COP28 Side Event

Empowering Youth Climate Leadership: Experiences from the Commonwealth in Access to Climate Finance, Capacity Building and Technology

Saturday 9 December 2023, 1500–1630 (GST), Dubai, Expo City, SE Room 2

This high-level side event is organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat in collaboration with the Governments of Fiji and Zambia, and is based on the engagement of the Secretariat in these countries around youth engagement for climate action. It will also provide an opportunity for partner countries, agencies, and youth groups to share experiences and lessons learned.

Opening Session

The Rt Hon. Patricia Scotland KC
Secretary General of the Commonwealth

His Excellency Naipote Tako Katonitabua
The Republic of Fiji Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates

The Hon. Eng. Collins Nzovu
MP Minister of Green Economy and Environment for the Republic of Zambia

Dr Ruth Kattumuri
Senior Director, EYSD, the Commonwealth Secretariat

Panel Discussion

Dr Nicholas Hardman-Mountford
Adviser and Head, Oceans and Natural Resources, the Commonwealth Secretariat

Jodi-Ann Wang
Pan-Commonwealth Co-ordinator, Commonwealth Youth Climate Network

Sheen Tyagi
Research Director, UNFCCC YOUNGO Finance and Markets Group

Theo Mitchell
Director – Europe and International Climate, Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (TBC)

Unnikrishnan Nair
Head of Climate Change, the Commonwealth Secretariat

Reshma Ram
Youth Ocean Leader – COP28 Youth Climate Delegate, Fiji

Jevanic Henry
Member, the UN Secretary General’s Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change

This event will be livestreamed at www.youtube.com/c/UnfcccInt/playlists
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