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**Background**

In June of 2020 a team of youth organizations began a capacity building webinar session on climate finance and carbon pricing targeted at youth particularly those who have not had the opportunity to attend climate finance negotiations nor interact with the material. This session featured a couple of key experts who helped unpack complex issues in climate finance and carbon pricing. One of the outputs of the webinar saw the launch of an initiative to develop a Global Youth Climate Action Fund which can be found at <https://gycaf.org/>. This initiative has since grown over the past year and has caught the attention of key agencies, personalities and youth groups.

As the team is now looking to operationalize the fund through the board, it is looking to launch phase two of the webinar discussions which will seek to align with the upcoming 26th Conference of Parties in Glasgow where climate finance is a key issue with the international community having not reached their finance goal under the Paris Agreement. This second phase will seek to unpack the global climate finance challenges as well as regional climate finance and carbon pricing issues in regards to how it affects young people moving into the 2030 agenda.

**Timeline: September 2021 - October 2021**

**PROGRAMME/TIMETABLE**

Date	Session	Location	Moderators
3rd September 2021	Financing the Climate Emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How are developed and developing countries handling climate emergencies?</li><li>• How are young people involved within the santiago network</li><li>• What is the significance of loss and damage to young people.</li><li>• What has been the state of financing for loss and damage at COP 25.</li></ul>	Global	GYCAF team



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can young people benefit from financing of loss and damage.</li> </ul>		
10th September 2021	<p>Financing Youth towards a Net Zero world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does Netzero mean</li> <li>• How do we get there (pathways to success)</li> <li>• How can young people contribute towards achieving net zero emissions.</li> <li>• What are the funding options for a netzero world</li> </ul>	Global	GYCAF team
17th September 2021	<p>Youth engagement in carbon markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding carbon markets, carbon offsets and carbon credits</li> <li>• History of carbon trading and evolution of carbon markets</li> <li>• Where do youth fall under carbon market mechanism</li> <li>• How does carbon markets relate to everyday youth activities such as agriculture and value addition, entrepreneurship.</li> </ul>	Global	GYCAF team
24th September 2021	<p>Making Green Bonds work for young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding green bonds</li> <li>• Success stories of green bond inclusion into financial mechanisms at country level</li> <li>• How do green bonds finance climate action</li> <li>• Youth and green bonds- what synergies if any exist?</li> </ul>	Global	GYCAF team



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can young people get involved in green bonds.</li> </ul>		
1st October 2021	<p>Lessons learnt from Climate Finance Modules- GCF, GEF, AF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GCF and climate change: mandate, governance, readiness program, funding secured</li> <li>• The GEF and climate change: mandate/scope; success stories, youth involvement</li> <li>• The Adaptation Fund and climate change: mandate, background, global south and the adaptation fund, youth and adaptation</li> <li>• Overall: priorities for GCF, GEF, AF at COP26</li> </ul>	Global	GYCAF team
8th October 2021	<p>Youth financing towards climate adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Africa Adaptation Initiative and what it has to offer young Africans.</li> <li>• How can young people be supported to implement adaptation in their respective countries.</li> <li>• The adaptation fund as a one time fund; what opportunities are there for young people whose countries have already received and spent the fund.</li> <li>• The adaptation fund board-how can young people tap into it.</li> </ul>	Africa	GYCAF team, Youth from region



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8th October 2021	<p>Youth financing towards climate mitigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Understanding climate mitigation in respect to NDCs</li> <li>● The climate emergency and youth advocacy (linking the two)</li> <li>● Harnessing technology to mitigate against climate (practical examples)</li> <li>● Challenges and opportunities for young people (technical and financial opportunities available)</li> </ul>	Europe	GYCAF team, Youth from region
15th October 2021	<p>Role of climate finance in alleviating poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Climate finance versus the ballooning debt in developing countries. (Grants vs Loans).</li> <li>● Private sector involvement in funding climate entrepreneurship by young people.</li> <li>● Investment opportunities through financing youth for climate action.</li> <li>● Youth Climate Finance as a tool for implementing SDG 1 and 2.</li> </ul>	Asia	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
15th October 2021	<p>The role of governments in youth inclusive financing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Involvement of young people in the design of climate finance related policies at national level.</li> </ul>	South America	GYCAF team, Youth from Region



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intergenerational partnership in mobilizing for climate finance at national level.</li> <li>• The role of regional bodies in facilitating youth inclusive financing.</li> <li>• Aligning national climate finance modules to existing national youth finance modules.</li> </ul>		
22nd October	<p>Youth financing towards climate mitigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placing a price on carbon - why this is important</li> <li>• Private sector role in lowering carbon emissions</li> <li>• Practical policies towards carbon pricing presented to the house - what this means</li> <li>• Driving North America towards a green economy</li> <li>• Financial institutions and consumer demands - backing green investments and voting with your money</li> </ul>	North America	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
End of 2021 calendar- End of Road to COP 26 Youth Webinar Series			
February 2022	<p>Climate Finance and Green Jobs for Young People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The relationship between climate change and unemployment.</li> <li>• Financing NDC implementation for green jobs.</li> <li>• The Africa Climate Change Fund and the opportunities</li> </ul>	Africa	GYCAF team, Youth from Region



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	<p>for green jobs for young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of AfDB and other regional bodies in mainstreaming climate finance for green jobs in Africa.</li> </ul>		
February 2022	<p>Role of regional governments in influencing climate finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional bloc policies and climate finance under the Paris Agreement</li> <li>• Analyzing technical and financial contributions of the EU and UK to the GCF</li> <li>• Youth have their say - is there support for youth led climate action? (Real life stories)</li> <li>• Inter generational equity: Bridging the youth involvement with experience.</li> </ul>	Europe	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
February 2022	<p>Private sector financing for youth in climate action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The inclusion of young people with private sector players in climate action.</li> <li>• Improving access to finance; loans for young people by banks in alignment to climate action.</li> <li>• The role of regional bodies in promoting youth inclusive private sector financing for climate action.</li> <li>• How can young people position/prepare themselves to better access finance for</li> </ul>	Asia	GYCAF team, Youth from Region



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	climate action by private sector.		
February 2022	<p>The role of climate finance in alleviating poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate finance versus the ballooning debt in developing countries. (Grants vs loans).</li> <li>• Private sector involvement in funding climate entrepreneurship by young people.</li> <li>• Investment opportunities through financing youth for climate action.</li> <li>• Youth Climate Finance as a tool for implementing SDG 1 and 2.</li> </ul>	South America	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
	<p>Financing the green new deal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green entrepreneurship and innovation (revamping the manufacturing industry and backing solar and electric industry)</li> <li>• Youth innovation as a catalyst for change (examples)</li> <li>• Emissions reductions to create green jobs (practical examples)</li> <li>• Supporting community development and ownership of green policies at the local level</li> <li>• Ensuring sustainability and improved wellbeing and climate justice for the underprivileged</li> </ul>	North America	GYCAF team, Youth from Region



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February 2022	<p>Financing towards a net zero world by 2050</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What does Netzero mean</li> <li>● How do we get there (pathways to success)</li> <li>● How can young people contribute towards achieving net zero emissions</li> <li>● What are the funding options to support the achievement of a netzero world</li> <li>● Breaking down Project Drawdown</li> </ul>	Europe	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
February 2022	<p>Youth financing toward climate adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How does adaptation in Asia look like and what does it have to offer young people</li> <li>● How can young people be supported to implement</li> </ul>	Asia	GYCAF team, Youth from Region





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	<p>adaptation in their respective countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The adaptation fund as a one time fund; what opportunities are there for young people whose countries have already received and spent the fund.</li> <li>• The adaptation fund board-how can young people tap into it.- What is the state of Asia within the Adaptation Fund Board</li> </ul>		
February 2022	<p>Financing youth for a circular economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a circular economy and how does it contribute to climate action?</li> <li>• How can young people be supported to contribute towards a circular economy?</li> <li>• What finance options are there to support circular economies.</li> <li>• Role of stakeholders in supporting the realization of a circular economy</li> </ul>	South America	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
February 2022	<p>Role of state governments in influencing climate finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding state governance and their mandate towards climate</li> <li>• Advocating for climate smart policies: working across the board to advocate for climate justice</li> <li>• Budgetary considerations for climate finance ( New York,</li> </ul>	North America	GYCAF team, Youth from Region



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	<p>New Hampshire, Washington DC or California case studies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with stakeholders to achieve a green economy (community programming, private sector and businesses)</li> </ul>		
February 2022	<p>Private sector financing for young people in climate action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The inclusion of young people with private sector players in climate action.</li> <li>• Improving access to finance; loans for young people by banks in alignment to climate action.</li> <li>• The role of regional bodies in promoting youth inclusive private sector financing for climate action.</li> <li>• How can young people position/prepare themselves to better access finance for climate action by private sector.</li> </ul>	Africa	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
February 2022	<p>The role of diplomacy and activism in advocating for climate finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UN Youth delegates program: best practices and lessons learned</li> <li>• Becoming a national delegate: roles, responsibilities, expectations and impacts</li> <li>• Advocating for youth inclusive policies at the COP</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	Europe	GYCAF team, Youth from Region



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February 2022	<p>Climate Finance for Green jobs for young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The relationship between climate change and unemployment.</li> <li>• Financing NDC implementation for green jobs.</li> <li>• Understanding activism in the Asian context: youth climate activist and entrepreneurs</li> <li>• The role of regional bodies in mainstreaming climate finance for green jobs in Asia.</li> </ul>	Asia	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
February 2022	<p>Financing youth in climate friendly investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional investors and their mandates</li> <li>• Youth entrepreneurs and access to finance</li> <li>• Government programs supporting youth led climate action (best practices)</li> <li>• The path towards green jobs</li> </ul>	South America	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
February 2022	<p>Partnerships for climate finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where does the US stand with the GCF</li> <li>• The US and multilateral financing</li> <li>• Building strong partnerships through private sector, foundations and philanthropy</li> <li>• Impact investing as a catalyst for transitioning to a clean economy (backing youth led social entrepreneurs)</li> </ul>	North America	GYCAF team, Youth from Region



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investors, investees and the stock market - what it means to invest in climate</li> </ul>		
February 2022	<p>The role of regional governments in financing youth in climate action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government programs supporting youth-led climate action</li> <li>• Regional representation for youth inclusive policy recommendations: how to get there)</li> <li>• Youth Stories: Young people representing youth in parliament</li> <li>• Becoming a youth delegate: How to prioritize for COPs</li> </ul>	Africa	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
February 2022	<p>Financing the green new deal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the green new deal</li> <li>• How do young people play a role</li> <li>• Proposing policies to support a green new deal</li> <li>• The EU Parliament and the Green New Deal</li> <li>• Uniting different stakeholders towards a green economy</li> </ul>	Europe	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
February 2022	<p>Private sector role in climate finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banks, Funds, Investors and backing youth initiatives (incubation and startup programs)</li> <li>• Youth entrepreneurship as a catalyst for growth and green jobs</li> </ul>	Asia	GYCAF team, Youth from Region



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate social responsibility and Climate Change (examples and strategies)</li> <li>• Working with youth to lower Carbon Footprint</li> </ul>		
February 2022	<p>How to negotiate for youth inclusive climate finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aligning government priorities for climate finance with youth engagement</li> <li>• Understanding Indigenous Knowledge and Youth activism in Latin America: challenges and achievements</li> <li>• Youth priorities for COP 26 Climate Finance</li> <li>• Transitioning to a green economy: strategy, costs and opportunities</li> </ul>	South America	GYCAF team, Youth from Region
February 2022	<p>Financing towards a net zero world by 2050</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of private sector in achieving this target</li> <li>• The benefits of a netzero world - what this means</li> <li>• Role of government in achieving this target</li> <li>• Transitioning towards a green economy - best practices and strategic vision</li> <li>• Young people leading the way towards net zero</li> </ul>	North America	GYCAF team, Youth from Region