



Climate Youth Negotiator Programme



FUTURE
LEADERS
NETWORK

The Problem

We need trusted, effective leaders to achieve climate justice



Climate change negotiations are crucial to delivering climate justice and a just transition which both tackles the root causes of climate change and protects the climate vulnerable communities who did not cause the impending crisis, but most keenly feel its consequences.



But these negotiations are complex and take extensive knowledge, experience and intuition to master. In short - becoming an effective climate change negotiator takes time (which we're fast running out of) and money (an issue which entrenches existing systemic inequalities).

Our Solution

Create the next generation of climate change negotiators with the skills, knowledge, networks and resources to deliver transformative change



The Climate Youth Negotiator Programme (CYNP) is a global, holistic, intergenerational programme to build a strong, diverse pipeline of climate change negotiators to lead the world's most important multilateral negotiations.



The CYNP will do this by equipping young leaders with skills, knowledge and networks they need to lead climate change negotiations, whilst also bridging the barriers of inclusivity, so that youth from countries who have historically been underrepresented or systemically ignored have equal opportunities to participate in negotiations.

Our Case for Change



The Moral Imperative

Children and young adults have a right to take part in and influence decision making about their future.

The Climate Youth Negotiator Programme ensures the meaningful participation of young people in climate change negotiations by equipping them with all the needed skills and giving them a seat at the decision making tables.



Our Case for Change

The National Imperative

To best represent their communities' needs, countries must invest in succession planning to ensure they have their best people at the table to negotiate on their behalf at multilateral conferences.

The Climate Youth Negotiator Programme offers countries a holistic, consistent and powerful talent management tool, so they can be confident they have the skilled negotiators they need for negotiations now, and in the future.



Our Case for Change

The Intergenerational Imperative

Young people have contributed the least to the current climate crisis, but are the most likely to experience its catastrophic consequences. We also see an intersectional effect, with the countries with the youngest populations also some of the most geographically vulnerable to climate disasters.

Empowering youth to participate in climate change negotiations is fundamental to securing intergenerationally fair and just policies that both reflect and respond to the needs of the global community now, and that protect the rights of generations to come in the future.



Our Case for Change

The Transformational Imperative

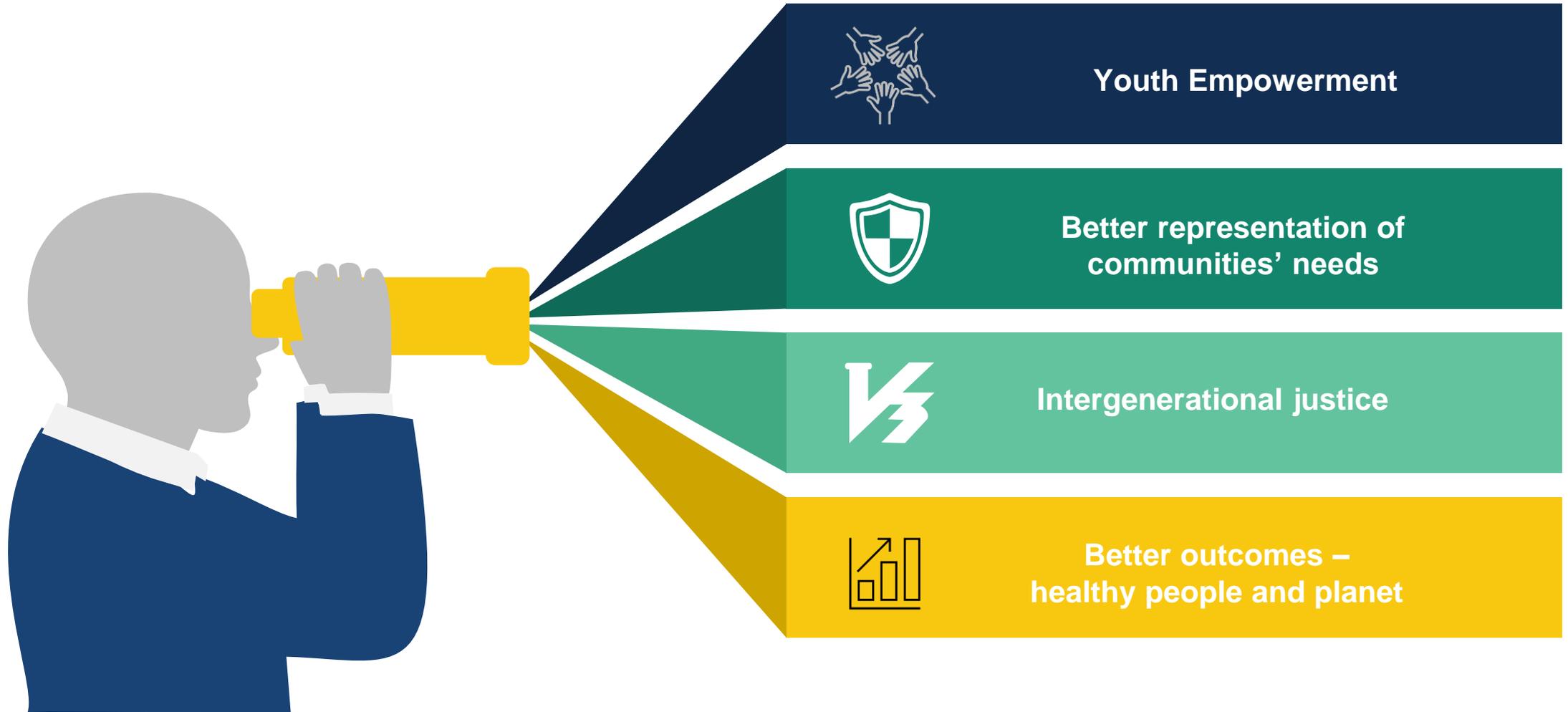
To address the root causes of the climate crisis, we need systemic change across all sections of society.

Children and young adults are the largest generation of untouched potential, a driving force and catalyst for radical and transformational change in international climate change negotiations.

Harnessing this potential could change the fate of the planet.



Our Impacts



How it will work

Goal for 2022: 20 - 60 trained youth negotiators from at least 20 countries at COP27

01

Countries sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the CYNP team. We are currently in conversation with 40+ countries.

02

Countries nominate 1 - 3 youth to participate in the CYNP Programme

03

Participants benefit from a holistic, intensive six month Programme to boost their capacity, confidence and connections



How it will work

Enabling earnest and visionary negotiators



Capacity Building

A holistic and technical skills negotiation training

Advocacy

International advocacy to prepare the ground for intergenerational leadership



Community

A youth negotiator community to spark collaboration & momentum

Travel Grants

Travel and subsistence grants to increase effective participation



Removing systemic and practical barriers

Our Salient Features



Led by Youth

who understand the uniqueness of this space and are motivated to find the right solutions



Wisdom Council

for strategic alignment and to bring in intergenerational wisdom



Unique Team Composition

with diverse individuals creating powerful synergies



Independent and Interrelated

we have strong connections to the system but are unencumbered by bureaucracy

Our Ecosystem

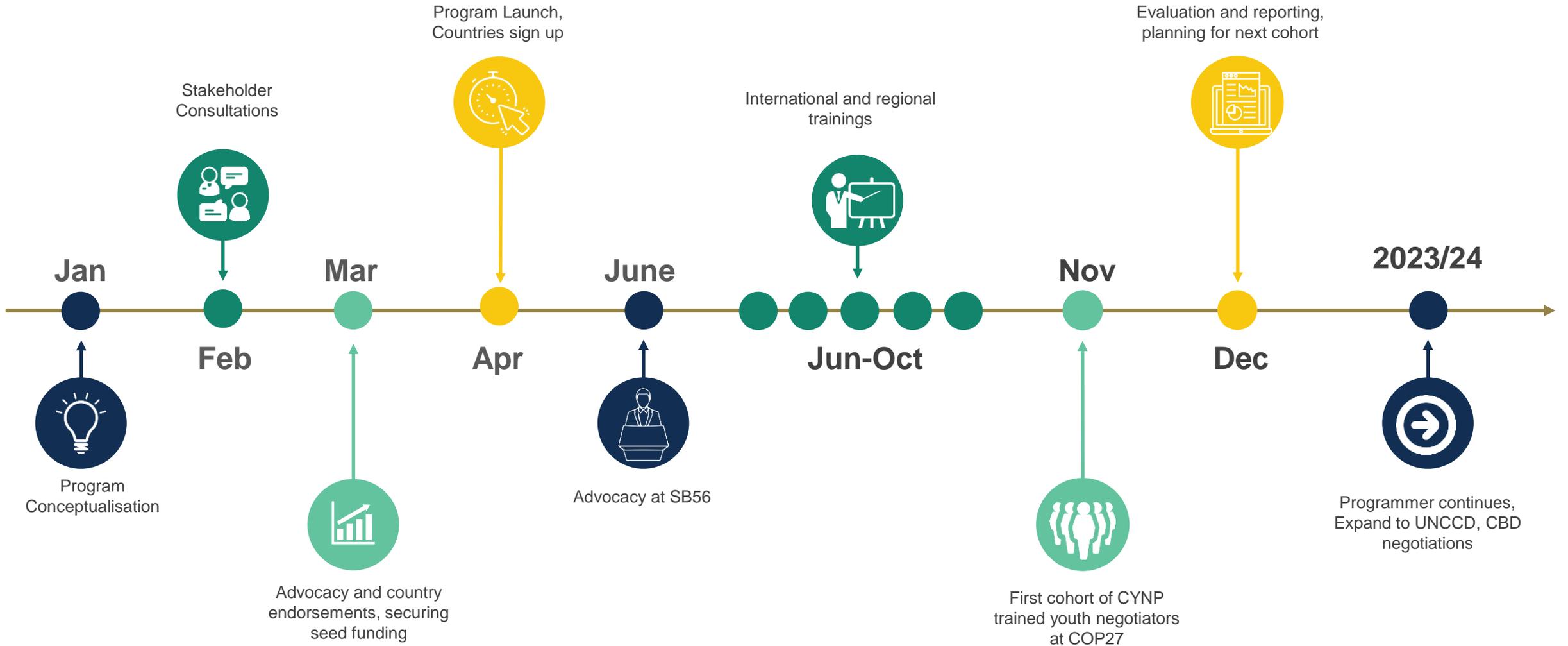
DELIVERED IN COLLABORATION WITH OVER 50 ENTITIES

UN entities, NGOs, Foundations, Organisations, Individuals

In the following categories:

Technical knowledge | Implementation | Funding | Strategic | Outreach |

Our Timeline



Our Team



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Co Founder

Swiss Negotiator at COP25
Deputy Director at Climate Alliance Switzerland, Policy Lead
Global Focal Point of YOUNGO 2020-2021

Loves glacier hiking & sailing



Heeta Lakhani

Co Founder

Climate Educator
Founder of The ClimAct Initiative
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Animal lover and Indian master chef



Sophie Daud

Co Founder

Chief Executive Officer at the Future Leaders Network
Chair of the G7 Youth Summit 2021

Philosopher and scientist - curious about life!



Veena Balakrishnan

Co Founder

Social Entrepreneur with a focus on social innovation and grassroots empowerment, Firekeeper at the World Ethic Forum

Believes in aligning actions with purpose in life

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