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UN DECADE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

26TH MARCH, 2020
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UN Major Group for
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the space for children and youth in the United Nations



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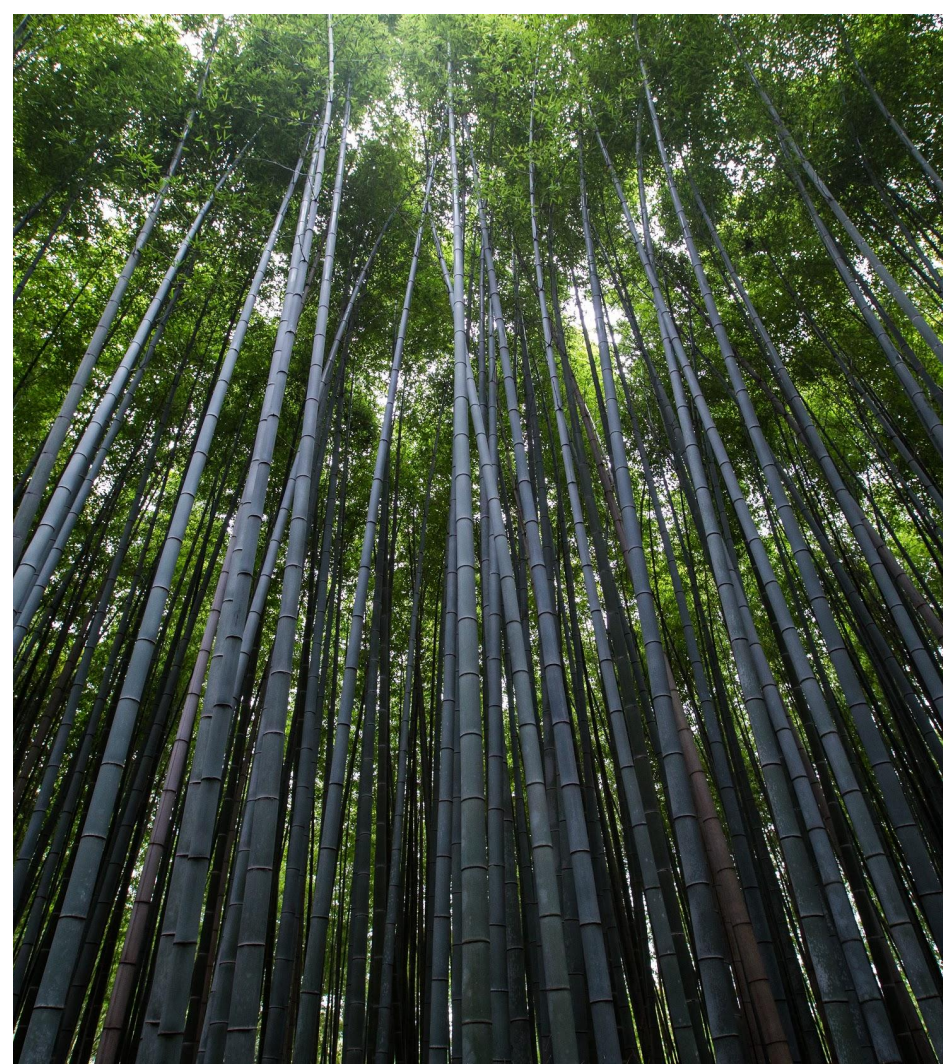


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Nature is sending us a message: UN environment chief on coronavirus crisis

Nature is sending us a message with the coronavirus pandemic and ongoing climate crisis, UN environment chief Inger Andersen said. "Our continued erosion of wild spaces has brought us uncomfortably close to animals and plants that harbour diseases that can jump to humans," Andersen said. "If we don't take care of nature, we can't take care of ourselves," she added.

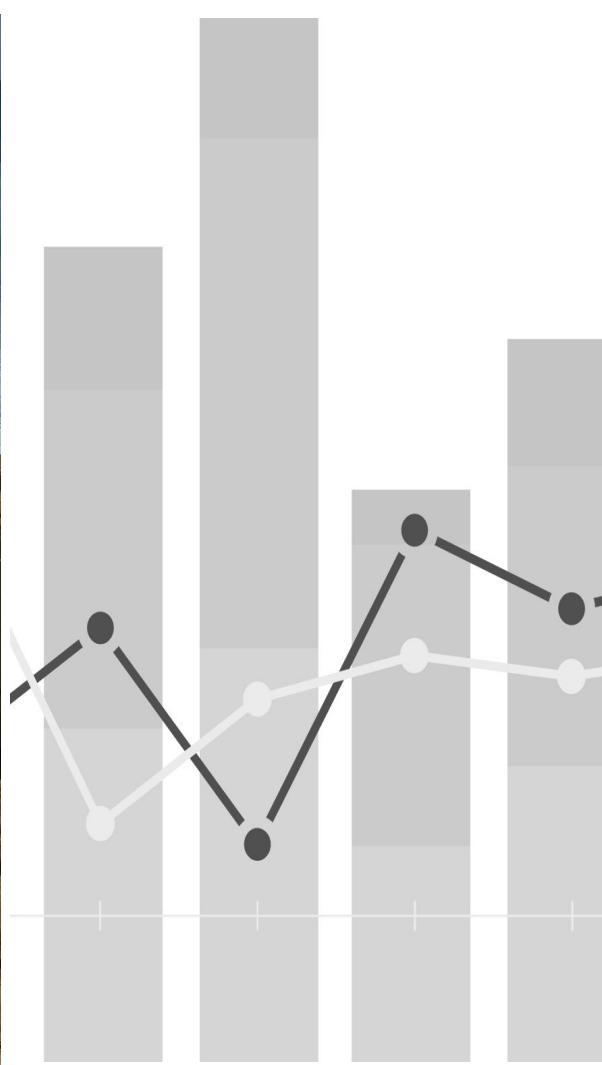
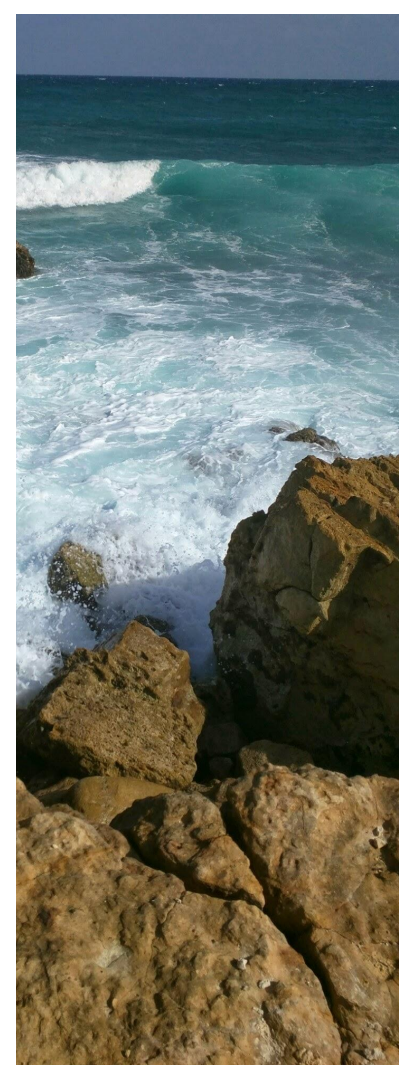
short by Nandini Sinha / 26 Mar, 2020

**Solidarity for COVID-19.
We hope you and your
families are doing fine**



Agenda

- [5 mins] Introduction
- [10 mins] Presentation from UNEP & FAO
- [10 mins] 2-3 interventions
- [15 mins] Presentation from UNFCCC, UNCCD and GYBN
- [5 mins] Youth engagement & guiding questions
- [30 mins] Interaction/QA
- [5 mins] Closing



In this webinar

- Total of 250 participants registered
- From ~130 distinct countries
- Covering ~120+ youth organisations, 6 UN agencies and ~5 expert agencies
- 1 week of registration period

Presentation from
UNEP & FAO



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First round of
discussions

Presentation from
*UNFCCC, UNCCD,
and UNCBD Youth*



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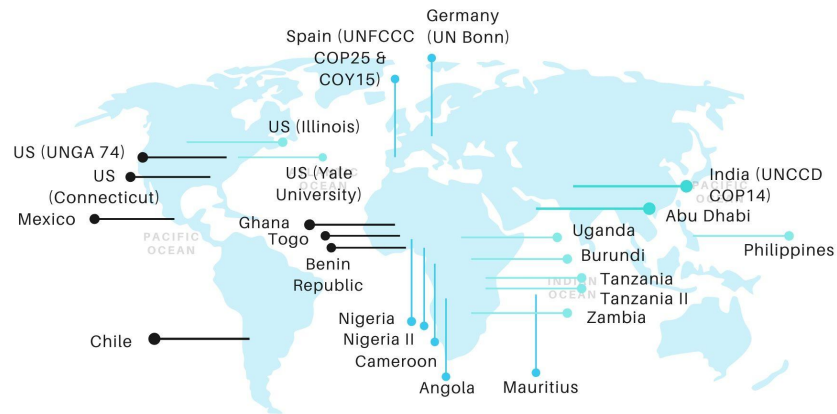
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Global Youth
Biodiversity
Network

Youth engagement

- System-wide & collective, involving different youth constituencies
- Youth constituencies to UNEP, FAO and the three Rio-Conventions
- Youth Report on Restoration
- Outcomes presented to UN SG
- Third such inter-agency consultation
- Internal Focus Group on ecosystem, with around 5 online calls since November 2019.



Next steps -

- Regional Focal Points (elected / peer-selected) for engagement
- TOR of engagement for 2020 - funded activities, and channeling funds to the member NGOs
- Reaching grassroots and other communities, expanding engagement



Provide feedback on the strategy for the Decade.

Youth in the strategy

- Referenced **28** times. :-)
- Part of different pathways mentioned in the approach
- Section on “*Partnering with youth*”
- 10 year mandate for the youth constituency to facilitate discussion and engage in implementation
- Inclusion in processes of hub, expansion, and right-holders aspect
- No fossil fuel funding.

Partnering with youth

22. Young people are agents of change. This is evident in how the youth have mobilised in the past few years to support action on climate change and nature-based solutions. Youth organisations across the world are already championing the Decade and encouraging their members to catalyse ecosystem restoration initiatives. For example, over the period September to December 2019, youth consultations on the Decade were held in 25 locations, across 19 countries and 5 continents. There was unanimous support in these consultations, from the hundreds of youth representatives, for upscaling ecosystem restoration particularly because of its considerable potential for climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as improving the well-being of current and future societies. Youth representatives anticipate the world’s youth uniting around the Decade through: participation in decision-making at national and international levels; their influence on social media trends; the running of campaigns; designing online and offline training programmes; their roles as young researchers and young professionals in the green jobs workforce; and undertaking on-the-ground ecosystem restoration initiatives in their local neighbourhoods.

23. During the course of the Decade, the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth, through its UN Environment Major Group for Children and Youth and SDG 2 Working Group, will help facilitate the engagement of youth advocates, youth-led restoration initiatives and a wide range of formal and informal youth groups. These groups will also present recommendations emerging from youth on how to catalyse the upscaling of restoration globally to governments worldwide.

Read at -

<https://www.decadeonrestoration.org/get-involved/strategy>

Second round of
discussions