Academy for Green Youth Leadership Empowerment (AGYLE) to support efforts towards the attainment of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement

Overview

AGYLE offers a holistic training programme (face-to-face training, practical activities, mentoring, online trainings) to youth stakeholders, directly or indirectly engaged with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process with the objective of empowering youth on green economy, climate change, climate finance to facilitate youth-led climate action.

The Need

While the concept of youth training focusing on green economy and climate related matters is not a novel concept - several initiatives are already involved in youth engagement - there exists a huge opportunity to learn from these initiatives and form a collaborative platform to bring together youth stakeholders in the UNFCCC process. In doing so, the project can leverage and strengthen youth connections while avoiding duplication of effort. The objective of this academy is to build upon and add value to existing youth engagement frameworks that would empower youth to participate in and promote the green economy and the climate action agenda by engaging with the UNFCCC processes at the global, regional and national levels.

Objectives

AGYLE aims to develop and build upon existing capacity of youth from diverse stakeholder groups through the training of academy participants in the following areas:

1. Explaining key elements of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the role of climate action in the broader context of sustainable development.

2. Identifying & articulating the interrelations and interdependencies between the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in five critical dimensions of Sustainable Development: People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership.

3. Identifying and executing best practices to ensure coherence and mutual reinforcement between the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

4. Explaining existing tools and instruments to mainstream sustainable development and climate action into national development policies and planning.

Key Expected Outcomes

- Train youth from different stakeholder groups on key aspects of green economy and climate change.
- Improve the support of youth to global green economy and climate action efforts including aspects related to finance, technology and capacity-building.
- Strengthen the capacity of youth negotiators to participate in the UNFCCC process.
- Develop a series of training modules in person and online which can be used to support activities for the Paris Agreement implementation.
- Establish a group of trainers and mentors to act as a resource to be deployed by the academy and other institutions for capacity-building.

Get Involved

The program offers several opportunities for collaborative action. Interested members can contribute by:

- Supporting content development, including online courses
- Supporting the hosting and management of the platform for online courses
- Supporting the delivery of courses and other activities
- Volunteering time to mentor selected participants