



**Global Youth
Biodiversity
Network**





Several youth activists and organizations were proposing the idea to organize themselves in an international platform



The Japanese government bring all these groups together and youth from 66 countries agreed to launch and initiative to establish GYBN



An interim Steering Committee is formed and received strong support from the CBD Secretariat



The German government provides generous support for the initiative and GYBN is officially launched prior to COP11



GYBN coordinate the youth participation during COP11 and its activities successfully push parties to acknowledge the importance of Children and Youth (Decision XI/8 B)



The GYBN kick-off meeting

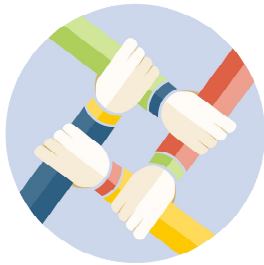
Establish GYBN & Prepare for CBD COP11 in India

- August 21st to 27th 2012, Germany
- 35 representatives from 20 countries
- Workshops, Panels, COP-Simulations, Actions, Working Groups etc.
- funded by the German government, hosted by NAJU

Adopted GYBN Statute, GYBN Position Paper for COP11, Structure and operations



Basic Structure



Team
(Interim Steering Committee)



Rules
(Statute with mandates and terms of references)



Activities
(prepare for COP11)



Coordination tools
(Webpage, mailing list, group)



Focal points
(Contact - Liaise with other organizations)



2012 - COP11 – Hyderabad, India

- Actions
- Meeting with ES
- Partnerships (Indian youth, CBD Alliance)
- Place at the high level segment



Lobby for a decision on Youth

Decision XI/8 - Engagement of other stakeholders, major groups and subnational authorities

B. → Children and youth

The Conference of the Parties,

Acknowledging the importance of youth participation in decision-making processes at all levels,

1. → **Encourages Parties and other governments to include youth fully in all relevant processes, and specifically in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, national biodiversity strategies and action plans as activities under the United Nations Decade for Biodiversity, and**

2. → **Invites Parties to continue to provide support for youth initiatives that support the three objectives of the Convention, such as the Global Youth Biodiversity Network.**

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Acknowledgement of the importance of youth participation

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Encourages parties to fully involve youth in all relevant processes

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Invites parties to continue to provide support for youth initiatives that support the three objectives of the conventions

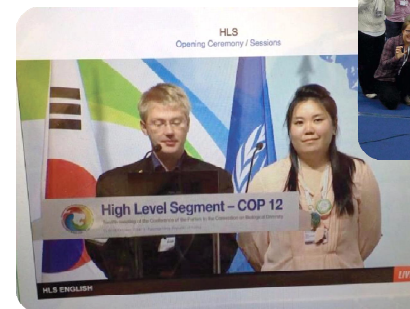
2014 – WGRI5 / SBSTTA 18 – Montreal, Canada

- Used our per diems and brought 2 more people
- Co-organized side event on stakeholder engagement with the CBD Alliance
- 4 interventions on stakeholder engagement, cooperation
- Approached South Korea for Funding



2014 – COP12 – Pyeongchang, ROK

- 36 Delegates (15 funded by GYBN)
- 3 Side events
- 2 press conferences
- Speak for a species campaign
- 5 interventions on stakeholder engagement, cooperation
- Launched Youth Voices at the opening plenary of the HLS
- Secured funding for youth voices



GYBN is

Network of individuals and youth organizations active on biodiversity issues

International coordination platform for youth participation in the CBD



COMMITMENTS

- Voice young people's perspectives and positions in negotiations and build a strong global coalition to advocate for the rights of future generations within the biodiversity policy arena
- Raise awareness on the values of biodiversity and develop capacity among youth
- Promote and facilitate collaboration between youth from diverse backgrounds
- Inspire youth to lead society towards the sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity for a healthy planet.

**Our
members**

342.500
members

110
youth organizations

97
countries



Structure

GYBN Steering Committee



**Dodé Heim Myline
HOUEHOUNHA**
(Benin)



**Mlora
RAKOTOARIVELO**
(Madagascar)



**Swetha
STOTRA BASHYAM**
(India)



**Reem
AL MEALLA**
(Bahrain)



**Christian
SCHWARZER**
(Germany)
*Global North
Focal Point*



**Xiomara
ACEVEDO**
(Colombia)



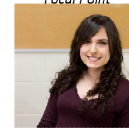
**Melina
SAKIYAMA**
(Brazil)
*Global South
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(Bolivia)



James KALIISA
(Uganda)



Dayna NOLTIE
(Canada)



Shailyn DRUKIS
(Canada)



**Alan
MONROY OJEDA**
(Mexico)
*Mexican Youth
Representative*



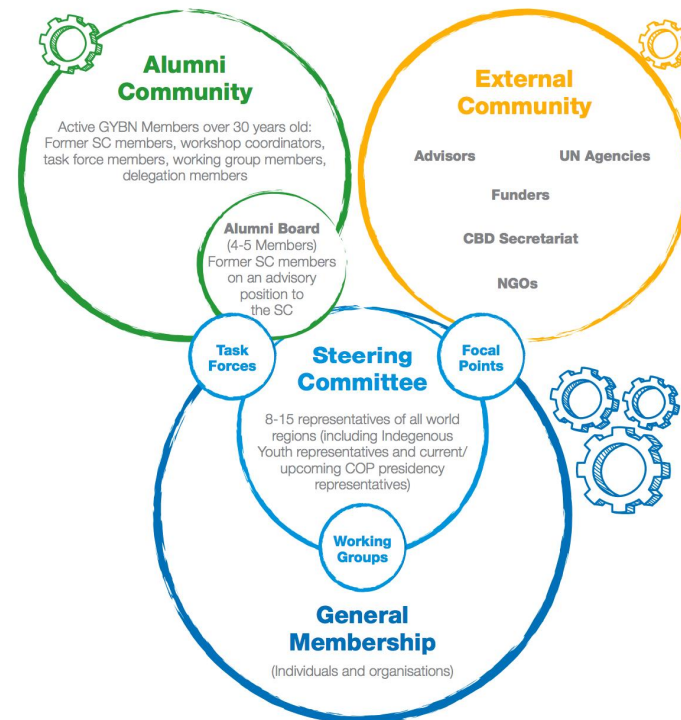
Adrian WATSON
(Jamaica)



Claire RUTHERFORD
(United Kingdom)



Minjae SONG
(South Korea)
*Korean Youth
Representative*



Operations



Housekeeping

Internal organization, adm for all accounts (e-mails, mailing list, groups, drive), membership registration, online meetings



Policy

Track negotiations, develop policy papers and interventions



Communications & Outreach

Webpage, mailing list



Campaigning

Develop actions & campaigns



Fundraising & Partnerships



Training & Capacity Building

Webinars, workshops, publications



Taskforces & working groups

Takes care of specific projects or topics



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What we do

International



Coordinate youth participation in the CBD and other relevant processes

(actions, policy tracking, lobbying, outreach, side-events and workshops)



Capacity building Workshops, webinars and publications



Outreach and awareness Spread information and opportunities



Liaison Coordinate inputs and actions with other youth caucus and relevant networks and organizations



Support establishment of national platforms (GYBN regional nodes) India Youth Biodiversity Network, Japan Biodiversity Youth Network



What we do

Around the world



Our **members and member organizations** engage in several biodiversity conservation activities:

Awareness raising & campaigning, capacity building, education and research, conservation, lobby & policy



Covering a very diverse range of topics:

agriculture, forests, marine, poverty & development, climate change, wetlands, protected areas, wildlife



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