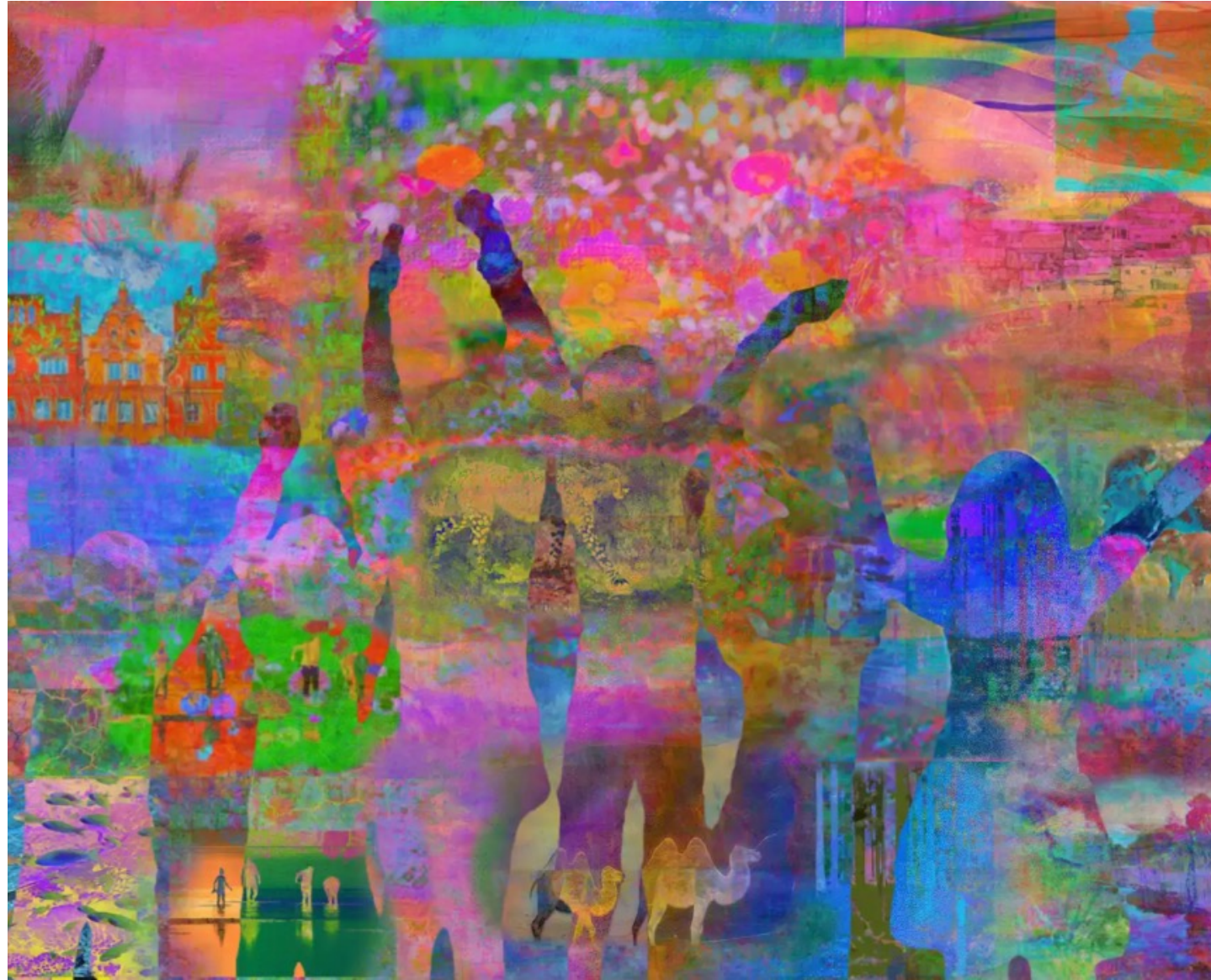


Youth-Led Climate Change Initiatives

THE CLIMATE IS
CHANGING 
SO SHOULD WE!
#ACTNOW

To us every day is
Youth day and
every month is
Youth month.



CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

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- » Focuses on:
 - Understanding climate policy processes
 - Developing leadership skills
 - Fostering climate change literacy
 - Creating spaces for exchange and collaboration between generations
- » Youth Climate Champions Bootcamp By the YCC
 - Covers various topics such as climate careers, climate activism, and social media training
 - Participants supported in future climate policy engagements
- » Internships & Young Conservation Professionals By WESSA and the YCC
 - Provides work experience and mentorship within host organizations
 - Builds future climate activists and analysts
 - Actively engages interns with climate policy processes and rights-based conservation



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Educational Workshops

- » Online and In-person Educational Workshops
 - By ACA. Back2Basics Workshops
 - Bridge gaps in climate change literacy
 - Prepare youth for broader dialogues on climate change
- » In-depth sessions combining science and lived experience
 - By Section 27. Guest speakers share expertise and understanding
 - Sectoral Convening on Climate Change Impact
 - Focuses on health and education sectors
 - Exchange experiences and develop joint strategies for climate action
- » Renewable Energy Challenge
 - By The South Africa (SA) Climate Change Champs.
 - Competition for Grade 9-11 learners
 - Aims to inspire learners to imagine renewable energy's impact on their communities
 - Showcases artistic and technical abilities in various categories
 - Empowers youth to become active citizens in responding to climate change



THERE IS NO PLANET B

Youth Advocacy and Intergenerational Dialogues

» Youth Advocacy Programs


- YouLead Initiative by Project 90 by 2030
- Builds the capacity of young people in Khayelitsha, Cape Town
- Includes leadership development, communication skills, and renewable energy projects

» Climate Change Champs Youth Advocacy Capacity Development

- By GreenCape and WESSA, capacitates young climate champions and amplifies their voices
- Provides virtual platforms, media training, and participation in conferences and events
- UNICEF GoGreen Challenge
- Challenges youth to implement climate action ideas
- Offers seed money to winners for project development

» Intergenerational Dialogues

- By WESSA and YCC. These bridge the gap between young and old
- Establish norms for respectful and constructive debate
- Topics include Beyond Tokenism and Inclusive Climate Policy

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Policy, Advocacy and Climate Action

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Climate Action

- » Cancel Coal Campaign (ACA)
 - A legal action campaign to stop investment and building of new coal infrastructure
- » Youth Implementers for Change (Youth@SAIIA)
 - YIC aims to create opportunities and provide support for youth to implement various climate-policy-related project ideas

Building Capacity For Public Consultations

- » ACA Online Workshops
- » Section27
- » Just Energy Transition Engagements
- » SAYCCC





Youth Positions

» JYCAP & SAYCAP

- a first-of-its-kind set of documents focused localised and national policy and actions that aims to inspire equitable and relevant climate action that is founded in intersectionality.

YCC Position Paper

- » aimed at continuing the conversation around prioritising youth engagement in climate policy processes and empowering young people to play a significant role in shaping the planet's future.

Negotiation Simulations

- » Forums for COP, the NDCs, the Climate Bill, the National Adaptation Strategy, the Just Energy Transition Framework, local Climate Action Plans, the JETP, ACE, etc.



Entry Points into the Climate Action Space



Global Climate Policy Participation

Kwanele Ngwenya



Climate Education and *Awareness*

Fani Miya



The programmes aim to enhance climate change literacy, spread awareness, and mobilise young people to take action.

Podcasts

- » The podcasts below featured young climate activists and aimed at capacitating youth on basic climate change knowledge.
 - Youth Climate Champions podcast.
 - Youth TELL-All Podcast.
 - Playing With Solar.

Youth Climate clubs

- » Youth clubs are aimed at actively working on the creating of opportunities for engagements with local and regional authorities and key stakeholders.
 - The GreenCape Project has set up 9 climate clubs at schools across the Western, Eastern and Northern Cape.



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Green Skills

- » These projects aim at raising awareness about sustainable practices and promoting climate education.
 - Emba Swap Shop is a waste management and recycling initiative that teaches young people about alternative economic models.
 - The Youth Climate Champions programme (YCC).



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Conclusion

Sibuso Mohlwayo



Strategies for Supporting Youth Initiatives

Youth Empowerment

- » Opening statement highlighting the importance of youth empowerment in addressing climate change.
- » Introduction to the role of the Presidential Climate Change Commission (PCC) and government departments in supporting youth initiatives.
- » Emphasize the need for collaborative efforts to harness the potential of young people in climate action.

Youth Case studies

- » Discuss the significance of using case studies as examples of successful youth-led initiatives.
- » Highlight the power of these case studies in inspiring and motivating other young individuals to take action.
- » Emphasize the importance of allocating financial support to youth-led events and projects aligned with the PCC's objectives.



Strategies for Supporting Youth Initiatives

Resources

- » Discuss the importance of providing access to resources for young individuals involved in climate initiatives.
- » Highlight the significance of providing relevant data and information to empower young people in making informed decisions.
- » Emphasize the need to support transportation for young people to participate in climate-related activities and events, ensuring their active engagement.

Meaningful Engagement

- » Highlight the importance of meaningful engagement of young people in decision-making processes.
- » Discuss the value of including young individuals as co-authors, contributors to reports, and members of committees.
- » Emphasize the need for effective communication, using clear and concise language to convey climate policies to young people.
- » Discuss the importance of language and accessibility in engaging young people from diverse linguistic backgrounds.
- » Highlight the need for simultaneous translators/interpreters in stakeholder consultations to ensure inclusivity.



Thank You

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