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World's Youth for Climate Justice

“Taking the world’s problem to the world’s highest court”

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**Amplify youth voices
through Meaningful
Participation in
domestic and
international policy
and legislative
processes that seek
to address pressing
environmental and
human rights issues**



Peace Palace, which houses the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands

UNGA Historic Vote

On March 29, 2023, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) achieved a **landmark consensus** by adopting a resolution to request an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on climate change.



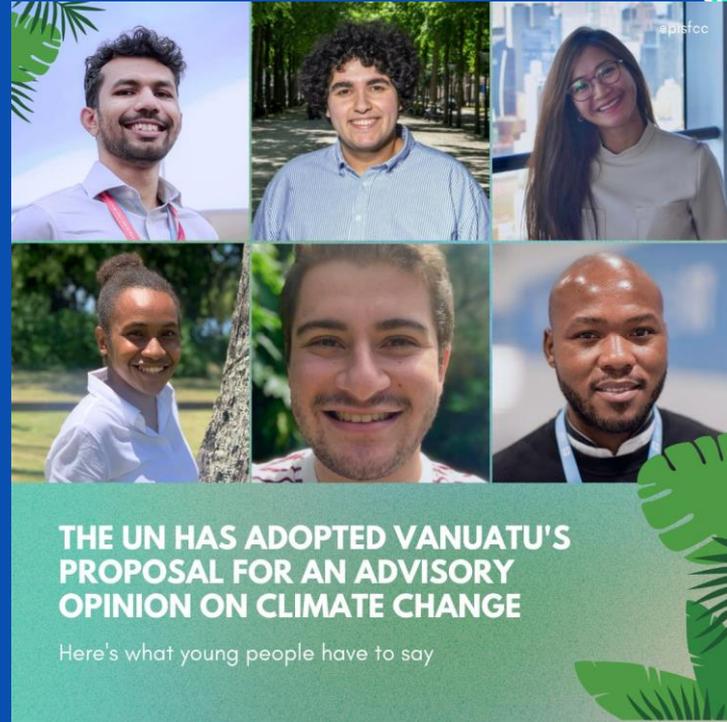
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World's Youth for Climate Justice celebrating the adoption
by consensus of the ICJ climate advisory opinion resolution
AO Let's Go!



Never before has the UNGA requested an ICJ advisory opinion through a resolution adopted by consensus.



Historic UN resolution on ICJAO on 29th March 2023



“Those who have contributed the least are already experiencing climate hell... For some countries climate change is a death sentence, and indeed it is by the initiative of those countries, joined by so many others and by the **efforts of young people from all across the world** that brings us together today. And together you are making history.”

H.E. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General



“Climate Justice and intergenerational equity, need for urgent and ambitious action to counter existential threat of climate change, including limiting temperature rise to 1.5 degrees... This resolution was born from Pacific youth who called upon our leaders to use international law as a tool to further highlight the need to take action. **I would also like to recognize the World’s Youth for Climate Justice** for their passion and for bringing this important issue to their own countries.”

H.E. Jeem Lippwe, Permanent Representative of Federated States of Micronesia to the UN





UNGA highlights

WYCJ, PISFCC and Hon. Ralph Regenvanu, Vanuatu's Minister of Climate Change Adaptation



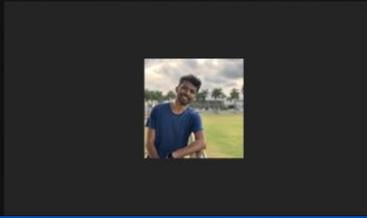
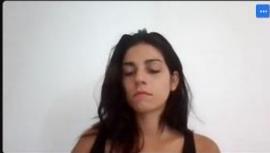
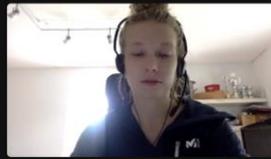
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WYCJ Website Front Page Redesign - May 21

- Brief introduction of the regional front**
 - Minimum message
 - Brief details about the aim and goal of the campaign in X region
- Vision or Mission Statement**
 - Not compulsory, but if there is a particular mission or vision statement, or anything inspiring please put this here.
- Participating Countries**
 - List all of countries in that region that have a campaign
 - If these country campaigns have a separate website, or social media details, please provide these and we will hyperlink these.
- People**
 - Headshots of all the people leading the campaign in the different countries.
 - Name and contact details of these people (email, social media)
- Quote**
 - Include a quote that resonates well with the regional campaign. Can be inspiring and motivating. Ideally, the quote would be from someone from the region.
- Join the campaign**
 - This would be the current form and would be open to anyone from that region. The form will be sent to the regional front leader who can then list the national leaders. Have about nine leaders (sorry a bit tedious but that is unfortunately the best we can do right now).

Participants:

- Julie Schnakenberg
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NEXT QUESTION

The Court: Global Youth Movement for ambitious ICJAO in six pillars

Pillar 1

The
court-
room

Pillar 2:

National
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Pillar 3:

Civil
Society
coalitions

Pillar 4:

Research
writing
and legal
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Pillar 5:

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Pillar 6:

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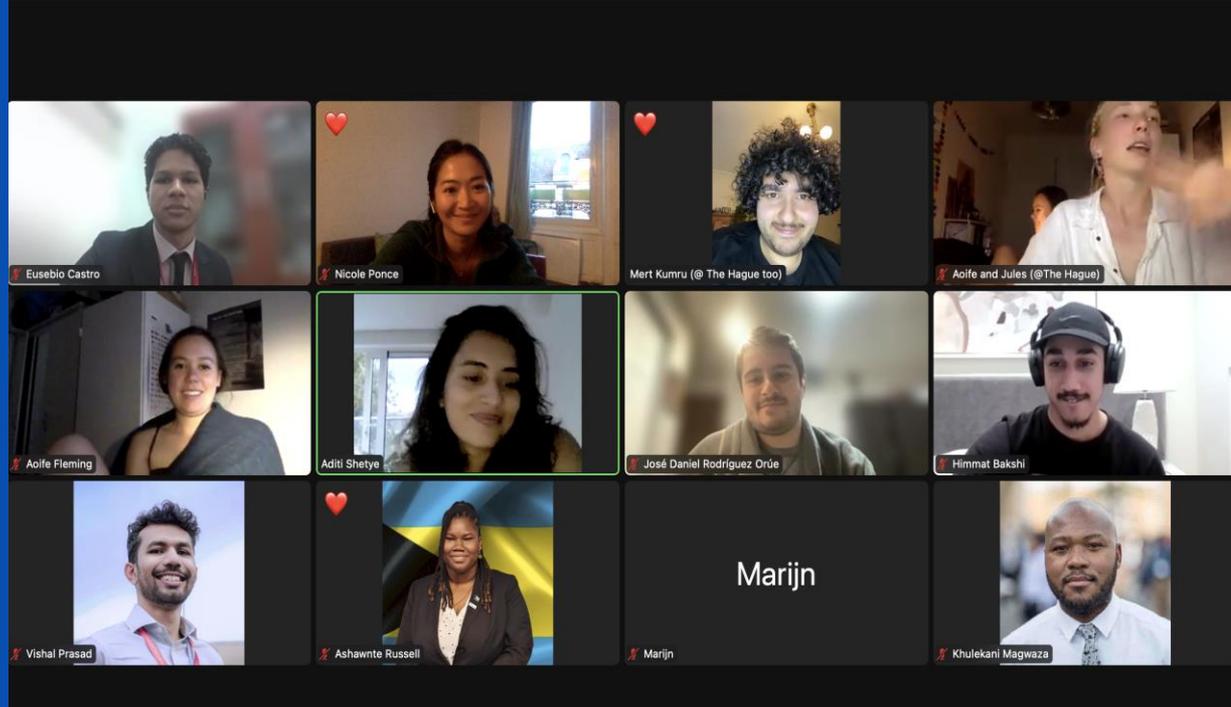
Pillar 1

The court-room



National Campaigns advocating for Global Solidarity

Pillar 2: National Campaigns



Building a global campaign – Asia, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Caribbean, the Pacific



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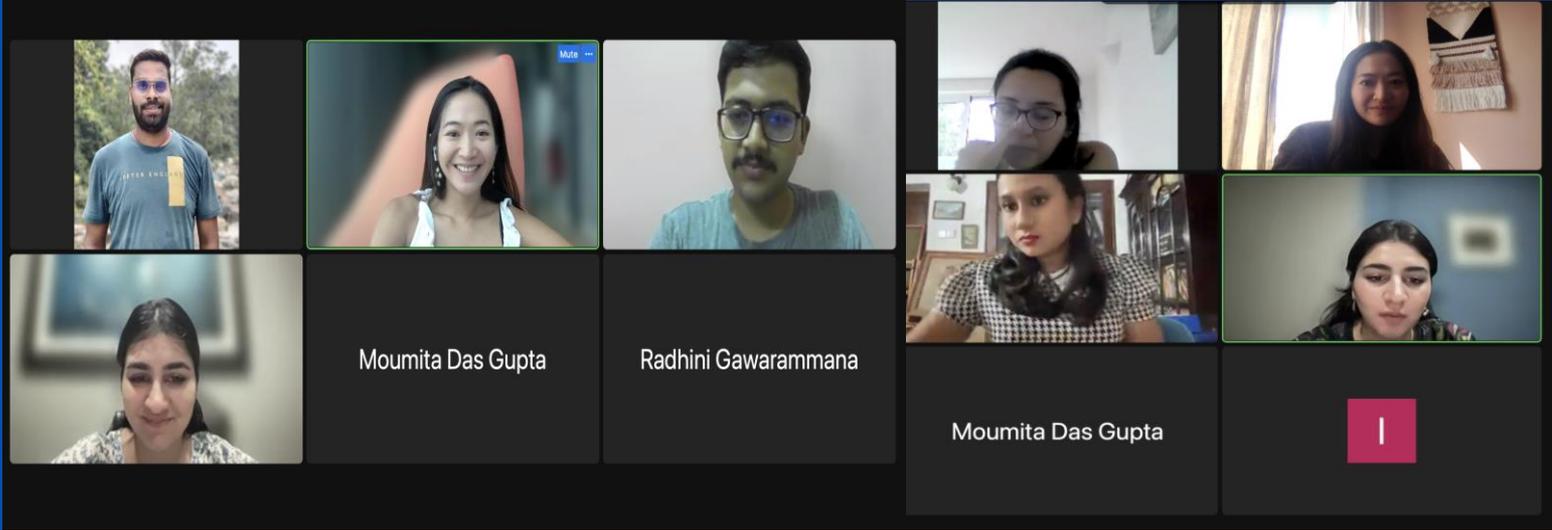


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Our Friends of the Initiative

Pillar 3: Civil Society coalitions

Notable supporters including **Christiana Figueres** former UNFCCC Executive Secretary, **Dr. David Boyd** Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment amongst others who lend their name and credibility to the initiative.

Institutional supporters amplify our campaign including through social media and by co-organizing events.

Friends of the Initiative

Empowered by the global support of the #OurFutureOurRights Campaign, we are compiling an international list of endorsing organizations and prominent individuals for their support.

[Sign up as a Friend of the Initiative](#)



Mary Robinson

Mary Robinson is the Chair of The Elders, former President of Ireland and the former UN High Commissioner on Human Rights

"I absolutely support an ICJ Advisory Opinion and I hope it will raise awareness on climate justice."

"I would invite those who are involved in the AO to take a very broad view of the injustices that need a climate justice approach."



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On May 29-30, the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), in partnership with the Asia Pacific Forum (APF), organized a Regional Consultation on Business and Human Rights, Environment, and Climate Change in ASEAN.

WYCJ's Asian front was invited to participate in this series of regional consultations.



Academic Conversation

Pillar 4:
Research
writing
and legal
advocacy



WYCJ Flagship Legal Report



Climate Law and Governance Day at COP26

Cambridge International Law Journal

Edward Elgar Publishing (www.elgaronline.com/cilj)

**WYCJ Symposium:
International Court of Justice
Advisory Opinion, Climate
Justice & Youth Human
Rights**

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