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.

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