

# FRIDAY, DEC 8: YOUTH CHILDREN EDUCATION AND SKILLS

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This day seeks to empower young peoples to shape the outcomes of COP28 and beyond, considering the disproportionate risks and impact from climate change facing children and youth. The day will focus on Action for Climate Empowerment (Article 12 of the Paris Agreement). It will include discourse on equitable representation, national strategies, and resource allocation across the COP themes and policy tracks. Themes include investment in youth-led innovation, the integration of the youth voice in policy-making processes, capacity-building, transforming education, and green skills for a just transition.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8.30 - 9AM

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**Launching Youth Day at the Monash Pavilion: The state of play on youth and ACE** - Event type: *Briefing and coffee*

**About the event:**

We are discussing the state of play regarding ACE and the youth voice to officially launch the day. All are welcome from the youth and ACE community, including YOUNGO, Early Career RINGOs, and beyond.

**Speakers/Organisations:**

- **Hailey Campbell** - Care About Climate and YOUNGO
- **Rex Horoi** - Former United Nations Representative, and Solomon Islands Ambassador and Monash University's Climate Change Envoy
- **Bryce Coon** - Director of Education at EarthDay.org

**(Co) Hosts:** YOUNGO, Monash University

9.10 - 10.30AM

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**Enabling youth climate action leadership through innovative learning**  
Event type: *Roundtable*

**Event Objectives:**

The event will aim to discuss effective learning strategies, products and initiatives that empower youth to take a leadership role in climate action. Ideas on how to deliver on the needs of the youth will be brainstormed and serve as takeaways for both UNITAR and Monash University.

**Speakers/Organisations:**

UNITAR, CC:Learn, Monash University, YOUNGO, ACE focal points, youth representatives from Asia Pacific, Monash University

**(Co)Hosts:** UNITAR, Monash University

10.45 - 12.15PM

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**Youth and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE): Capacity-building for National-level MER**

*Event type: Workshop*

**About the event:**

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) seeks to empower everyone to take action against climate change. Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting (MER) can help countries track their progress in implementing ACE policies and practices. This non-technical workshop will focus on youth contributions to ACE MER, exploring potential indicators and data that could be created by youth.

**Speakers/Organisations:** This workshop is offered by experts from the Monitoring and Evaluating Climate Communication and Education (MECCE) Project, Care About Climate, YOUNGO, Mock COP, Monash University, the University of Melbourne, and the University at Albany-SUNY.

**(Co)Hosts:** MECCE, Monash University, the University of Melbourne

12.30 - 1.30PM

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**YEAH: How University Partnerships are Engaging Youth and Early Career Individuals for Climate Action**

*Event type: Dialogue*

**About the event:**

This event will explore and discuss effective partnerships for the goals, and climate action, in alignment with SDG 17. Best practice case studies and examples will be outlined, with contributions invited from the floor.

**Speakers/Organisations:**

Youth Environmental Alliance in Higher Education (YEAH), Ecological Society of America, the Smithsonian, Earth Day, Colorado State University, Monash University, Vanderbilt University, Moravian University, Michigan Technological University, Colorado College, Mountain Sentinels, Boston University.

**Co-Hosts:** YEAH, Monash University

1.45 - 2.45PM

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**Forming Partnerships for Climate Action and Empowerment in the Asia Pacific Region - *Event type: Panel***

**About the event:**

Universities have a leadership role to play in creating diverse partnerships working hand-in-hand with communities, and to train the next generation of professionals to create climate solutions.

This special event will explore the importance of real-world partnerships to promote climate empowerment throughout the Asia Pacific region.

**Speakers/Organisations:**

International Universities Climate Alliance, Monash University, UNSW Sydney, Arizona State University, University of Melbourne, University of Oxford, Victoria University of Wellington

**Co(Hosts):** International Universities Climate Alliance, Monash University

3 - 4PM

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**Youth Stakeholder Roundtable: Uniting the Australian Youth Climate Movement**

*Event type: Roundtable*

**About the event:**

To explore and discuss effective partnerships for the goals, and climate action, in alignment with SDG 17. Best practice case studies and exemplars will be outlined, with contributions invited from the floor.

**Speakers/Organisations:**

Australian Youth for International Climate Engagement Incorporated, Climate Action Network Australia, Global Voices, ANU, SEED Mob, DCCEEW, and other Australian delegates

**Co(Hosts):** Australian Youth for International Climate Engagement Incorporated, Monash University

4 - 5PM

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**Modelling Best Practice youth consultation: Asia-Pacific Local Conferences of Youth Launch - *Event type: Workshop***

**About the event:**

To explore and discuss effective partnerships for the goals, and climate action, in alignment with SDG 17. Best practice case studies and exemplars will be outlined, with contributions from the floor.

**Speakers/Organisations:**

Monash Sustainable Development Institute, UNICEF Australia, SDSN Australia New Zealand Pacific, Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of Youth, Asia Youth Empowerment and YOUNGO, and youth representatives from Local Conferences of Youth in Australia, Tuvalu, PNG, Samoa, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Afghanistan, Malaysia, Indonesia, India.

**Co (Hosts):** UNICEF Australia, Monash Sustainable Development Institute

5.15 - 7.15PM

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## **Youth Talanoa Dialogues for Climate Action and Justice**

*Event type: Networking event*

### **About the event:**

Engage in storytelling and truth telling with peers and youth organisations from all over the world. Build your networks over canapes and drinks. All participants from the day will feature. All are welcome.

### **Speakers/Organisations:**

Representatives from the YEAH (Youth Environmental Alliance in Higher Education) include Colorado College, Monash University, Michigan Technological University, Moravian University, Colorado State University, Smithsonian Institution, Boston University, Mountain Sentinels, and Brandeis University.

All youth and youth organisations are invited to participate including YOUNGOs, the Youth and Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) community, Early Career RINGOs, the Australian Youth Climate Movement, and beyond.

**(Co)Hosts:** YEAH, Colorado College, Monash University