



# GYBN is

**Global network** of individuals and youth organizations active on biodiversity

**International coordination platform** for youth participation in the CBD



## COMMITMENTS

- Voice young people's perspectives and positions and advocate for the rights of future generations within the biodiversity policy arena
- Build a global biodiversity movement that pushes for societal change to halt the loss of biodiversity
- Raise awareness, build capacities among and strengthen partnerships and collaboration between youth communities and organizations

*Empowering youth to lead the shift that will enable society to live in harmony with nature*

**664,000**  
members

**319**  
youth organisations

**140**  
countries



# 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)**

Japan, Mexico, Madagascar, South East Asia

# Mainstreaming Biodiversity through YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & MOBILIZATION



## VIBRANT YOUTH MOVEMENT FOR BIODIVERSITY

*Young people **mobilized and organized** at the national and regional levels spearheading conservation, lobbying, outreach, communication, capacity building and other activities to support the work of the CBD and the work of local governments with their NBSAPs and push for stronger commitments beyond 2020*





# CBD IN A NUTSHELL





# Global Biodiversity Framework for Post 2020







# INCREASE BIODIVERSITY AWARENESS

By 2020, of the total, people are aware of the values of biodiversity and the steps they can take to conserve and use it sustainably.

## What's this target about?



## Why is it important?



## Are we achieving the target?



## Data gaps



## Obstacles



## What we need to do?



## Inspiring initiatives



## Examples of National targets set by countries







## FUTURE FOR BIODIVERSITY



### Values

#### PEACE

Harmony with nature

Healthy society

#### FAIRNESS

Inclusive

IPLCs

Collaboration - codesign, co-construction

Equality

Social-Environmental Justice

Human Rights

Power Balance

#### GoLOCAL

connect to local people

Traditional knowledge/wisdom

Back to roots

Spirituality

deeper connection with land

#### Shared Planet/Future

commons

Unite

efforts

vision

Responsibility - all stakeholders have different responsibilities and rights



## BOTTOM-UP YOUTH-LED CULTURE

### Back to our origins

**GoLocal: “Think globally, act locally”** Solutions for global complex issues will happen at the community and municipal level. They will be the main protagonists of the mindset shift we need in our culture in order to live in harmony with biodiversity

**Togetherness within diversity:** Different voices speaking for a shared vision

**We are biodiversity:** We are intrinsically connected to our land, our environment, our nature. We are part of biodiversity and biodiversity is part of us.



## STRATEGIC ACTIONS

**Alliance building:** Provide an global coordination platform for youth and biodiversity, support national chapters, regional networks, strengthen and build partnerships, facilitate collaboration and project development

**Empowerment and capacity development:** Organize workshops, webinars, dialogues to build capacity, provide mentorship

**Policy Advocacy:** Global Youth Consultation on Post 2020

**Outreach & communication:** Online campaigns, actions and social media presence

**Information, knowledge & experience sharing:** Development of publications, infographics and capacity building toolkits







# Youth Perspective on Post-2020

- Aichi Target 1 of course still relevant
- Should not look at Post-2020 as an “end-point” but as the start of a process → needs to be reflected in communication strategies
- should not separate between pre- and post-2020 → bridge between pre- and post-2020 needed





# Youth Perspective on Post-2020

- As the “Generation Aichi” we are frustrated about the lack of implementation
- Almost none of the Aichi Targets are on track to be achieved by 2020
- We cannot discuss about Post-2020 without solving the implementation crisis of the CBD!





# Youth Perspective on Post-2020

- **Power asymmetries and inequalities increase globally**
  - Populism, Post-Truth, Anti-Science, Anti-Democracy is taking hold all around the world
  - Corporate Power is gaining more and more control over public spaces
- **Marginalization of vulnerable groups such as Women, IPLCs, and youth**
- **Young People loose faith in the political system and the vision of our learders**







# Youth Perspective on Post-2020

- Post-2020 Framework must be designed in a bottom-up process
- all parts of society must be involved in its preparations
- Governments need to recognize youth as strategic partner for implementation





# Youth Perspective on Post-2020

- 2018-2020 still important to mobilize parties
  - “Sharm el-Sheikh to Beijing Action Agenda” must live up to its name and turn letters on paper into real impact on the ground
- Parties need to do everything in their power to bring “effective implementation” to the center of Post-2020
  - “Ratchet Mechanism” to monitor and increase ambition
  - Milestones and Short-Term Action Plans
  - reconsider timescale of Strategic Plans – are 10 years enough?



# Thank you!!



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Convention on  
Biological Diversity

