



Children and Youth Major Group (CYMG) Statement at the 35th Meeting of the parties to the Montreal Protocol

Thanks for the floor, Co-chairs.

I am Victor Ben Kwabe, speaking on behalf of the Children and Youth Major Group, official youth constituency to the United Nations Environment Programme.

As observers during the 35th meeting of the parties to the Montreal Protocol we are privileged to be accorded an opportunity by this meeting to represent millions of youths around the world. It is with great observation and recognition of the plights that youths face in relation to the climate crisis globally that we would like to amplify the youths' voices and call for more representation in the meetings of the parties to the Montreal protocol.

It's important to note that the young people are adversely affected as they attempt to thrive seeking employment, building start ups and safeguarding the mother planet. Due to these factors, the youth representation in the 35th meeting of the parties to the Montreal protocol who are the first to ever get this opportunity, have come up with this declaration.

The declaration by the observers of Children and Youth Major Group in the 35th meeting not only advocates for a youth's voice in the meetings from now henceforth but also calls for more capacity building, workshops and forums globally to equip young people with this information and know-how.

Notably the younger and future generation are deemed to suffer more if action in regards to climate action responses are not urgently rolled out with a magnitude essential of reducing the impacts from unprecedented climate change crises.

Roles of the youths in the space:

1. The youth can take part in the public education forum having a direct access access to the community
2. The youths can be on the forefront of mobilization and creating awareness amongst the citizens and society.
3. Youths are a dynamic population who are full of innovation that could assist in coming up with solutions alternatives around the facedown and face out of HFCs.
4. Wider inclusion of youths in the MOP meetings would see to it that the conversation is continued over the years with fruition in the deliberations.



5. Young people and future generations are deemed to suffer most from the Ozone destruction by substances since it will alarmingly increase climate crises. Therefore, their inclusion is urgent and essential.

6. Member states and industries involved in the Ozone governance discussions can prioritize youths in these discussions considering their resilience, dynamic, and innovativeness.

It's our hope that this first time engagement would further open doors to more forums and genuine inclusion of the younger generation in the discussions and meetings. Let's empower the young scientists, innovators, climate leaders and industry players to play a role in Ozone protection.

Thank you.

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