



**Global Youth  
Biodiversity  
Network**



# GYBN is

**Global network** of individuals and youth organizations active on biodiversity

**International coordination platform** for youth participation in the CBD



## COMMITMENTS

- Voice young people's perspectives and positions and advocate for the rights of future generations within the biodiversity policy arena
- Build a global biodiversity movement that pushes for societal change to halt the loss of biodiversity
- Raise awareness, build capacities among and strengthen partnerships and collaboration between youth communities and organizations

*Empowering youth to lead the shift that will enable society to live in harmony with nature*

**664,000**  
members

**319**  
youth organisations

**140**  
countries





# What we do

## International



### **Coordinate youth participation in the CBD and other relevant processes**

(actions, policy tracking, lobbying, outreach, side-events and workshops)



### **Capacity building**

Workshops, webinars and publications



### **Outreach and awareness**

Spread information and opportunities



### **Liaison**

Coordinate inputs and actions with other youth caucus and relevant networks and organizations



### **Support establishment of national platforms (GYBN regional nodes)**

Japan, Mexico, Madagascar, South East Asia

# CBD IN A NUTSHELL



TBC

2019

2018

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**May 1–6, 2017**  
Alexander von Humboldt  
Institute, Colombia



**May 21–28, 2017**  
National Parks Board,  
Singapore



**August 11–20, 2017**  
Department of Environmental  
Affairs, RSA



## Snowballing Effect

Several participants were inspired by the workshops and through a **collaborative follow-up process**, are leading the creation of several **GYBN National and Regional Chapters**, mobilising communities and **multiplying the impact**.

**3000+** directly engaged

**8000+** monthly social media reach

**94** Countries

**224** Leaders





- 10 mini workshops in 10 Schools with a total of 800 participants



¡Conversatorio entre jóvenes!

Intégrate al nodo de  
tu estado o por  
skype @EcoMaxei

¡COMENZAMOS!  
LUNES 8 DE  
MAYO - 7 A 9 PM







# Fridays for Future



**More than 1 million students in 2000 cities in 120 countries**







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Copenhagen 2009:  
100.000 people on the  
street



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# Youth Perspective on Post-2020

- Almost none of the Aichi Targets are on track to be achieved by 2020
- As the “Generation Aichi” we are frustrated about the lack of implementation
- We cannot discuss about Post-2020 without solving the implementation crisis of the CBD!





# Key Priorities for Post-2020

- 2019-2020 still important to mobilize action
  - “Sharm el-Sheikh to Beijing Action Agenda” must live up to its name and turn letters on paper into real impact on the ground
- Parties need to do everything in their power to bring “effective implementation” to the center of Post-2020
  - reconsider timescale of Strategic Plans – are 10 years enough?
  - Milestones and Short-Term Action Plans
  - e.g. 15-year Strategic Plan divided into three 5-year priority action agendas





## Addressing the Implementation Crisis

- We need to look at the whole picture in terms of implementation
  - not only implementation on the ground is poor but also the system in which implementation is happening
    - no sanctions for non-compliance
    - power asymmetries between ministries → environmental ministry is usually not the strongest
    - lack of resources for implementation (money, staff, capacity...)
    - lack of political priority, corruption...







## Are the tools that we have sufficient?

- We need better mechanisms for Monitoring and Compliance
- How can we strengthen NBSAPs?
  - We need a serious debate about how NBSAPs can be improved
- What role can Voluntary Commitments play in Post-2020?
  - role of VCs needs to be defined → how can we ensure that Voluntary Commitments are ADDITIONAL and don't undermine NBSAPs?
- How can we improve the CBD's Strategy for Resource Mobilization?
- How can Capacity-Building under the CBD become more effective?



# KEY PRIORITIES FOR POST 2020

- ✓ Ensure that the **integrity of biodiversity and ecosystems** is a **fundamental human right**
- ✓ Address it in the post 2020 global biodiversity framework as a **cross cutting theme across all targets,**
- ✓ but also, through a **stand alone goal on Socio-environmental justice through minority empowerment (women, IPLCs and youth)**
- ✓ Develop **synergies with international governance on human rights** and other UN processes
- ✓ Develop an **action plan with concrete milestones for implementation and provisions for monitoring and reporting, as well as capacity building and awareness raising.**



## KEY PRIORITIES FOR POST 2020

*Let's don't think about what is politically feasible – because living in harmony with nature is not a questions of political feasibility, it is a question of survival.*





# Thank you!!



Japan  
Biodiversity  
Fund



Convention on  
Biological Diversity



## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

**Mobilization & Alliance building:** global youth coordination platform, support national/regional networks, strengthen and build partnerships,

**Empowerment and capacity development:** Workshops, webinars, dialogues to build capacity, provide mentorship

**Policy Advocacy:** international (CBD, other conventions, other youth constitutions) national mobilization (National chapters and networks, NFP)

**Information, knowledge & experience sharing:** Development of publications, infographics and capacity building toolkits

**Communication, Campaigns and Actions:** Coordinate campaigns and actions to push for strong commitments

