



REPORT - COP22 SIDE EVENT

“Intergenerational Equity and Youth Empowerment: Opportunities of Cooperation between Youth and Parties”

BACKGROUND

Starting from 2013, young people attending the climate negotiations as part of YOUNGO started advocating for the consideration of intergenerational equity in the discussions leading to COP21 and to the Paris Agreement. During the years, an effective cooperation between youth and Party delegates finally ensured the explicit mention of the principle in the preamble text of the Paris Agreement, making it the first time in an international agreement of this kind.

Meanwhile, the effects of climate change throughout the world are getting more and more intensive, particularly affecting the most vulnerable regions and populations. The sense of urgency, as scientific reports frequently remind us, implies a resolute shift in global climate and energy policies and a deeper consideration of the voice of young people, the ones who will face the worse consequences of today's decisions.

Following these considerations, Italian Climate Network and Taiwan Youth Climate Coalition decided to collaborate on realizing a side event at COP22, to gather the views and perspectives of Parties and Youth on how to move forward.

SESSION 1 – PARTIES

In the first session, the organizers asked the Distinguished Excellences from Italy, Seychelles and Costa Rica to address the following questions about implementation:

- a) *How can we operationalize intergenerational equity in the climate negotiations, now that the principle is part of the Paris Agreement?*
- b) *How can we concretely promote youth empowerment and youth participation to the decision-making processes worldwide?*

SESSION 2 – ORGANIZERS

In the second session, representatives from Italian Climate Network and Taiwan Youth Climate Coalition introduced their work, expressed their views on the topics and finally addressed concrete proposals to the attention of the Distinguished Excellences.

SESSION 3 – YOUTH

In the third session, representatives from YOUNGO and other youth organizations discussed the urgency of concrete action worldwide, the objectives and the challenges of the youth constituency at the UNFCCC and some concrete proposals to turn intergenerational equity and youth participation from words into facts.

SESSION 4 – CONCLUSIONS

In the last sessions, high-level representatives from Italian Climate Network and Taiwan Youth Climate Coalition drew the conclusions of the event, by emphasizing the most relevant topics and proposals emerged during the event to be implemented in order to pursue the implementation of intergenerational equity and effective youth participation to decision-making processes.