

Outcomes Article

Loss and Damage capacity building sessions

The Loss and Damage Youth Coalition, YOUNGO and the PCCB Network

Background

In August, The Loss and Damage Youth Coalition, and YOUNGO hosted a series of webinars under The PCCB Network. The first webinar titled **“Loss and Damage where are we?”** was held on August 21st and offered an in-depth review of the critical topic of Loss and Damage (L&D) associated with climate change, focusing on the latest policy advancements and the significant role youth play in advocating for fair and equitable solutions.

The session drew participants eager to enhance their understanding of L&D, especially in light of the progress made since COP28 and expectations for COP29. Central discussions revolved around the operationalization of the Loss and Damage Fund (LD Fund), the Santiago Network on Loss and Damage (SNLD), and the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM).

Given the importance of finance negotiations this year, the second session entitled **“How can the NCG deliver on Loss and Damage?”** was held on August 28th and the event aimed to deepen participants' understanding of the current negotiation on the New Collective Quantified Goal and how it could deliver on Loss and Damage finance.

Climate Change

- The number of climate and weather related disasters has been increasing since the 1960s, and has risen almost 35% since the 1990s
- At 1.1 degrees, we are seeing extreme climate events and loss and damage happening around the world.

Human influence has warmed the climate at a rate that is unprecedented in at least the last 2000 years

Changes in global surface temperature relative to 1850–1900

(a) Change in global surface temperature (decadal average) as reconstructed (1–2000) and observed (1850–2020)

(b) Change in global surface temperature (annual average) as observed and simulated using human & natural and only natural factors (both 1850–2020)

History of global temperature change and causes of recent warming (IPCC, 2021)

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Zoom Meeting Participants:

- Alokita - YOUNGO
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- Beza
- Schneider, Ceci
- Yen Nguyen, Vt.
- Eva Vazq...

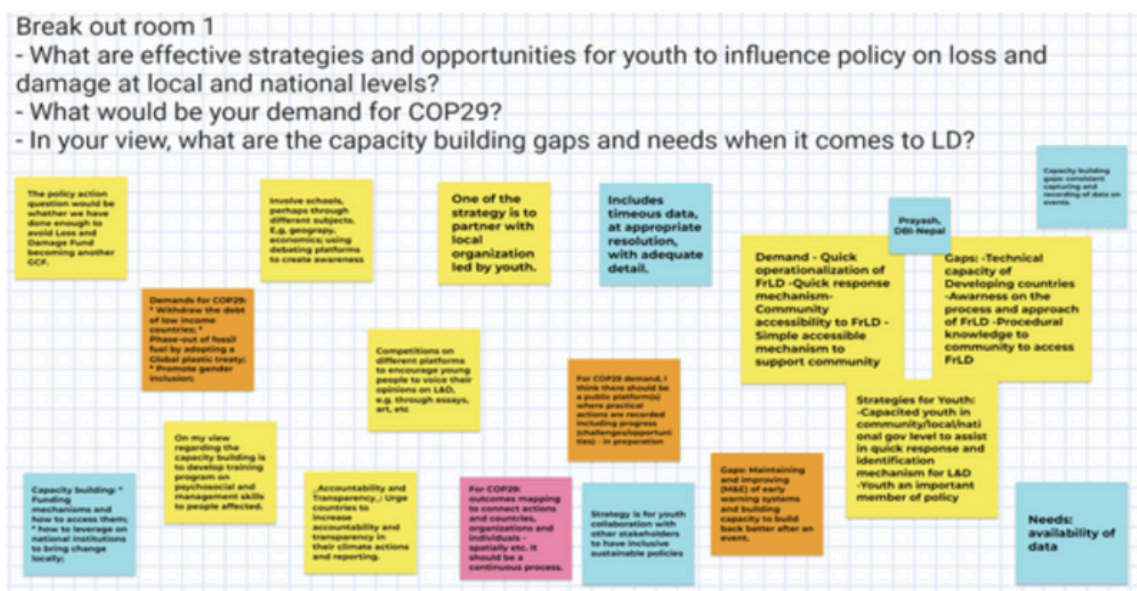


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Key Discussions and Highlights for the first webinar

- Overview of Loss and Damage:** Alokita Jha, serving as a coordinator for the YOUNGO Loss and Damage Working Group, delivered a comprehensive overview defining the scope of Loss and Damage. She illustrated the widespread impacts L&D has on vulnerable communities, particularly in developing countries. Alokita emphasized the pivotal role that youth must play in ensuring the WIM is utilized effectively, especially to safeguard those who are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.
- Current Policies and Agreements:** Brenda Mwale, representing the Loss and Damage Collaboration and Green Girls Platform, provided a thorough presentation on the current international policies. She focused specifically on the SNLD and the operationalization of the LD Fund. Brenda highlighted how youth advocates have an important role in driving equitable solutions within these frameworks, ensuring that their voices and concerns are heard at the global policy level.
- Breakout Sessions:** Participants actively engaged in breakout room discussions aimed at strategizing youth involvement in shaping L&D policies at local, national, and international levels. These discussions covered key topics such as demands for COP29, identifying gaps in capacity-building efforts, and recognizing the opportunities youth can seize to push for robust L&D frameworks.



Key Discussions and Highlights from the second webinar

- NCQG and Its Role in Loss and Damage:** The second webinar delved into ongoing discussions surrounding the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG). Illari Aragon from Christian Aid presented a detailed technical analysis of the NCQG, explaining its potential implications for financing L&D. She provided a background on the NCQG, the general expectation with the new goal, and provided an analysis on the current contentious points.



- Harjeet Singh from the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative followed by discussing the challenges in operationalizing both the NCQG and the L&D Fund, as well as identifying viable sources of finance for sustainable climate action. He highlighted the current gap with the fund in terms of speed and scale of funding that is needed by vulnerable communities to address loss and damage, and the importance of public finance to be at the core of loss and damage finance coupled up with other innovative finance. He highlighted some of the innovative finance such as:
 - carbon taxes on carbon emissions
 - financial transaction tax on currency, stock exchange, etc
 - Aviation and maritime levies.

Key Takeaways

- Youth play a crucial role in advancing L&D negotiations, particularly in advocating for the integration of L&D into updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) that align with the Paris Agreement's objective of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.
- The operationalization of the LD Fund and SNLD remains an essential and urgent step in addressing the rising impacts of climate-induced loss and damage, especially for the most affected communities.
- The NCQG, expected to be finalized at COP 29, represents a vital opportunity to secure predictable, adequate, and sustainable finance to address L&D. The strong advocacy of civil society, particularly youth, will be instrumental in shaping this outcome.
- In terms of capacity building, participants advocated for a development of a training program on psychosocial and management skills to people affected by climate change as well as building youth capacity at the community level to assist in quick response and capturing and recording data of climate impacts.

The webinar concluded with a call to action for participants to leverage the outcomes of COP28 and the ongoing NCQG negotiations to ensure that addressing Loss and Damage remains a top priority in global climate finance discussions. Youth leaders, in particular, were encouraged to use their voices and platforms to push for meaningful policy changes leading up to COP29 in Azerbaijan. This event underscored the importance of continued collaboration between youth organizations, civil society actors, and policymakers to collectively tackle the growing challenge of climate-induced loss and damage.

For more information on this event, please visit the webpage: [Session 1](#) & [Session 2](#).



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