



Local Conference of Youth South Africa 2022

Hosted by:
Global Shapers Tshwane Hub
supported by City of Tshwane

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Introduction

The Global Shapers is an initiative of the World Economic Forum and is a network of young people driving dialogue, action and change; working together to address local, regional, and global challenges. The Global Shapers is a network of more than 14,000 members and spans 456 city-based hubs in 150 countries.

The Conference of Youth (COY) is an official event of YOUNGO - the Official Youth Constituency of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The conference takes place right before the annual UN Climate Change Conference, also known as the Conference of the Parties (COP). LCOY serves as a space for capacity building and policy training to prepare young people for their participation at COP as well as to build their knowledge about climate change and encourage overall youth participation in climate change initiatives.



The Topics of Focus on the LCOY Programme

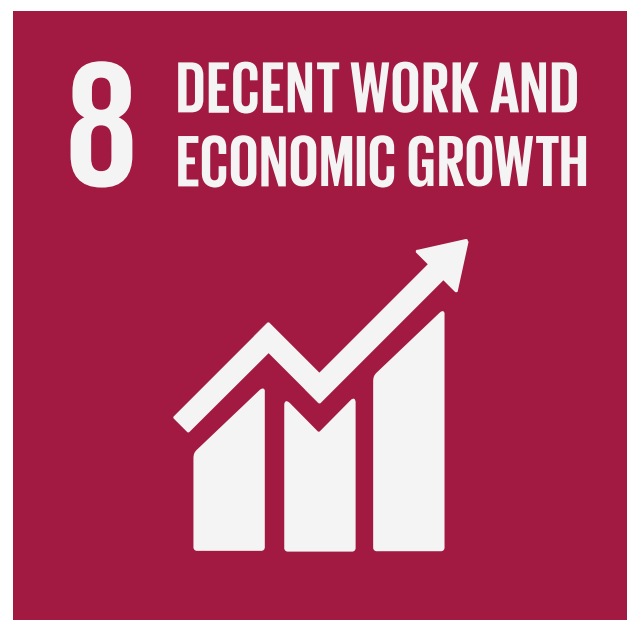


The main goal of the LCOY is to engage youth around activism, action, and advocacy in bringing awareness and knowledge about the effects of climate change on food systems; this is with a specific focus on the youth in under-serviced communities who are often most affected by climate change. Part of this is also to engage the youth in what happens at COP and how to start elevating youth voices in the UNFCCC processes and work around climate action.



Outputs:

1. Create opportunities for young people to plug into community action groups on climate change
2. Connect participating youth to YOUNGO, Global Shapers and Africa Climate Alliance and relevant partners to grow inclusive youth perspectives on climate change
3. South Africa Youth Statement for delivery to YOUNGO Policy Team for COP27
4. South Africa Local Conference of Youth 2023 Output Document (recommendations for next LCOY South Africa)



The LCOY and Sustainable Development Goals

The Tshwane Hub is currently running a climate awareness project funded by the World Economic Forum and the Climate Reality Project. The project specifically focuses on creating climate change awareness for young people and is being implemented in selected high schools in Mamelodi with a primary focus of addressing food security challenges caused by climate change and creating opportunities of entry for young people into the Green Economy no matter their vocational interest.

The LCOY South Africa 2022 will be focused on the theme of food security and how it relates to climate change as well as the impact on livelihoods. Further, the LCOY will ensure that there is a call to action for youth to participate in climate action and advocacy in the South African landscape.



THE GLOBAL GOALS

The Tshwane Hub Team

Members within the hub possess expertise including Engineering, Accounting, Law, Education, Health, Media, Environment, Entrepreneurship, and Non-profit fields. These expertise represent a diverse professional approach to the implementation of projects and solution-making for the socio-economic challenges we seek to be a part of addressing.

The team is also employed across a variety of institutions including government, universities, and the private and non-profit sectors.

The Hub currently has 22 active members who are supporting and driving a variety of initiatives including the organising and project management of the Local Conference of Youth South Africa.



Programme

Day 1

Time	Topic	Descrtiption What we want to achieve
09:00 - 11:00	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">What is COP and what are we worried about this yearIntroduction of 4 themes of the LCOY Play of key documentaries around climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic overview of what climate change isBringing context to what climate change issues are in South Africa and the continent
11:00 - 11:30	Comfort break	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Feedback session to engage participants on their understanding of the
11:30 - 12:00	Reflection and feedback from documentary	
12:00 - 13:00	Immersive session - what happens at COP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Activity to demonstrate how COP works and how and what meetings are held throughout
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 - 15:30	Climate Justice and Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Building the language of young people around climate change so that they can better understand and know about climate action as well as build their capacity to take action in their local community.
Close of Day 1 at 16:00		

Programme

Day 2

Time	Topic	Descrtiption What we want to achieve
09:00 - 10:00	Day 1 Recap, Reflection, and Setting the scene for Day 2 and selection of breakouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Split into groups and report back on learnings from Day 1
Breakouts:		
Green Economy and Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Platforming opportunities for young people to participate in the green economy through social entrepreneurship. Including conversations on the South African energy crisis and dependence on coal and how young people can participate in driving solutions around the issues on energy in the South African context	
Adaptation and Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Looking at community-specific challenges to physical safety (specific relation to flooding that has affected many areas), food security affecting the availability of food and the capacity to grow food due to water shortages and other land use issues	
Food and Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Growing the capacity and interests of young people in climate action and building of youth voices from Southern Africa to drive inclusion in climate action.	

12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
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Breakout sessions feedback and questions and answers - submission of policy standpoint drafts.

Online programme ends with Call to Action and Sign-ups

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Day 3

Time	Topic	Desctiption What we want to achieve
09:00 - 11:00	Visit of Green Today Build Tomorrow Project site at Vlakfontein Secondary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site visit of current climate change work being done by the Tshwane Hub
11:00 - 12:00	Call to Action and Sign-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to connect with the Global Shapers and other programmes happening around Climate Change

Close of Day 1 at 12:00

Topics of Discussion

Through the lens of food security, the LCOY will focus on the following themes:



Youth Climate Action: Food and Agriculture

- How this topic relates to:
- Youth participation and inclusion
 - Capacity-Building



Adaptation & Resilience

- How this topic relates to:
- Climate-related disasters: physical, food, and water security
 - Food systems



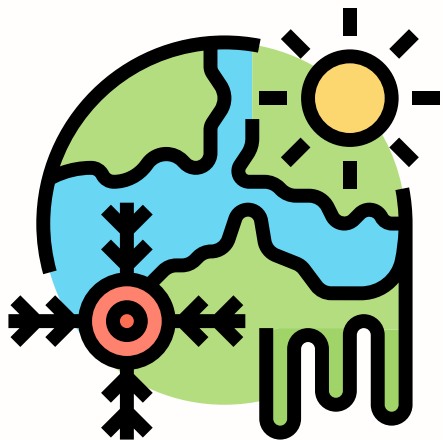
Climate Justice and Human Rights

- How this topic relates to:
- Local communities
 - Inclusion and how we can ensure it



Green Economy & Energy

- How this topic relates to:
- Renewable energy in South Africa
 - Context of energy supply challenges facing South Africa and dependence on coal





Key Objectives for the LCOY

1 YOUTH VOICES

- Develop and elevate Afrocentric messages and youth voices for COP27 with a South African lens and context
- Building the youth voices of South Africa around effective climate action

2 INCLUSION

Creating a platform for inclusive community action driven by young people - with the specific focus on bringing in young people from under-serviced communities to be represented through their schools and community groups

3 CLIMATE EDUCATION

Education around the processes followed at COP to ensure youth learn about what the platform is used for and how they can get involved - political action on climate change

4 FOOD SYSTEMS

Understanding climate adaptation programmes in the South African context to develop sustainable food systems approaches

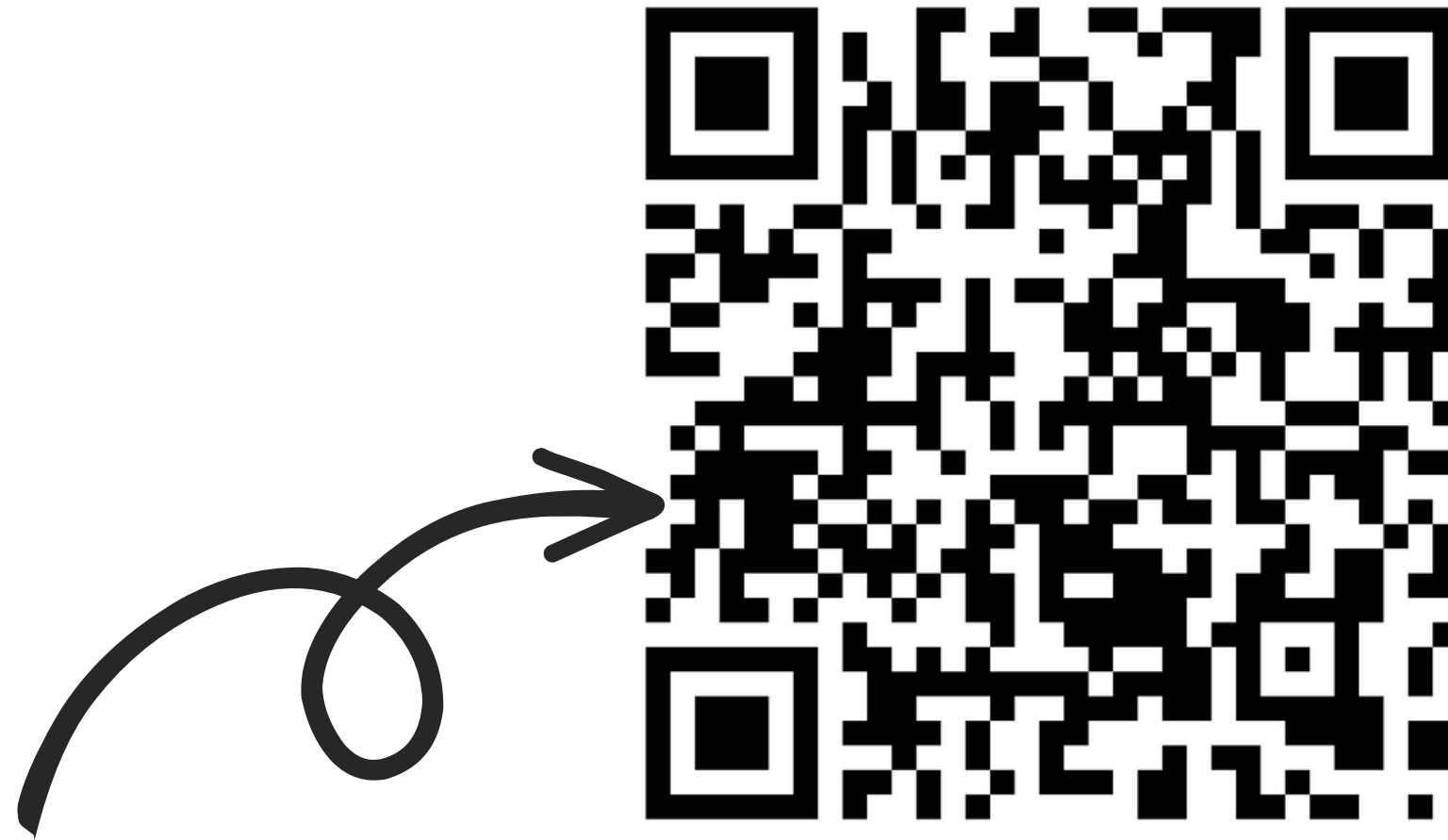
5 KNOWLEDGE-BUILDING

Engagement and knowledge-building about the green economy and how it contributes to climate action sustainably

Key outputs of the LCOY

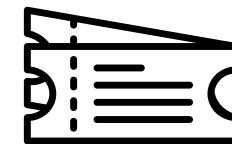
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5. Site visits of current projects to add a practical view of how youth can get involved



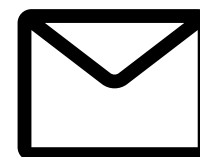


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