

COP31 PYCC Conversation with Youth in Constituencies Concept Note

Date and time: 10/06/26 - 13:00 – 14:00

Location: Wien 1/2 room, UN Campus

Organized by: COP31 PYCC

Context

The COP31 Presidency is committed to delivering an ambitious, inclusive and action-oriented COP31. Central to this commitment is the meaningful engagement of children and young people, whose perspectives and priorities are essential to shaping climate action that is responsive, intergenerational and just.

To facilitate the enhancement of the meaningful, inclusive engagement of youth in climate action the Presidency Youth Climate Champion (PYCC) role was formalized at COP28 ([Decision 16/CP.28](#)), As per the [Türkiye-Australia Partnership Modalities](#), Türkiye has appointed the PYCC proposed by Australia. Youth organizations and constituencies bring together the perspectives, priorities and expertise of children and young people from across the climate movement. Their insights are critical to shaping a COP31 that is responsive, intergenerational and inclusive. The participation of the COP30 PYCC will support continuity and contribute reflections based on their experience during 2025.

Objectives

This consultation offers an opportunity for youth in constituencies to engage directly with the COP31 Presidency Youth Climate Champion. Specifically, the session aims to:

- Hear from children and youth across different organizations, including the UNFCCC observer constituencies, on their priorities and aspirations for COP31.
- Explore how children and youth inputs can best be reflected in the COP31 PYCC planning and broader approach to collective climate action.
- Brainstorm ideas for youth programming and activities that can be included in the different COP31 spaces, including but not limited to the Children and Youth Pavilion.

Agenda (60 minutes)

Duration	Segment	Speakers
2 min	Opening UNFCCC PYCC team explains the logistics of the room and consultation, and hands over to COP30 PYCC	UNFCCC PYCC team
5 min	PYCC Legacy: Reflections from COP30 Brief reflections on the work so far, drawing on key lessons from the second PYCC cycle.	Marcele Oliveira , COP30 PYCC
10 min	Introduction and framing COP31 PYCC introduces her role, vision and priorities for the year ahead, and alignment with the COP31 Presidency agenda on the road to Antalya	Sally Higgins , COP31 PYCC
40 min	Open dialogue	All participants

	COP31 to facilitate and introduce the following questions to guide the discussion: • <i>What specific children and youth programming or spaces should the PYCC prioritise, and why?</i> • <i>Where (e.g. thematic days, processes, or initiatives) are the biggest missed opportunities for youth integration?</i> • <i>What are the main barriers to meaningful participation, and what concrete solutions should we prioritise?</i> • <i>If we could only get three things right at COP31, what should they be?</i> <i>If time permits, open up for any additional points of specific relevance to their constituency.</i>	
3 min	Closing remarks and next steps	Sally Higgins, COP31 PYCC