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COP28UAE



We, the youth of South Africa, encouraged by the mandate of the South African constitution to ensure the protection and conservation of the environment, balanced with sustainable development and the equitable distribution of natural resources, recognise the urgent need for accelerated climate action to build a self-actualized, climate-resilient, and prosperous society. This statement reflects the above mandate by highlighting the voices of the youth from across the country who see the future of a cleaner, greener South Africa and the world.

Youth Voices to COP28

CALLS TO ACTION:

1. We applaud the passing of the Climate Change Bill.
2. We urge that the GST outcome should reflect the need to transform food systems through the FAST initiative launched at COP27.
3. Call for enhanced service delivery within water-scarce communities following this year's UN Water Conference in New York.
4. Call for the commitment to source \$100 billion per year in climate finance by developed countries, as outlined in the Paris Agreement, to be met rapidly;
5. We advocate for the increased support of women and vulnerable communities' equal and meaningful participation in policy-making.
6. We urge for peace-positive adaptation and conflict-sensitising climate policy.



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COP28 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CLIMATE DELEGATES



Plans & Expectations



1. Advocate for and reinforce the inclusion and implementation of the first ever South African Youth Climate Action Plan (SAYCAP).
2. Follow up and contribute input to operationalizing climate finance related commitments.
3. Co-host and moderate an educational and awareness side-event at the 'Children and Youth Pavilion' on the 9th of December.

EXPECTATIONS

1. Honest and concise conversations about the opportunities and pertaining the continent's position on carbon credit markets
2. Reforming and modernising the global financial system architecture between multilateral development banks, making it fit for purpose to support Sustainable Development as per President Ramaposa's emphasis at last year's COP27.
3. Effective monitoring and evaluation system of the Global ~~Goal on~~ Adaptation (GGA) to be enhanced to strengthen mitigation resilience, and reduce vulnerability to climate change.

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The South African Youth Climate Action Plan (SA YCAP) is a living vision document of young people sharing their thoughts, stories, and calls to action to enable change for policy-makers and private businesses for a sustainable, greener future.



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