

# LOSS & DAMAGE YOUTH COALITION (LDYC) ?

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# A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

The Loss & Damage Youth Coalition (LDYC) is an international network of young activists and negotiators from both developing and developed countries advocating for increased public awareness and ambitious action on loss and damage (L&D) issues. The Coalition was established in the aftermath of COP25, at a time when youth engagement and leadership were understood as key aspects of a successful and just transition.

To date, the LDYC has over 1,100 members from 90+ countries working together to empower those on the frontlines of the most extreme impacts of climate change, and to dismantle inequality undermining climate justice. The LDYC envisions a world where loss and damage is addressed in a just and equitable way, one in which developed countries take responsibility for their disproportionate contributions to the climate crisis by addressing L&D with urgency. We envision a world where the rights of future generations to a stable climate and a safe environment are honoured.

In line with its vision, the LDYC specialises in sending youth delegations to multilateral meetings and summits, delivering capacity-building sessions and trainings on L&D, showcasing personal youth stories from the frontlines, and addressing existing gaps in L&D research.

# OUR STRUCTURE

As the "voice of the many" with 1,100 members across 90 countries, the decision-making process of the Loss & Damage Youth Coalition seeks to reflect the global diversity of youth. The LDYC is a membership-driven organisation, working to empower youth as it delivers its mission for climate justice.

## Working Groups (WGs)

The LDYC is made up of five working groups, each focusing on one of the following topics:

- Advocacy
- Communications
- Research
- Storytelling
- Training

Working Groups are each led by one or two coordinators, and each function similarly though with some minor variations. WGs generally meet once every two weeks during a membership call hosted by a coordinator. Meetings assess past project progress, outline the work for the week(s) ahead, and allocated tasks to members.

## Coordinator Team

## Steering Committee

## Regional Hubs

## General Membership

# Our History