EVENT REPORT

LCOY India 2023

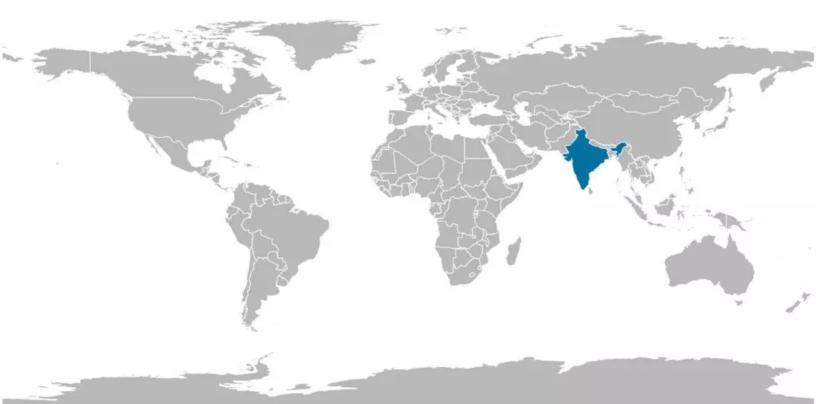


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Overview

Understanding LCOY

LCOY, or the Local Conference of Youth, embodies a youth-driven initiative operating within the framework of YOUNGO, the official youth constituency affiliated with the <u>United Nations</u> Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Marking its 8th iteration, held from 15th to 17th September 2023, LCOY India 2023 joins a global network of 110 LCOYs convened worldwide throughout the year.

The fundamental objective of LCOY is to provide a localized arena for young climate activists to amplify their impact and channel their passion towards effective climate action. Moreover, it serves as a channel through which the perspectives and recommendations of youth can be conveyed to the larger stage of the annual <u>Conference of Parties (COP)</u>, a cornerstone of the UN-Climate Change Conference. In essence, LCOY stands as a national counterpart to the International <u>Conference of Youth (COY)</u>, a precursor to the esteemed COP event.

LCOY India 2023: A Growing Success

LCOY India continues to reach new heights with each successive iteration, and this year's event was no exception. The 2023 edition of LCOY India took place at the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), nestled in the charming landscape of Thrissur, Kerala. LCOY India 2023 attracted a diverse and enthusiastic crowd, with over 130 delegates in attendance, representing more than 25 states across India. (this part is to be shown in infographics).

Official Hosts of LCOY 2023

The Bring Back Green Foundation (BBG) and the Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN) were the esteemed official hosts of the LCOY India 2023. These organizations, driven by their unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability and youth empowerment, play a pivotal role in shaping the agenda and success of this important event.

Established in 2019, BBG is a non-profit organization led by Director and co-founder, <u>Akhilesh</u> <u>Anil Kumar</u>. Comprising a dedicated team of socially conscious young individuals, BBG has committed itself to a multifaceted approach to environmental conservation with a specific focus on seven pivotal sectors: waste management, sustainable menstrual practices, climate communication, climate education, policy advocacy, coastal area resilience, and disaster management. They are accredited by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and recognized by the Basel and Rotterdam conventions. Founded in 2008, IYCN is a coalition of young individuals and youth-oriented organizations dedicated to addressing climate change. IYCN is a youth led voluntary organization working for the cause of improving the environment for present and future generations. It is one of the largest youth networks in the country working on climate change and related issues. A major part of their mandate is to study climate policy, deconstruct it for the understanding of the youth and undertake advocacy for a sustainable, just and bright future for the youth at both national and international platforms. They are known for organizing workshops, implementing climate projects, and actively participating in global climate discussions, with over 80 representatives influencing policy at various Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings.

Our Mission and Values

LCOY India's values encompass empowering Indian youth to influence climate policies nationally and internationally while fostering their understanding of the UNFCCC process, nurturing their leadership potential, and amplifying their collective voice. Additionally, our commitment extends to compiling youth-generated recommendations for the UNFCCC's Children and Youth Constituency, contributing to the Global Youth Statement for COP28, and creating a national youth statement to invoke productive dialogue with policymakers and government representatives at the national level.

One of the core values driving LCOY India 2023 was the commitment to ensuring an inclusive and diverse representation of participants. To achieve this, an online application form was meticulously designed, featuring specific questions aimed at evaluating various aspects of potential participants. These questions encompassed gender, geographical area, vulnerabilities, ongoing climate actions, network affiliations, and access to communities. Emphasizing an unbiased and equitable selection process with a focus on gender inclusivity and diverse representation, similar principles guided the selection of both the organizing team and participants, offering equal opportunities to seasoned and novice individuals from various backgrounds and regions of the country.

Our application review process prioritized fairness and inclusivity. We employed a blind review approach, where the selection team exclusively assessed the answers provided by the delegates, devoid of any identifying information. Initially, a thorough screening was conducted on all applications to eliminate personal details and entries from ineligible candidates, including non-Indian youth, individuals below 18 or above 35 years of age, and international applicants. Each application was assigned a unique ID number for reference. Following this, each application underwent evaluation by a minimum of three members from the selection committee, drawn from the team of LCOY volunteers. Delegates were subsequently shortlisted and scored based on their suitability for an invitation. After careful deliberation, the selected participants were warmly invited to embody the conference's commitment to fairness and inclusivity.

LCOY 2023's venue and logistics choices aimed to foster meaningful interactions among over 130 delegates, prioritizing easy access and convenience. The venue provided ample space, and accommodations and dining were nearby, reducing travel time and promoting connections.

Transportation logistics were well-organized in advance, offering participants flexibility in travel planning and booking convenience, including railways and air travel.

LCOY India 2023 Theme: Youth-Led Transition to a Climate-Resilient Development: From Passion to Progress

The theme chosen for LCOY India 2023, "Youth-Led Transition to a Climate-Resilient **Development**," encapsulates India's commitment to usher in an era of sustainable growth and development. This vision recognizes the necessity for economic diversification, a shift towards clean and resilient development pathways, and the vital role of financial and technological support in achieving these objectives. In this context, India faces the dual challenge of ensuring poverty alleviation, creating decent work and quality jobs, and facilitating low-carbon and sustainable development.

Moreover, the transition towards a climate-resilient development model aligns with the principles of a just transition. By selecting this theme for the conference, we could effectively communicate the significance of intergenerational justice and the development of youth skills to the delegates. This was achieved through the implementation of capacity-building sessions designed to empower delegates to embrace the principles of a just transition while also minimizing negative impacts on citizens and communities. The journey towards a sustainable, low-carbon economy must be characterized by fairness, equity, and inclusivity.

LCOY India 2023 seamlessly integrated various UNFCCC workstreams to develop recommendations that align with COY18 themes. These recommendations have been carefully crafted in the context of a just transition, acknowledging the multifaceted nature of climate action. The following UNFCCC workstreams were incorporated into the program:

- 1. Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)
- 2. Adaptation and Resilience
- 3. Arts, Culture, and Heritage
- 4. Climate Action Plans and Global Stocktake
- 5. Climate Finance and Markets
- 6. Climate Justice and Human Rights
- 7. Energy
- 8. Food and Agriculture
- 9. Health
- 10. Loss and Damage
- 11. Nature and Biodiversity
- 12. Oceans

- 13. Politics, Policy Making, and Governance
- 14. Reimagining and Transforming Economies
- 15. Technology and Innovation
- 16. Water

LCOY India 2023 recognizes the imperative of India's transition towards climate-resilient development, with a strong focus on empowering its youth, ensuring a just transition, and aligning with international climate agendas.

Pre-LCOY Capacity Building Sessions

Leading up to LCOY India 2023, there was significant engagement with the climate-conscious community, marked by over 300 applications and increasing interest from Indian youth. Pre-LCOY Capacity Building Sessions were held virtually to empower and motivate all applicants, not just the selected delegates, offering valuable insights into the intricacies of climate change. This section provides a brief overview of these enlightening sessions that set the stage for the main event.

Session 1: Decoding the IPCC Report and Our Path to a Sustainable Future Date and Time: Sunday, 30th July, 5 pm IST

Speaker: <u>Gaurav Madan</u>, Researcher in Physical Oceanography and Climate Change at the University of Oslo

In this session, Gaurav Madan delivered a concise yet comprehensive overview of the IPCC report. He deciphered the intricacies of the IPCC Cycle, highlighted key insights extracted from the Sixth report, and scrutinized various scenarios and their far-reaching implications. Participants gained insights into the feasibility of curbing global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius and received a glimpse into what the eagerly anticipated Seventh Report may bring to the climate discourse.

Session 2: Empowering Youth for Building Resilience through Policy Advocacy Date and Time: Sunday, 13th August, 5 pm IST Speaker: <u>Harjeet Singh</u>, Head, Global Political Strategy, CAN International

Session 2, led by Harjeet Singh, was a deep dive into the world of climate impacts, migration, and adaptation. Mr. Singh, a global authority in this domain, provided an overview of Climate Impacts and the Global Policy discourse. He explained the intricacies of Adaptation and Loss & Damage within the UNFCCC framework. Moreover, he outlined the significant achievements of COP27, particularly those relevant to India and its youth. The session concluded with an open discussion and Q&A, fostering dialogue and preparing participants for the advocacy challenges at COP28.

Session 3: Youth as Catalysts for Climate Action

Date and Time: Sunday, August 27th, 5 pm IST Speakers: <u>Supriya Singh</u>, Former President of IYCN, and Anagh, Project Head at BBG

Supriya and Anagh co-hosted a session focusing on the Introduction and Understanding of Climate Change and Global Policy Governance. They addressed fundamental questions concerning youth involvement, emphasizing its significance in the context of Global North and South Disparities. The session also explored Local Actions and Ground Activities, drawing from experiences in Kerala to highlight the role of youth intervention in effectively addressing global climate challenges. It served as an insightful exploration of climate change topics, governance, and the critical role of youth advocacy.

Partnerships for Climate and Youth Empowerment

UNICEF India and Generation Unlimited India (Yuwaah) joined forces with LCOY for the prestigious opening ceremony of LCOY India 2023, setting the stage for a remarkable event. In a notable first, LCOY India received support not only from a sub-national administration (KILA) but also garnered national representation through a facilitated dialogue by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MOEFCC). This backing underscored the importance of the conference in addressing critical climate issues and institutional partnership for a youth-led consultative approach. Furthermore, this collaboration was marked by both financial support and the nomination of 5 young delegates from UNICEF-YuWaah's national and local networks. These passionate delegates shared impactful action stories during the event, inspiring all in attendance. Additionally, UNICEF-YuWaah generously promoted LCOY India across its social media platforms, effectively disseminating key messages to a broader audience. Going forward, the partnership between LCOY India and UNICEF-YuWaah will continue to thrive as they work together to amplify and advocate the India youth statement emerging from the enlightening 3-day conference, at both national and international levels.

Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) marked a historic milestone as the inaugural state government partner for LCOYs in India. It took pride in serving as the official venue for LCOY India 2023. Situated amidst picturesque surroundings and offering delightful local cuisine, KILA not only provided generous hospitality but also played a pivotal role in shaping the content and design of LCOY's sessions.

<u>Purpose</u>, the social enterprise, served as co-convenors of LCOY India 2023, undertaking key responsibilities in harnessing support, building momentum, and facilitating contributions from delegates. They played a crucial role by providing financial support and nominating five young individuals from their extensive networks to actively participate in the event.

To enhance participants' understanding of complex climate topics, LCOY India 2023 established a valuable partnership with <u>ClimateScience</u> (CS), a renowned expert in climate science. CS conducted a comprehensive 2-hour workshop on the first day of the conference, effectively bridging knowledge gaps related to climate change intricacies. This capacity development initiative by CS contributed to enriched discussions, fostered curiosity-driven learning, and amplified the technical engagement of young attendees.

<u>The Climate Group</u>, as the Ecosystem Partner, and <u>Climate Action Network South Asia</u> (<u>CANSA</u>), as the Outreach Partner, played pivotal roles in providing a platform for advocacy around the national statement. Their efforts extended beyond India, reaching diverse networks and young individuals across the Asian region, amplifying the conference's impact.

LCOY India 2023 was meticulously planned with a strong commitment to sustainability. Emphasis was placed on minimizing plastic usage and reducing waste. <u>Tears of Earth</u> joined as a Sustainability Resource Partner, reinforcing the conference's dedication to eco-friendly practices and responsible resource management.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of **30 volunteers** played a pivotal role in the event's success. Over a span of six months, these volunteers lent their expertise across various domains, including Social Media and Photo/Video Documentation, Programmes, Materials and Partnerships, Documentation and Policy, Delegate Relations, On-the-ground logistics, and Registrations, among others. Their unwavering commitment and hard work ensured the smooth execution of the conference, making it a resounding success.

Programme

The LCOY India 2023 conference was a remarkable event that successfully catered to the diverse interests of the 130 delegates. The program offered a wide array of activities, from technical capacity-building sessions to interactive plenary discussions, theme-based group discussions, and cultural activities. In essence, the conference had something for everyone. Notably, it accommodated both on-site attendees in Thrissur and virtual participants via livestream. The detailed 3-day Programme can be found in Annexure 1.

Keynote Addresses: Youth Engagement and Climate Action

The inaugural session of LCOY India 2023 was graced by Shri Amit Raj, Director of the Climate Change and International Cooperation Department at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). His presence underscored the importance of youth involvement in climate action, emphasizing the need for innovation, articulation, and early engagement in climate initiatives. Mr. Raj also shed light on India's climate action plans at national and sub-national levels, stressing the pivotal role of youth in their execution.

Dr. K L Rao, Chief of UNICEF Chennai Office, addressed the young audience, highlighting the historical significance of youth-led movements. He drew parallels with initiatives such as KILA, showcasing their potential to bring about transformative change in local governance for children and young people. Dr. Joy Elamon, Director of KILA, reiterated the youth's capacity to create a

meaningful social impact in addressing climate change through active promotion of climate data accessibility, enthusiastic engagement in climate politics, and critical evaluation of state-level climate action plans.

Justice-Centered Climate Discourse

<u>Ms. Gurpriva Singh</u>, Campaign Manager at Purpose, emphasized the importance of viewing the climate movement through a justice lens. She facilitated discussions rooted in people's experiences and stressed the role of storytelling, art, culture, and humour as powerful tools for conveying the urgency of climate action to diverse communities.

Empowering Young Leaders: Panels and Workshops

LCOY India continued to empower young leaders in their fight against the climate crisis. A dynamic panel discussion on policy discourse featured government-affiliated young professionals from Kerala, Odisha, and Maharashtra, providing insights into their roles in shaping state-level climate policies. An interactive icebreaker workshop by Climate Science, the knowledge partner of LCOY India, encouraged active participation by exploring climate solutions, with a special focus on the role of education in bridging gaps and empowering climate action.

A session led by <u>Ms. Srishti Singh</u> on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) provided a comprehensive overview of the UNFCCC and stressed the vital involvement of youth in intergovernmental climate processes. <u>Ms. Hemavathi S Shekhar</u> highlighted YOUNGO's role as an amplifier of youth voices at UNFCCC, underlining the link between global policies and national processes.

Furthermore, BBG Foundation orchestrated a dialogue with community representatives to delve into the interconnectedness of climate change and policy initiatives in India. This distinctive session provided an opportunity for representatives from the LGBTQIA+ and other disprivileged communities such as from the tribal, disabled, other indigenous etc. communities to share their experiences and insights regarding the implications of climate change on their lives. It offered a unique and enlightening perspective on the multifaceted impact of climate change, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and diverse voices in climate discussions.

Community Engagement and Grassroots Initiatives

During LCOY INDIA 2023, a key objective was to bridge the gap between global UNFCCC initiatives and grassroots climate actions. This section highlights the field visits and interactive sessions that facilitated this exchange of knowledge and experiences.

1. Understanding coastal erosion, community resilience and rehabilitation: Interaction with climate-affected coastal communities & government stakeholders (Kaipamangalam) Delegates actively engaged with coastal communities grappling with erosion issues, offering a firsthand perspective on the challenges faced. A visit to a rehabilitation site supported by the state government's Punargrahem scheme shed light on the initiative's role in relocating families residing within 50 meters of high tide lines. Furthermore, delegates had the privilege of meeting government officials dedicated to bolstering climate resilience efforts in the region. A pivotal moment of this visit was the productive interaction with the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) representing the Kaipamangalam constituency. This interaction included a comprehensive presentation on the scheme, providing invaluable insights into the community-based resilience endeavours in the area.

2. Understanding the decentralized waste management model of Kerala: Interaction with Haritha Karma Sena workers and government stakeholders, visiting waste management and recovery facilities (Wadankkancherry Municipality)

The visit to the waste management plant in Wadakkanchery Municipality left a lasting impression on the delegates. The facility included a composting unit for biowaste management, a material collection facility (MCF), and a resource recovery facility (RRF) for non-bio waste management. Delegates had the opportunity to witness and learn about the entire waste management process, including composting, shredding, and baling of plastic waste collected from households and institutions. They also engaged with the Harithakarmasena members responsible for waste collection and processing. Mr. Siddekul Akbar, Junior Health Inspector of Wadakanchery Municipality, welcomed the delegates, and Mr. Xavier Allessu from SEUF explained the process. Mr. Allessu also inspired the delegates by discussing startup opportunities in the waste management sector. The cleanliness and spaciousness of the waste management plant were surprising, and delegates even enjoyed tea and snacks on-site. The field visit concluded with a note of appreciation from the Junior Health Inspector, and delegates shared their inspiring experiences.

Workshops and Collaborative Initiatives

LCOY fostered collaboration among partners and participating organizations such as The Climate Group, Maha Youth for Climate Action, Youth 4 Water Plus, and Youth for Sustainability. An open forum allowed partners, young participants, and youth-led networks to showcase their grassroots climate initiatives. Participants eagerly contributed their own experiences during a story-sharing session, facilitating critical discussions and networking opportunities.

Additionally, a breakout activity titled "Linking UNFCCC Workstreams to Local Actions" aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of UNFCCC workstreams and their relevance at the local level. Participants explored themes including Action for Climate Empowerment, Climate Finance, Just Transition and Mitigation Work Programme, Article 6 and Carbon Markets, Technology Transfer and Development, Global Goals on Adaptation & National Adaptation Plans, Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss & Damage, and Santiago Network Global Stocktake. Through informative sessions and discussions, participants connected global

UNFCCC goals with practical initiatives in their own communities, laying the groundwork for the development of the national youth statement.

Lastly, a policy hackathon challenged delegates to bridge the knowledge gap between UNFCCC global workstreams and local climate actions. This activity encouraged participants to leverage their newfound insights and creativity to propose policies that harmonize UNFCCC principles with actionable strategies for implementation at the local level.

Engaging Youth for Climate Policy Recommendations

Inaugural Addresses: Setting the Tone

The final day of the conference began with an inspiring address from Dr. Joy Elamon, Director of KILA. His words served as a catalyst for the creation of the National Youth Statement, highlighting the importance of evidence-based climate action and the role of young individuals in driving change. Dr. Elamon also shared KILA's efforts in involving youth in their initiatives. Subsequently, Dr. Monish Jose, an Assistant Professor at KILA, delved into the Local Action Plan on Climate Change and the Climate Panchayat Parliament initiatives, showcasing youth's significant contributions to local climate action.

Youth-Powered Policy Recommendations

Following these enlightening addresses, participants engaged in interactive group breakout sessions, collectively crafting policy recommendations across various critical thematic areas, in alignment with the UNFCCC's Asia-Pacific Regional Climate Week and national priorities:

- 1. Energy systems and industry
- 2. Cities and Sustainable Infrastructure
- **3.** Land, ocean, food and water
- 4. Rural livelihoods & informal economies
- 5. Climate Finance
- 6. Climate Education, Skilling and Green Jobs
- 7. Climate Justice and Human Rights
- 8. Climate Action Plans

The process began with an introduction to the topic and session objectives. Participants shared recommendations from their diverse perspectives, representing states, regions, and thematic expertise. They discussed these recommendations to enhance youth-centric climate action for COP28 and national policies. Each group prioritized five recommendations for COP28, Mission LiFE, and National/State Action Plans. They presented these inputs in a plenary session.

This collaborative effort led to innovative solutions contributing to the national youth statement, which will be integrated into the Global Youth Statement for COP28 and India's submission to COY18, amplifying Indian youth voices globally and shaping environmental discourse.

Cultural Showcase

At LCOY India 2023, our commitment to sustainability extended beyond conference sessions and workshops. We were delighted to partner with Tears of the Earth, our trusted sustainability resource partner, who brought a touch of magic to our event. Under the stage name "Virah Band," Tears of the Earth treated our delegates to enchanting evenings filled with harmonious melodies, unadulterated joy, and a strong sense of unity.

On the second day of the conference, we had the privilege of hosting a local arts group that showcased some of the lost agriculture-based traditional/cultural art forms, providing a captivating glimpse into the rich cultural tapestry of Kerala. Delegates from diverse corners of the country were treated to the vibrant regional songs and dances that make Kerala unique.

In addition to the captivating performances, attendees had the opportunity to savour authentic Kerala cuisine. This culinary delight was generously prepared and served by the dedicated women of local self-help groups located right on the conference campus. This gastronomic experience not only tantalized taste buds but also celebrated the essence of community and cooperation.

Conclusion

The LCOY India 2023 conference has drawn to a successful close, marking three days of impactful discussions, inspiring presentations, and meaningful collaborations. As we reflect on the outcomes of this event, it is evident that we have taken significant strides towards addressing the urgent challenges posed by climate change. This report serves as a testament to our collective efforts and achievements during this conference.

Over the course of three days, delegates engaged in thought-provoking dialogues that ranged from climate science to co-creating sustainable policy solutions. These deliberations illuminated the pressing issues at hand and underscored the importance of youth-led initiatives in driving climate action and policy. One of the notable achievements of LCOY India 2023 was the creation of a platform for networking and partnership building. Delegates from diverse backgrounds and regions came together, fostering connections that will undoubtedly lead to collaborative local projects aimed at mitigating climate change. These partnerships are crucial in amplifying our impact and accelerating the pace of climate action.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed partners, without whom this conference would not have been possible. Your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission are truly commendable. We are also grateful to all our speakers, facilitators and rapporteurs for their immense support and contribution. We also express our deepest appreciation to the dedicated team behind LCOY India 2023, whose hard work, meticulous planning, and tireless efforts ensured the seamless execution of this conference. Your passion for climate advocacy is a driving force that inspires us all.

As we look to the future, we emphasize the importance of forging enduring partnerships. Collaboration between youth organizations, NGOs, governmental bodies, and the private sector is essential to drive effective climate action. Let us continue to work hand in hand, harnessing our collective strength to create innovative solutions and advocate for ambitious climate policies.

We recognize the crucial role of the National Youth Statement for the 18th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COY18) and upcoming COP28. It serves as a collective expression of the aspirations, concerns, and expectations as the youth of India. We must leverage this statement (if possible together) as a catalyst for change, advocating for radical climate action on the international stage through our prospective engagements at COY18 and COP28.

Young people, as the custodians of the future, have a vital role to play in shaping policies, driving change, and actively participating in climate negotiations. Let us carry the momentum gained from this conference into our communities, institutions, and nations; and be the voices of change and the marginalized communities, echoing our commitment to a sustainable planet.

Annexure: Agenda for LCOY India 2023

Time (IST)	Sessions: Day 1 (September 15, 2023)	Resource Person (s)
8:00-9:00	Breakfast	
9:00-9:30	Registration & Mapping Exercise	
9:30-10:00	Welcome & Introductory session	Mr. Akhilesh Anilkumar, Lead Organizer-LCOY & Director-BBG
		With Ms. Srishti Singh, Programme & Policy Lead-LCOY, CCES Focal- YuWaah UNICEF India & Board Member-IYCN
10:00-11:00	High Level Opening ceremony	
	Inaugural address (online) on India's Climate Change Actions and Young people's Participation	Shri Amit Raj, Director of Climate Change & International Cooperation Department- MoEFCC, Gol
	Address on 'Youth Engagement as a catalyst for climate action in India'	Mr. KL Rao, Chief of UNICEF Chennai & Dr. Joy Elamon, Director-KILA
11:00-11:15	Youth-led social movement towards building community-based climate resilience	Ms. Gurpriya Singh, Campaign Manager, Purpose
11:15-12:00	Group Picture, High Tea & Networking	
12:00-13:00	Young people shaping the policy discourse in India: Interaction with Government-associated (current & previous) Young Professionals	Moderated by Ms. Apurv Chhavi, Team-LCOY Panelists: Ms. Ancy Siraj, Youth Coordinator-Navakerala Mission, Govt of Kerala, Mr. Balaji Vharkat, Programme Officer- UNICEF Maharashtra, Mr. Omkar Khare, Risk & Resilience Specialist- UNICEF Odisha
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Climate Solutions: Empowering Action through Education & Bridging Gaps through Interactive activities	Ms. Raseel Arora, Head of Partnerships- Climate Science & Co-Director- Climate Science Olympiad with Ms. Dimple Asopa & Ms. Meghana Katam, Delhi Community
	Ice-breaker Workshop	Coordinators- Climate Science
16:00-16:15	Tea/ Coffee Break	
16:15-18:30	Understanding UNFCCC, overview of climate policy and youth in intergovernmental processes.	Ms. Srishti Singh, Programme & Policy Lead-LCOY, CCES Focal- YuWaah UNICEF India & Board Member-IYCN

	Role of YOUNGO as an amplifier of Youth Voices at UNFCCC, Linkages between global policies and national processes, Overview of National Climate Policies & Laws.	Ms. Hemavathi S Shekhar, Global South Focal Point-YOUNGO & Founder-Enact Earth Foundation
	Climate Change, Intersectionality & Policy Action in India: An interaction with Community Representatives	Moderated by Mr. Anagh, Project Head-Bring Back Green Foundation Panelists: Ms. Maya Pramod, Mr. Anaz NS, Vijayaraja Mallika, Prakrithi & Ms. Somy Solomon
19:30-21:00	Performances followed by Dinner	Virah Band (Mr. Rumit Walia, Mr. Tarun Kumar & Mr. Utsav Bharadwaj)

Time (IST)	Sessions: Day 2 (September 16, 2023)	Resource Person
6:30-9:00	Early Breakfast/On the way	
6:30 - 12:30 9:00 - 12:30	 Global Policy to Local Action: Field Visit 1. Understanding coastal erosion, community resilience and rehabilitation: Interaction with climate affected coastal communities & government stakeholders (Kaipamangalam) 2. Understanding decentralized waste management model of Kerala: Interaction with Haritha Karma Sena workers and government stakeholders, visiting recovery facilities (Wadankkancherry) 	Orientation by BBG Representatives; Anagh & Surya SB Bring Back Green Foundation
Upto 15.00	Lunch	
15:45-16:00	Day 1 Debrief and trip reflections	Ms. Srishti Singh, Programme & Policy Lead-LCOY, CCES Focal- YuWaah UNICEF India & Board Member-IYCN
16:00-17:30	Insights on National Youth Campaigns and forums to engage , jointly by partners & participating organizations Open Forum for all partners, youth and networks to share their initiatives	Mr. Ashish Pahwa & Mr. Ankit Singh-IYCN; Ms. Priyanka Shendage-MYCA, UNICEF Maharashtra; Ms. Anwesa Dutta-Y4W; Mr. Punyasloka Panda-YFS; Mr. Vikrant Srivastava- AYE!forCOP etc; Vijin S, Jaison CS & Abit Asha-Oceans Student Community etc etc
	Story-sharing session:	Moderated by Ms. Gurpriya Singh, Campaign Manager, Purpose
	Stories of action by Youth from different parts of the country	 Story-tellers: Ms. Abhipsha Ghosh & Ms. Shikha Dhawan-The Climate Group Mr. Rohit Dewangan, Mr. Mukesh Yadav, Ms. Rashmi Singh, Ms. Dilmehak Kaur, Mr. Debabrata Das- UNICEF & YuWaah

		 Mr. Rajvardhan Ayarekar, Ms. Priyaswara Bharti, Mr. Arpit Shukla, Ms. A. Niranjana Pillai, Ms. Samia Parvez-Purpose Mr. Tarun Kumar-Tears of Earth Surya SB- Navakerala Mission/ BBG Malavika & Anas- Panchayat Climate Parliament Others, etc.
	Tea/Coffee (during the session)	
17:30-18:30	 Linking UNFCCC Workstreams to local actions (8 themes) and followed by a Policy Hackathon-Break-out Activity Topics Action for Climate Empowerment Climate Finance: Adaptation Finance, Loss & Damage Fund etc Just Transition and Mitigation Wok Programme Article 6, Carbon Markets Technology Transfer and Development Global Stocktake GlaSS, Global Goals on Adaptation & NAPs Loss & Damage, Warsaw International Mechanism, Santiago network 	 Managed by Ms. Shruti Joshi & Ms. Harshita Umesh, Team-LCOY Facilitators Mr. Vikrant Srivastava, Notes: Aanchal Mr. Vikas Yadav, Notes: Aanchal Mr. Sadaan Husain, Notes: Apurv Ms. Muskan Lodhi, Notes: Apurv Ms. Ratna Singh, Notes: Ishwarya Mr. Akhilesh Anilkumar, Notes: Ishwarya Ms. Srishti Singh, Notes: Priyanka Ms. Hemavathi S Shekhar, Notes: Priyanka
20:00 onwards	Dinner, followed by performances	Local Art Groups

Time (IST)	Sessions: Day 3 (September 17, 2023)	Resource Person
08:00-09:00	Breakfast	
09:00-09:30	Day 2 Debrief and context setting for the day	Mr. Supreeth Balaji, Team-LCOY
09:30-11:00	Local-level Climate Governance, its importance, and inclusion of youth: A Case study of Kerala (LAPCC)	Dr. Joy Elamon, Director-KILA and Dr. Monish Jose, Assistant Professor-KILA
11:00-13:00	Drafting Recommendations for the India Statement- Break-out activity	Managed by Ms. Priyanka Shendage, UNICEF Maharashtra & Ms. Ishwarya Kandaswamy, Team-LCOY
	 Topics Energy systems and industry Cities and sustainable infrastructure Land, ocean, food and water Rural livelihoods & informal economies 	 Facilitators Mr. Anurag Gupta, Notes: Shruti Ms. Shreya Bansal, Notes: Harshita Mr. Pranav Gaba, Notes: Rumit Ms. Snowy Christophel, Notes: Navya
13:00-14:00	Lunch	

14:00-15:30	Drafting Recommendations for the India Statement- Break-out activity by Young Facilitators	Managed by Ms. Priyanka Shendage, UNICEF Maharashtra & Ms. Ishwarya Kandaswamy, Team-LCOY
	 Topics 5. Climate Finance 6. Climate Education, Skilling and Green Jobs 7. Climate Justice and Human Rights 8. Climate Action Plans 	 Facilitators 5. Mr. Punyasloka Panda, Notes: Rumit 6. Ms. Niraanjna Awasthy, Notes: Shruti 7. Mr. Md Sohel Khan, Notes: Harshita 8. Ms. Aishwarya Balasubramanian, Notes: Navya
15:30-15:45	Tea/ Coffee Break	
15:45-17:30	Group Presentations	Moderated by Ms. Priyanka Shendage, UNICEF
	Open discussions to finalize policy recommendations	Maharashtra & Ms. Ishwarya Kandaswamy, Team-LCOY
17:30	Vote of Thanks & Way Forward	Mr. Akhilesh Anilkumar, Lead Organizer- LCOY & Director-BBG
19:30-21:00	Dinner	