

CONCEPT NOTE

Youth Talks – Climate Change

QUESTIONS

- In what ways can trade be a solution to climate change?
- In your country/region what are the most important sectors being affected by climate change and how are they critical for the development of your country?
- How should young people's views on trade and climate change be captured? And where?
- How can young people advance climate action in their local communities?
- How can the youth engage companies to develop more sustainable operations?

DESCRIPTION

As the world embarks on a post-pandemic recovery, there's a growing sense of urgency to use this window of opportunity to reflect on people's relationship with nature and chart a new pathway towards a sustainable economy, one that works for both people and the planet. Climate change is already affecting human health, transportation systems, food and water supplies.

Small island and developing states (SIDS) and coastal communities face even greater challenges due to their geographical location as sea levels rise and higher temperatures fuel extreme weather conditions. The current moment presents an opportunity for young people as ambassadors of climate action, to drive transformative changes on the ground and help strengthen the ability of businesses and governments to deal with impacts of climate change through increased cooperation and dialogue.

Natural environments present a source of livelihoods and well-being for billions of people. Young generation as leaders of the transformative era, now have the chance to advocate for a resilient and greener economy that will lead to prosperity, new jobs and a healthier planet.

Youth Talks is a project that is part of the preparations for the UNCTAD15 Youth Forum. Its outcomes will be fed into a report addressed to UNCTAD member States and contain the views of the youth. It will run until 3 October 2021. Participation guidelines to the Youth Talks online discussion platform and the subscription link are available on the Youth Talks webpage.