**CONCEPT NOTE: COP28 SIDE EVENT**

**Reservoir for Change: Girl-led action, Youth in Nature-Based Solutions & Education for Climate Action**

**Date and Venue:** 05 December 2023 at 13:15 - 14:45 in Room: SE Room 1 (Blue Zone)

**Thematic Focus:** Youth leadership and Adaptation, including loss and damage

**Description:** Elevating youth in climate action, the event spotlights nature-based solutions, girl-led action on climate change, and #Decarbonize - a global school-based program in 70+ countries. It showcases children’s voices, and youth experiences from around the world and fosters inclusive and diverse climate dialogues.

**ORGANIZERS:**

1. **Actions Vitales pour le Dévelopment Durable (AVD):**
2. **Centre for Global Education (CGE) / TakingITGlobal (TIG):** aims to engage and connect youth to create a more inclusive, peaceful, and sustainable world, through 3 main programmes: Facilitating Connected Learning; Supporting Youth Action and Social Innovation; and Fostering Creativity and digital skills. - [www.tigweb.org](http://www.tigweb.org)
3. **World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS):** the largest voluntary movement dedicated to empowering girls and young women in the world. Our strengths lie in innovative non-formal education programs, leadership development, advocacy, and community action. - [www.wagggs.org](http://www.wagggs.org)
4. **World Vision International (WVI):** helping the most vulnerable children overcome poverty and experience the fullness of life. We help children of all backgrounds, even in the most dangerous places, inspired by our Christian faith. - [www.wvi.org](http://www.wvi.org)

**OVERVIEW**

Climate change is the defining challenge of our time and poses a critical threat to our future. Children and youth are highly affected by the consequences of climate change, and despite the fact that they can play a critical role in responding to environmental degradation, they are often excluded from relevant wider discourse, and their participation in decision-making and the creation of solutions is limited. These challenges undermine the ability of children and youth to influence measures designed to address climate change.

We believe that children and youth must participate at all levels of decision-making and in the design, delivery, and implementation of relevant environmental programmes, to shape a sustainable and equal future for us all. The three organizations we represent are developing programmes to empower children and youth on Climate Change action in more than 50 countries around the world.

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

* Children
* Youth
* Decision-makers
* Relevant stakeholders

**Expected Number of Participants: 175**

**FINAL TAKEAWAY FOR THE SIDE EVENT:**

Children and Youth as Meaningful Contributors to Climate Solutions

**FORMAT:** The event will be facilitated by two young co-facilitators from the organizing partners. There will be an opening panel of young leaders who will spotlight and discuss their climate education programmes, highlighting some of the shared challenges and achievements. This panel will then be followed by an intergenerational discussion between the young panelists and different decision makers, where decision makers will have the opportunity to reflect on the programmes they have heard about and share their own insights and priorities, opportunities and barriers for education and climate action, and supporting youth leadership.

Learning’s could be recorded (flip charts or porjection) as findings around a number of specific questions so we help articulate best practice and ambitions by the end.

A short Opening artistic representation will be done by a child (under 18) climate activist

The Closing remark will be made by a Key Guest Speaker

**Run of Show: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HMRPW5F-Ts5ncYMsXl05CGXLpRItYfMg/edit#gid=1968750731**