

COP21

30 November to 11 December, 2015

COY 11

26th -28th November 2015

Paris, France

African Clim-Dev Youth Platform (ACLYP) Participation at the COY 11, African Pavilion and UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris

Theme: African Youth Participation in the Global Climate change Regime, What is at stake in Paris - Creating Great Opportunities for African Youths?

Background

The African Clim-Dev Youth Platform(ACLYP) have earmarked activities for this defining year, where the world is charting the way forward on development, with climate change bearing a cross cutting angle to it. ACLYP desires to follow through with planned activities set for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change UNFCCC's twenty first Conference of Parties COP 21 from 30th November 2015 to 11th December 2015. This is an opportunity to solicit to our governments and leaders across the world that we need climate action now.

ACLYP will participate in the 11th conference of youth COY 11 from the 26th -28th of November 2015 three days before the COP 21 in Paris. The COY 11 is a great platform created for global youths to meet and discuss critical issues that need urgent attention in the ongoing global climate talks. COY 11 will take place from 26 to 28th November 2015 comprising youths from the global North and Global South respectively. As a build-up on COY 11, the African Clim-Dev Youth Platform (ACLYP) will organise five (5), High Level African youth forums at the African Pavilion as a side event to COP21.

Some selected ACLYP members will also participate in the actual COP 21 conference through various avenues such as closed door meetings, plenary sessions, parallel sessions, pre-events and other side events such as the Peoples summit. ACLYP has identified some eminent youth to deliver keynote addresses and presentations on various contentious issues as well as their experiences at COP21. They shall also look into the expected outcomes of the crucial global climate governance regime with regard to the objective of the UNFCCC, as articulated in Article 2 of the convention.

Objectives

The objectives are;

- Contribute to the ongoing discussions and highlight African youth issues solutions and position on climate change.
- Bringing together youth networks to share knowledge and experiences from their community engagement interactions on climate change
- To engage the youth in showcasing their climate change responses.

Mode of Participation

1. Participation at the Conference of Youth COY: presentation on financial inclusion of youth for Climate change projects.
2. A high-level plenary with Ministers, regional representatives, youths and prominent experts.
3. Helpdesks and trainings; a stand to inform and educate youth on the progress of the negotiations and collate a youth database of youth organizations participating in the COPs.
4. Activities planned in collaboration with African Youth Initiative on Climate Change AYICC; workshops on climate mobilisation, climate change TV and showcasing of youth videos.
5. Representation at the Youth Non-governmental Organization YOUNGO (the youth constitution of the UNFCCC) Council meeting.
6. Exhibitions; ACLYP and its member organizations shall participate at the youth booth space to exhibit products such as books, innovations/solutions, posters and other materials during the African Pavilion.

Expected Outputs

- To open up the space for more in-depth discussions on specific climate change and development topics as identified under the sub-themes, and the formulation of strategies and interventions for youth participation in COP21 and beyond.
- To create a better understanding of the Climate change negotiations among the African youth and identify entry points for youth engagement,
- Constructive discussion with high level dignitaries to improve youth engagement on regional climate strategies for youth employment creation,
- Network and link up with experts, organizations, decision makers for possible future collaborations and engagement,
- To identify adaptation policies and measures to cope with a changing climate and tailor them to local needs.