



SDG ACTION ZONE

United Nations Youth Climate Summit
21 September 2019
Rose Garden, United Nations Headquarters
9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Background

Climate change is the defining problem of our generation. Without concerted efforts and concrete solutions from young people, we will not be able to address the crisis and risk, leaving the most vulnerable behind. The SDG Action Zone will showcase solutions, commitments, and pledges made by young people to tackle the climate emergency. Participants will be able to interact with exhibits, network with climate activists and experts, present their solutions in an open mic format, and experience innovative ways to take climate action. The Youth Climate Compact, which emerged from thousands of youth pledging to take climate action at the 68th UN Civil Society Conference, will be featured. The SDG Action Zone is organized by the Department of Global Communications Youth Representatives Steering Committee, with the support of the Youth Climate Team in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General.

9:30 - 10 a.m.

Welcome and Morning Call to Action!

Juan Pablo Celis Garcia, United Nations Association of New York

10 - 10:35 a.m.

Livestream from Trusteeship Council - Climate Youth Summit

10:35 - 11:05 a.m.

Our Oceans are at Risk

The session will showcase actions and solutions towards addressing the crisis in our oceans, including the role of communities in engaging industry and Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)

Moderator

Nehali Anupriya, Adviser, Office of the President of the General Assembly

Speakers

Luke Mullen, Actor and Environmentalist
Johanna Schwarz, DMUN e.V, Germany
Steve Chiu, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

11:05 - 11:30 a.m.

Rainforests on Fire: From Talk to Action!

Social media influencers will present initiatives that unite media personalities and artists to raise awareness and support organizations that work to mitigate ecological disasters in rainforests.

Moderator

Tais Gadea Lara, Media Personality

Speakers

Toya Montoya, Model, Founder Act4Amazonia
Laura Tobon, Media Personality and Environmental Advocate

11:30 - 11:55 a.m.

Climate Justice for Human Rights

Discussants will underscore the importance of addressing the climate emergency with a human rights lens to ensure just transition and protection of vulnerable communities.



Moderator

Tais Gadea Lara, Media Personality

Speakers

Josh Rush, Actor and Human Rights Activist

Ashwin Paranjpe, Mahindra United World College

11:55 a.m.- 12:05 p.m.

The Youth Climate Compact: A Global Pledge to Action

#YouthClimateCompact will be presented and youth will be encouraged to make commitments towards climate action in their communities and cities.

Presenter

Annie Deng, The City College of New York

12:05 - 12:10 p.m.

#YouthClimateCompact Social Media Moment

So... What's Your Plan? Make your pledge with Toya Montoya / Luke Mullen / Josh Rush / Laura Tobon

12:10 - 3 p.m.

Lunchtime Workshops

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

Workshop 1: "Art Build", Organized by 350.org

1:35 - 2:50 p.m.

Workshop 2: The "Science of Networks", Organized by March for Science

3 - 3:30 p.m.

Climate Slam - Adapting Now for a Resilient Future

Organized by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

3:30 - 4 p.m.

Open Mic: Climate Action and Solutions

Participants will be encouraged to make pledges and commitments, as well as showcase solutions to fight climate change.

4 - 4:30 p.m.

The Power of Young Consumers

This segment will look at the power of young consumers and their ability to shift economies towards more sustainable business practices and individual consumption patterns.

Moderator

Aishwarya Narasimhadevara, Medical Women's International Association

Speakers

Madison Ross, Mercado Global

Joel-Lehi Organista, League of United Latin American Citizens

Daniel Chidubem Gbujie, Team54Project

4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Climate Action Food Showcase: Kitchen Connection

This platform will present chefs, both online and offline, who will showcase innovative climate-conscious recipes and the power that food has to combat climate change. (Brought to you with the support of the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), the UN Department of Global Communications (DGC) and New York University (NYU))

Participants

Earlene Cruz, Director, Kitchen Connection

Chef Nkem Odewunmi

Chef Grace Ramirez

Chef Hanan Rasheed

5:45 - 6 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Ali Mustafa, Glocha

6 p.m.

End of Programme and Livestream from Trusteeship Council

