsible for regional participation and mobilisation for the respective Constituencies/Working Groups, and may be member entities or individuals nominated by member entities, including CYI (if they can demonstrate substantial links with regional youth entities).

5.1.10. Thematic Focal Points (TFPs)

- (a) They support the coordination of a broad or narrow substantive topic of focus, as determined by the relevant policy framework or the constituency/working group.
- (b) They may be member entities or individuals nominated by member entities, including CYI.

5.1.11. Science-Policy Interface Focal Points (SPI FPs)

- (a) They are responsible for coordinating SPI-related activities within respective Working Groups, and they may be member entities or individuals nominated by member entities, including CYI.

5.1.12. Board Members (BMs)

- (a) The CYI Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing CYI and executing its duties including assisting in key functions of the UN MGCY, serving as its legal and financial entity and convening its grievance redressal mechanism.. The CYI Board of Trustees includes ex officio non voting slots for the OPs.
- (a) The composition and processes of the CYI Board of Trustees are detailed in Annex.

5.1.13. Platform Liaisons/Focal Points

- (a) These include the Liaisons for the Platforms (International, Regional, National, Grassroots, Youth Mechanisms of UNGA Observers, Platform for ECOSOC Accredited Youth Organisations, Youth Mechanisms to Multilateral Organisations) for general coordination
- (b) The platforms may internally identify focal points for the different thematic clusters of work
- (c) They might be individuals or entities and are responsible for coordinating the activities of the respective platforms.
- (d) More details are elaborated in the Annex.

6. Membership Process

6.1. Membership

- (a) Membership in the UN MGCY is facilitated through an open process facilitated by a form (enclosed in the Annex) through an online or in-person sign-up. Any formal

and informal child-led, youth-led and child and/or youth-serving entities, as well as their members and individuals (through CYI), may join.

- (b) All members of the UN MGCY must, first and foremost fulfill the following requirement:
 - (i) Agree to adhere to the Process and Procedures [*hereinafter “P&P”*] of the UN MGCY;
 - (ii) Agree with the principles of the UN Charter;
 - (iii) Agree with the values and principles of the UN MGCY as expressed in its Vision - “*the collective principles of solidarity, justice, diversity, equity, universality, inclusion, human rights and the integrity of the planet*”.
- (c) The membership is divided between the following categories:
 - (i) Any youth-led or child-led entity in agreement with the above requirements that can sign up to the UN MGCY online or in person that is representative of the interests of children and/or youth, and has a policymaking body controlled by people 30 years old or under;
 - (ii) Any child-and/or-youth serving entity in agreement with the the above requirements that can sign up to the UN MGCY online or in person that works with children and/or youth but doesn't have a policymaking body controlled by individuals 30 years old or under*;
 - (iii) Individuals below the age of 30 not formally representing any of the above mentioned categories, may engage in the UN MGCY through becoming a member of UN MGCY’s legal entity CYI and abide by its Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct.
 - (iv) Individuals under the age of 18 (or minors depending on their country / territory) must provide details of their legal guardian(s) in their registration form.
- (d) Once an eligible entity or individual (using the CYI form) fills in the form, the secretariat and/or the coordination team processes the inputs and admits them as members.
- (e) A starter kit welcoming new members to the UN MGCY is sent to their email address. This kit contains information including a general introduction, ways to engage, links to social media outlets and the website and a copy of the *Process and Procedures*.

**These entities that are members (not having a policymaking body controlled by people 30 years old or under) may not stand or vote in elections for mandated positions, apart from Children’s Platform Focal Point/Coordinator.*

6.2. Becoming a Member

- (a) Membership in the UN MGCY is facilitated through an open process facilitated by a form (attached in the Annex) through an online or in-person sign-up.. Any formal and informal child-led, youth-led and child and/or youth-serving entities, as well as their members and individuals, may join.

6.3. Ending Membership

- (a) Membership for entities shall be terminated in the following cases:
 - (i) The designated focal point sends in a formal written communication specifically asking for membership to be terminated; or
 - (ii) The entity (youth-focussed, child-focussed or child-led) no longer has a focal point registered or a youth-led entity has no youth registered as the focal point; or
 - (iii) An entity is found to be intentionally undermining the collective positions, priorities or vision of the UN MGCY*; or
 - (iv) An entity not fulfilling the obligations as outlined in the P&P*.

**In such cases, the Secretariat or any other member/mandate holder can bring the matter to the notice of any coordinating or working structure. It will be duly discussed, including through the Grievance Redressal Mechanism if needed. It will involve allocating time to the accused entity to make its case.*

- (b) Membership for an individual engaging in the UN MGCY as a CYI member shall be terminated in the following cases:
 - (i) The individual sends in a formal written communication specifically asking for membership to be terminated; or
 - (ii) The individual turns 31 years old and is not a Board member or Policy Officer; or
 - (iii) The individual is found to be intentionally undermining the collective positions, priorities or vision of the UN MGCY*; or
 - (iv) The individual is not fulfilling the obligations as outlined in the P&P*
 - (v) The individual repeatedly violates the UNMGCY code of conduct or the UN's code of conduct in the process in which they are involved.

**In such cases, the Secretariat or any other member/mandate holder can bring the matter to the notice of any coordinating or working structure. It will be duly discussed, including through the Grievance Redressal Mechanism if needed. It will involve allocating time to the accused individual to make their case.*

6.4. Rights of Members

- (a) All UN MGCY member entities have the right to:
 - (i) Make formal inputs to and benefit from all work areas of the UN MGCY- *Policy and Advocacy, Capacity Building, Youth Action, and Knowledge*;
 - (ii) Nominate themselves or other members to take part in meetings at the UN on behalf of the UN MGCY;
 - (iii) Nominate entities and/or people for any mandated position (other than board members) in the UN MGCY, as per due process and subject to the conditions stipulated by the UN and the *UN MGCY Processes and Procedures*;
 - (iv) Be fully informed of the work and activities of the UN MGCY in a timely manner;
 - (v) Raise concerns or suggestions they have to the Secretariat , working structures and coordination structures, and receive a timely and appropriate response;
 - (vi) Propose initiatives for the UN MGCY contributing to its collective vision and values.

- (b) An individual member of CYI has the right to:
 - (i) Through CYI, make formal inputs to and benefit from all work areas of the UN MGCY- *Policy and Advocacy, Capacity Building, Youth Action, and Knowledge*;
 - (ii) Nominate themselves or others to take part in meetings at the UN on behalf of the UN MGCY through CYI;
 - (iii) Propose themselves, or other CYI members to be nominated by CYI for mandated positions that it is allowed to nominate candidates for, as per due process and subject to the conditions stipulated by the UN and the *P&P*;
 - (iv) Raise concerns or suggestions they have to the Secretariat, working structures and coordination structures, and receive a timely and appropriate response;
 - (v) Propose initiatives for the UN MGCY contributing to its collective vision and values.

6.5. Obligations of Members Entities

- (a) All UN MGCY member entities have the obligation to:
 - (i) Be registered in one or more UN MGCY Constituencies/Working Groups;

- (ii) Keep the UN MGCY informed of their official/formal representative/focal points on the list;
- (iii) Uphold the Guiding Values of the UN MGCY and act in accordance with the P&P;
- (iv) Uphold and act in accordance with the vision of the UN MGCY, and the principles articulated therein;
- (v) Take part in accordance with their interests and capacity and make an effort to attend the UN MGCY's Assembly calls and constituency/working group calls;
- (vi) Consult with the Organising Partners, Policy Officers and relevant Global Focal Points and mandate holders, in accordance with the External Representation Protocol, prior to and during engagement in activities that implicate the UN MGCY;
- (vii) Follow the [UN Guide for NGOs](#) and UN MGCY Code of Conduct when on UN premises and using the UN MGCY name; and
- (viii) Only approach the UN Secretariat in the context of a UN MGCY facilitated engagement avenue after consulting with the Organising Partners, Policy Officers or relevant Global Focal Points and mandate holders.

7. Communications

7.1. Internal Communications

7.1.1. Secretariat

- (a) Send updates to the Assembly whenever they attend an official conference or event;
- (b) Send monthly newsletter updates to the Assembly, and all other UN and/or external partners;
- (c) Coordinate the exchange of information between UN agencies and GFPs whenever they are not directly contacted by the UN via their official UN MGCY email addresses; and
- (d) Serve a consultative function on their areas of expertise by other UN MGCY participants, especially Constituencies/Working Groups.

7.1.2. Constituencies/Working Groups, Cross Cutting Platforms and Youth Entity Platforms

- (a) Attend the Assembly calls;
- (b) Send updates to the Assembly whenever they attend an official conference or event;

- (c) While different messaging services may be used informally, all official communication, especially pertaining to decision making and dissemination of opportunities take place via emails
- (d) Send monthly newsletter updates to the Assembly; and
- (e) Consult the Secretariat whenever their specific expertise is needed.
- (f) More details are elaborated in the Communications Protocol in the Annex.

7.2. External Communications

- (a) The UN MGCY is supposed to conduct active outreach and support organisations themselves to do outreach.

7.2.1. Social Media and Press

- (a) The UN MGCY Social Media account and Press Contacts are coordinated by the Administration team and the Organising Partners. Any message that is posted should relate to agreed UN MGCY positions and statements, in accordance with social media and communication guidelines.
- (b) More details are elaborated in the Social Media Guidelines in the Annex.

7.2.2. Contacts from outside of the UN MGCY

- (i) All contact should go to either all OPs, Policy Officers, the relevant GFPs, RCCs, NCCs, or Platform Focal Points, with the relevant members of the Secretariat and Board being cc'ed;
- (ii) No individuals should be contacted. All exchanges should go through op@unmgcy.org, the relevant Policy Officers, GFPs, RCCs, NCCs, or Platform Liaisons/Focal Points official UN MGCY email address.

8. Decision Making Processes

8.1. Policy

- (a) The UN MGCY only takes specific policy positions where there is general consensus among its membership. Where this cannot be achieved, the UN MGCY should facilitate a dialogue and only if agreement can be reached take a policy position.
- (b) The UN MGCY deliberates via the respective mailing list of each Constituency/working group or Platforms. Updates from each constituency/working group are shared in the UN MGCY Assembly and any decision on policy is communicated to the Assembly. The Assembly may discuss issues on policy where it feels that there is overlap and/or conflict to ensure that there is coherence in the UN MGCY.
- (c) The process to create policy may vary from each Constituency/Working Group, but must follow the following general rules:

- (i) A request for submissions is sent out, giving adequate time for everyone to contribute.
- (ii) A Constituency/Working Group call decides on a drafting group which should be diverse in the Constituency/Working Group's members.
- (iii) The drafting group takes the submissions and any relevant previous policy and drafts the policy in an open online document (such as google docs)
- (iv) The draft is sent around to the mailing list for comments and suggestions.
- (v) The drafting group incorporates comments and suggestions and finalises the draft.
- (vi) The final version is sent around for red flags. Red flags should be only used by members if they cannot live with the policy and are only valid if the members: 1) indicate what exactly they are objecting to and 2) offer alternative wording and 3) provide contact details for the drafting group to contact them.
- (vii) The drafting group meets to resolve any red flags in consultation with the red flag raiser.
- (viii) Any unresolved red flags mean that the particular section must be removed from a policy or statement of the UN MGCY.
- (ix) Policy Officers and GFPs are responsible for uploading policies to the official UN MGCY website under the respective process.

8.2. Statements

- (a) Statements are drafted by Constituency/Working Group members and those selected to speak. They must take agreed UN MGCY policy positions and reflect the relevant elements of that policy in any statement. Where there is no policy agreed or overall consensus of the UN MGCY then any statement must make this clear.
- (b) Statements must be written down in an open Google document and circulated in good time to the relevant Constituencies/Working Groups and allow red flags to be raised where a statement does not follow policy. It is the Organising Partner, Policy Officers, or GFPs role to ensure that statements are coherent with the UN MGCY and that speakers stick to the statement that is agreed.

8.3. Selecting Speakers and Funded Slots

- (a) Interested people nominate themselves who then go through an ad-hoc, peer selection process including the GFPs with relevant expertise in the process of the UN MGCY. If anyone from the ad-hoc elections team or GFPs or relevant experts nominate themselves or have someone nominated from their organisations they must step back from that decision.
- (b) The coordination team and the relevant constituency/working group and/or platform, in addition to volunteers to the process will make the selection. A person cannot join the specific selection meeting if they are the speaker or from the speaker's organisation.
- (c) Every individual who receives any funding on account of UN MGCY is obliged to write a report on the meeting they received the funding for and share it with the UN MGCY Assembly.

8.4. Online

- (a) Most decisions are made online to ensure that the wider group is involved;
- (b) All decisions that need to be made throughout the year and updates will be sent to the UN MGCY through the relevant mailing list by the Global Focal Points, Policy Officers or Organising Partners including both the decision, as well as the timeframe;
- (c) A draft proposal will be sent to the relevant mailing list(s) and open for comments for at least 2 weeks, if not otherwise requested. All UN MGCY members shall have the opportunity to raise major concerns that they have pertaining to the decisions, with the relevant GFPs, Policy Officers, or OPs.
- (d) A second draft of the proposal will be circulated taking into account the previously raised concerns, for at least one week. If none of the participants have ongoing/additional concerns, the proposal is adopted;
- (e) Shorter deadlines for a decision can be arranged based on the requirements of significant external time pressure.

8.5. During relevant UN Meetings and Events

- (a) The meeting is called by the OPs, Policy Officers or the GFPs;
- (b) Any member of the UN MGCY may propose a point of the agenda at least 30 minutes in advance of the session;
- (c) The UN MGCY decides with consensus, using the principles as mentioned in Section 2;
- (d) Any decision that is made through consensus should be implemented by the participants of the UN MGCY in a unified manner, with all participants committed fully to the decision that was made;
- (e) In the rare situations/occasions where inclusive consultation does not result in consensus, the GFPs shall take it to a vote which requires two-thirds majority decision. Where this cannot be reached, no position or statement shall be made;
- (f) Decisions shall be made regarding activity and processes relevant to the event itself, however more strategic decisions with far-reaching consequences may be formulated at the relevant UN meetings and events and shall be decided online;
- (g) In case relevant focal points are not present in an event, they may delegate in-person facilitation duties to another member with due consultation with the respective Constituencies/working group(s).

8.6. Amending the Process and Procedures Document

The Process and Procedures Document can be amended through a deliberate process, using the following steps:

- (a) During an Assembly Call or in an email to the Secretariat, a matter is raised by at least 3-5 assembly members with a particular section of the Process and Procedures Document and referred to the Secretariat to review the concern;
 - (b) Secretariat will reach out to the members raising the matter to collect their views and outline a timeline for addressing the matter;
 - (c) If it is a matter that is unaddressed within the current P&P and a change or addition is required, then the Secretariat can take this forward to the UN MGCY Coordination Team, UNMGCY-CYI Board and All Focal Points Group for further consultations;
 - (d) Upon further consultations, the Secretariat may either suggest the change in the P&P to the whole UNMGCY based on open consultation and wider submissions or establish an ad-hoc Focus Group to come up with coherent proposal of changes;
 - (e) This process, including suggestions of amendments to the whole UN MGCY should take place within 6-8 weeks after the call or the submission of the matter , otherwise the Secretariat should set a clear deadline to allow more time for discussion;
 - (f) If no consensus is reached and further discussion is needed, the issue with the proposed changes should be presented to the Assembly;
 - (g) If the issue is resolved by an Assembly call and there is no red flag, the suggestion can be adopted;
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Annex

Members of the UN MGCY Coordination Team

#	Topic/Region/Scope	Formal youth constituency / right-holders group / Platform	Primary UN counterpart(s)
1	Disaster Risk Reduction	Sendai Stakeholders Youth Group	UNDRR
2	Refugees	Global Youth Advisory Council (UNHCR)	UNHCR
3	Humanitarian Affairs	Global Youth Humanitarian Caucus	OCHA, UNFPA
4	Sustainable Urban Development	Partner Constituent Group for New Urban Agenda	UN HABITAT
5	Migration and Displacement	Global Youth Migration Caucus	IOM
6	Youth Peace and Security	Global Youth Caucus for SDG 16	DPPA, UNFPA, DPO, UNAOC
	Women Peace and Security		
7	Disarmament and Nonproliferation	Global Youth for Disarmament	UNODA
8	Drugs and Crime	Youth for Crime Prevention	UNODC
9	Responsibility to Protect and Genocide Prevention	Youth for Responsibility 2 Protect/Youth Against Genocide	OGPRP
10	Counterterrorism	Youth Against Terrorism	UNOCT
11	Volunteering	UNV Youth Focus Group	UNV
12	Global Economic Governance	CS FfD Youth Constituency	WBG, IMF, UNIDO, UN DESA-FfSDO, ITC, UNCDF
	Means of Implementation- <i>Trade, Tax, Debt, Science and Technology, Development Cooperation, Systemic Issues</i>		
	Inequality		
	Poverty		
13	Development Cooperation	CPDE Youth Constituency	UN DESA-FfSDO, UNIDO
14	Science and Technology	Youth SPI Platform	UNCTAD, UNDESA, UNOOSA, UNESCO, ITU
15	Decent Work and Sustainable Economies	Global Youth Caucus for Decent Work and Sustainable Economies	ILO
16	Environmental Governance	UN Environment Programme Major Group for Children and Youth / Global Youth for Environment	UNEP
	Chemicals and Waste		
	Environmental Security		
17	Water and Sanitation	Water Youth Constituency	UN Water

18	Climate Change	YOUNGO- Youth NGOs in UNFCCC	UNFCCC
19	Sustainable Consumption and Production	SCP Youth Platform	UNDESA, UNEP
20	Sustainable Energy	SDG 7 Youth Constituency	UN Energy, IRENA, SE4ALL
21	Forests	UN Forests Forum Major Group for Children and Youth	UNFF
22	Desertification	Global Youth Caucus on Desertification and Desertification / UNCCD Youth Caucus	UNCCD
23	Biodiversity	Global Youth Biodiversity Network	UNCBD
24	Oceans	Oceans Youth Constituency	UNDESA - OLA
25	Health and Wellbeing	Global Youth Health Caucus	WHO, (H6+)
26	HIV/AIDS	UN AIDS Pact	UNAIDS
27	Gender Equality	Global Youth Caucus for Gender Equity	UN Women
28	Quality Education	Youth Linked with SDG Education 2030 Steering Committee	UNESCO
29	Food and Nutrition	CSM for CFS Youth Working Group	FAO, WFP
30	Persons Living with Disabilities	UN Stakeholder Group of Persons Living with Disabilities - Youth	CRPD - UNDESA
31	LGBTQI+, SOGIE	UN Stakeholder Group of LGBTQI+ Persons - Youth	OHCHR, UNDESA
32	Youth in Faith	Global Caucus for Youth in Faith	UNFPA, UNAOC
33	Descent and Work Based Discrimination	Stakeholder Group for Persons Facing Descent and Work Based Discrimination - Youth	UNDP
34	Indigenous Peoples	Global Indigenous Youth Caucus	UNPFII, UN DESA
35	Children	Children's Platform	UNICEF, OSRSG/VAC
36	Africa	Regional Caucus for Africa	ECA, OSAA, RCNYO
37	Asia and the Pacific	Regional Caucus for Asia and Pacific	ESCAP, RCNYO
38	Western Asia	Regional Caucus for Western Asia	ESCWA, UNRWA, RCNYO
39	Europe and North America	Regional Caucus for Europe and North America	ECE, RCNYO
40	Latin America and Caribbean	Regional Caucus for Latin America and Caribbean	ECLAC, RCNYO
41	SIDS- Small Island Developing States	SIDS Youth Constituency	UNDESA, WTO

42	International	Global Coalition of International Youth Organisations	NA
43	Regional	Network of Regional Youth Organisations (Coordinated by Regional Caucuses)	NA
44	National	Global Network of National Youth Platforms	NA
45	Grassroots	International Alliance of Grassroots Youth Organisations (coordinated by formal grassroots constituency)	NA
46	DCG Accredited Orgs*	DGC Youth Steering Group	UNDGC
47	ECOSOC Accredited Orgs	Platform for ECOSOC Youth Organisations	UN ECOSOC
48	UNGA Observer	Platform for Youth Mechanisms to UNGA Observers	Respective UNGA Observers
49	Other Multilateral Organisations	Platform for Youth Mechanisms to Multilateral Organisations	Respective Multilateral Organisations
50	Youth Policy and Development	UN MGCY Secretariat	EOSEG, EO-DSG, OPGA, OP-ECOSOC, UN IANYD, UN DESA, OSGEY

Constituency/Stakeholder/Rights Holder/Major Group	Space in the Coordination Team
Major Groups Identified in Agenda 21	
Women	Global Youth Caucus on Gender Equity
Children and Youth	UN MGCY
Indigenous Peoples	Global Indigenous Youth Caucus
NGOs	Youth Entity Platforms
Local Authorities	Children and Youth Partner Constituent Group for New Urban Agenda
Workers and Trade Unions	Global Youth Caucus for Decent Work and Sustainable Economies (tripartite structure of ILO includes employers-business)
Business and Industry	
Scientific and Technological Community	Youth Science Policy Interface Platform
Farmers	SDG 2 Group/ CSM for CFS Youth Working Group*
Rightsholder Group/ Stakeholder Group/ Constituency Recognised Through Additional Due Process	
Persons with Disabilities	Stakeholder Group on Persons Living with Disability- Youth
Older Persons	NA
Education and Academia	Youth Caucus on Quality Education
Volunteers	UNV Youth Focus Group
Local/Grassroots Communities	International Alliance for Grassroots Youth Organisations
Migrants	Global Youth Migration Caucus
LGBTQI+ Persons	Stakeholder Group for LGBTQI+ Persons - Youth Group
Faith Based Groups	Global Caucus for Youth in Faith
Fisher Folks and Pastoralists	SDG 2 Group/ CSM for CFS Youth Working Group*
Persons Facing Descent and Work Based Discrimination	Stakeholder Group of Persons Facing Descent and Work Based Discrimination - Youth

Linked Annexure Documents

#	Document	Link
1	Engagement Avenues of UN MGCY and respective constituencies / Working Groups [working document]	HERE
2	Functions of the UN MGCY General Assembly (GA)	HERE
3	Constitution of Children and Youth International (CYI)	HERE
4	Grievance Redressal Mechanism	HERE
5	UN MGCY Secretariat - Organising Partners, Administrator, Policy Officers TOR	HERE
6	Board of Trustees of Children and Youth International (CYI) Members TOR	HERE
7	Global Focal Points (GFPs), Regional Focal Points (RFPs) and Thematic Focal Points (TFPs) TOR	HERE
8	Regional Caucuses (RCs) and Regional Caucus Coordinators (RCCs) TOR	HERE
9	National Caucus/Platform and National Caucus/Platform Coordinators (NCCs / NPCs) TOR	HERE
10	Platform for Youth Entities and Platform Liaison TOR	HERE
11	UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (UN IANYD) Youth Caucus TOR	HERE
12	Private Sector Engagement Framework	HERE
13	Policy Advocacy Framework	HERE
14	Capacity Building Framework	HERE
15	Knowledge Framework	HERE
16	Action Framework	HERE
17	External Representation Protocol	HERE
18	Partnership Guidelines	HERE
19	Communication Protocol	HERE
20	Logo Usage Guidelines	HERE
21	Social Media Guidelines	HERE
22	Child Protection Policy	HERE
23	Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) Sharing Guidelines	HERE
24	Science Policy Interface Platform (and their Focal Points) (SPI Platform-FP)	HERE
25	Platform TOR - Global Coalition for International Youth Organisations (GCIYO) / International Youth Entities Platform	HERE
26	Platform TOR - Network for Regional Youth Organisations (NRYO) / Regional Youth Entities Platform	HERE
27	Platform TOR - Global Network of National Youth Platforms (GNNYP) / National Youth Entities Platform	HERE

28	Platform TOR - International Alliance for Grassroots Youth Organisations (IAGYO) / Local/Grassroots Youth Entities Platform	HERE
29	Platform TOR - Platform for Youth Mechanisms for UNGA Observers	HERE
30	Platform TOR - Platform for ECOSOC Accredited Youth NGOs	HERE
31	Platform TOR - Platform for Youth Mechanisms for Youth Mechanisms to Multilateral Organisations	HERE
32	Global Youth Initiative on Environment	HERE
33	Global Youth Initiative on Resilience and Humanitarian Action	HERE
34	Global Youth Initiative on Social Inclusion	HERE
35	Global Youth Initiative on Peace and Security	HERE
36	Global Youth Initiative on Sustainable Economies	HERE
37	Global Youth Initiative on Human Rights	HERE

Template questions for selection forms, especially for funding opportunities

Interested people should include the following information:

Formal communication by the nominating entity

- Name of Entity
- Work and focus area of entity
- Website (if any)

Personal Information

- A. Name
- B. Age
- C. Date of Birth
- D. Information about legal guardian in case of minors
- E. Country of Citizenship
- F. Country of Residence
- G. Address
- H. Gender
- I. Sex

Substantive Information

- J. Motivation for applying
- K. Brief history of engagement in the UN MGCY
- L. Brief history of understanding of relevant topic
- M. Details of engagement with the UN
- N. Relevant experience related to position
- O. Bio
- P. Plans during the meeting
- Q. Motivation
- R. Plans for follow up

Contact Information

- S. Email Id
- T. Phone Number
- U. Skype Id
- V. Social Media

Non-Exhaustive Overview of Engagement Avenues

Topics of Engagement	Disaggregation	Name of Constituency	Primary Meeting/Calendar	Primary UN Focal Point
Resilience and Humanitarian Affairs	Disaster Risk Reduction	Sendai Stakeholders Children and Youth Group	GPDRR (Global Platform for DRR)	UNDRR
			RPDRR (Regional Platform for DRR)	
	Humanitarian Affairs	Global Youth Humanitarian Caucus	ECOSOC HAS (Humanitarian Affairs Segment)	OHCA
			Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action (annual meeting)	UNFPA, IFRC
	Migration and Displacement	Global Youth Migration Caucus	GFMD (Global Forum for Migration and Development)	IOM
			Global Migration Review Forum	
	Refugees	Global Youth Advisory Council (UNHCR)	Global Refugee Forum	UNHCR
			Regional Meetings	
	Sustainable Urban Development	Children and Youth Partner Constituent Group for New Urban Agenda	Habitat Governing Council	UN Habitat
			WUF (World Urban Forum)	
Regional Urban Forums				
Peace and Security	Youth Peace and Security	Global Youth Caucus on SDG16	Annual Meeting of Global Coalition of	DPPA, UNFPA

			Youth Peace and Security	
Women Peace and Security			IANWGE Standing Committee on Women, Peace and Security Meeting	DPPA, UNW
Disarmament and Nonproliferation	Global Youth for Disarmament		UN Disarmament Commission	UNODA, IAEA, OPCW
			Conference on Disarmament	
			First Committee of the UNGA	
			Chemical Weapons Convention	
Counterterrorism	Youth Against Terrorism		The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact	UNOCT
			UNOCT Global Youth Program	
Drugs and Crime	Youth for Crime Prevention		CCPCJ (UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice)	UNODC
			CND (UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs)	
			UN Convention against Corruption	
			UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	
			UN Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	

	Responsibility to Protect and Genocide Prevention	Youth for Responsibility 2 Protect/Youth Against Genocide	UN General Assembly	UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the R2P
	Environmental and Human Security	Different Environmental Groups		UNEP, DPPA
Sustainable Development-Environment	Biodiversity	Global Youth Biodiversity Network	UNCBD COP	UNCBD
	Forests	UNFF MGCY	UN Forests Forum	UNFF
	Oceans	Oceans Youth Constituency	UN Oceans Conference	UN DESA, OLA
	Desertification	UNCCD Youth Caucus / Global Youth Caucus on Desertification and Land	UNCCD COP	UN CBD
	Environmental Governance	UN Environment Programme Major Group for Children and Youth/ Global Youth for Environment	UNEA	UNEP, MEAs
	Chemicals and Waste			
	Environmental Security			
	Climate Change	YOUNGO - Youth NGOs in UNFCCC	UN Forests Forum	UNFCCC
	Sustainable Consumption and Production	Youth Constituency for SCP	SCP Review- HLPF	UNEP
	Sustainable Energy	SDG 7 Youth Constituency	IRENA Annual Meeting	UN Energy, UN DESA, IRENA, SE4ALL
SE4All Annual Meeting				
Sustainable Development-Economic	Poverty	CSO FfD Youth Constituency	Financing for Development Follow Up Forum	UN DESA-FfSDO, IMF, World Bank
	Inequality			
	Global Economic Governance			

	Means of Implementation- <i>Trade, Tax, Debt, Science and Technology, Development Cooperation, Systemic Issues</i>			
	Decent Work and Sustainable Economies	Global Youth Caucus on Decent Work and Sustainable Economies	ILC (International Labour Conference) Global Initiatives for Decent Jobs for Youth (Annual Meeting)	ILO
	Sustainable Energy	SDG 7 Youth Constituency	SE4All Annual Meeting	UN Energy, UN DESA, IRENA, SE4ALL
Sustainable Development- Social	Health and Wellbeing	Global Youth Health Caucus	WHA (World Health Assembly)	WHO, H6+ (UNFPA, UNW, UNICEF, UN AIDS, WFP), World Bank
	Quality Education	Global Youth Constituency for Quality Education	Annual Meeting (SDG Education 2030 Steering Committee)	UNESCO
	Gender Equality	Global Youth Gender Equality Caucus	CSW (Commission on the Status of Women)	UNW
	Water and Sanitation	Water Youth Constituency	WWF (World Water Forum) Water Weeks	UN Water
	Food and Nutrition	CSM 4 CFS Youth Group	CFS (Committee on World Food Security)	FAO, WFP
Human Rights	Indigenous Peoples	Global Indigenous Youth Caucus	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	UN DESA, OHCHR
	Persons Living with Disabilities	Stakeholder Group of Persons Living with Disabilities- Youth	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	UN DESA, OHCHR
	LGBTQI+, SOGIE	Stakeholder Group of LGBTQI+ Persons- Youth		UN DESA, OHCHR

	Children	Childrens Platform	Convention on the Rights of the Child	UNICEF
	Descent and Work Based Discrimination	Stakeholder Group of Descent and Work Based Discrimination- Youth		
	Age Based Discrimination	Whole of UN MGCY Membership	CSocD (Commission on Social Development)	UN DESA, OHCHR
	Faith Based	Global Caucus for Youth in Faith	HLPF/ECOSOC Youth Forum	UNFPA, UNAOC
Youth Development and Policy	UN Youth Strategy	Whole UN MGCY Membership- Youth Strategy Focus Group	HLSC meetings	OSGEY
	World Program for Action on Youth		CSocD (Commission on Social Development)	DESA
	UN IANYD	UN IANYD Youth Caucus	UN IANYD Annual Meeting	DESA and Rotating UN Co Chair
Governance	Multilateralism	Whole UN MGCY Membership, Governance Focus Group	Several	Several
	Accountability Processes			
	Global Economic Governance	CSO FfD Youth Constituency	FfD Follow up Forum	DESA-FfSDO, World Bank, IMF
	Global Environmental Governance	UNEP MGCY	UNEA	UNEP
	Governance Nexus	Global Youth Caucus on SDG 16	HLPF	DESA
Regional	Asia and the Pacific	Regional Caucus for Asia and Pacific	AP Regional HLPF	ESCAP, RCNYO
	Latin America and Caribbean	Regional Caucus for Latin America and Caribbean	LAC Regional HLPF	ECLAC, RCNYO
	Africa	Regional Caucus for Africa	Africa Regional HLPF	ECA, RCNYO
	Western Asia	Regional Caucus for Western Asia	Western Asia Regional HLPF	ESCWA, RCNYO

	Europe and North America	Regional Caucus for Europe and North America	Europe and North America Regional HLPF	ECE, RCNYO
	SIDS- Small Island Developing States	SIDS Youth Constituency	SAMOA Pathway Review- HLPF	UN DESA, RCNYO, WTO, UN-OHRLS
Youth Entities Platforms by Scope	International	Global Coalition of International Youth Organisations	HLPF/ECOSOC Youth Forum	
	Regional	Network of Regional Youth Organisations (Coordinated by Regional Caucuses)		
	National	Global Network of National Youth Platforms		
	Local/Grassroots	International Alliance of Grassroots Youth Organisations (coordinated by formal grassroots constituency)		
Other Platforms	UNGA Observer	Platform for Youth Mechanisms to UNGA Observers	HLPF/ECOSOC Youth Forum	Respective UNGA Observers
	ECOSOC Accredited	Platform for ECOSOC Youth Organisations		ECOSOC
	Multilateral Organisations	Platform for Youth Mechanisms to Multilateral Organisations		Respective Multilateral Organisations



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