



Building the African Youth Adaptation Network

What is the African Youth Adaptation Network?

In 2025, GCA is amplifying the world's largest Youth Adaptation Network in Africa, and we're calling on **registered youth-led** organizations to join us. One youth-led organization per African country will be selected as the In-Country Focal Point for the Youth Adaptation Network. This is your opportunity to connect with a continental community, amplify your voice, and accelerate adaptation solutions in Africa.

What are the African In-Country Focal Points?

GCA's is seeking **youth-led** local organizations in Africa committed to youth engagement, climate action, or sustainability to become In-Country Focal Points In their country. What are the application requirements to become an In-Country Focal Point?

- Registered **youth-led** organizations;
- Minimum 2 years of experience;
- Mandate with climate change, adaptation, or youth engagement.

How will the In-Country Focal Points benefit?

- Access to online training on climate adaptation and youth leadership.
- Access to a network of youth-led organizations across Africa advancing climate adaptation.
- Access to peer-to-peer exchanges and knowledge transfers on youth leadership and climate adaptation.
- Opportunity to be featured on the GCA website through spotlight features and blog post.

What is the selection process of the In-Country Focal Points in Africa?

- **Open Call for Applications:** Youth-led organizations respond to the open call by submitting their application.
- **Shortlisting:** The Global Center on Adaptation reviews all applications and creates a shortlist based on the shortlist criteria.
- **Video Submission:** Shortlisted organizations are invited to submit a one-minute video outlining their vision for building the Youth Adaptation Network within their country.



- **Public Voting:** Submitted videos are shared on social media, allowing the public to vote, while a GCA panel conducts a parallel assessment. Together, these inputs determine the In-Country Focal Point.
- **Announcing:** The organization selected through public voting, following validation by a GCA panel, is officially announced and onboarded as the In-Country Focal Point.

What are the commitments of In-Country Focal Points?

In-Country Focal Points commit to the following:

- **One Year Voluntary Commitment.**
- **Nomination of two Youth Adaptation Network Contact Persons.**
- **Connect Regularly:** Attend online meetings of the Youth Adaptation Network (quarterly and as needed).
- **Build the Youth Adaptation Network:**
 - Increase awareness about the Youth Adaptation Network in their country.
 - Help young people register for the network.
 - Carry out a learning needs assessment provided by the Global Center on Adaptation.
- **Lead Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day:**
 - Organize a Youth Consultation on October 12th, bringing together various stakeholders.
 - Create a written communiqué of this consultation to be presented at COP30.
- **Engage with the Youth Academy:**
 - Encourage young people to use the [GCA's Toolkit on Climate Adaptation and Leadership](#).
 - Nominate two focal points to attend the online Youth Academy.
- **Share Knowledge:** Contribute local expertise and opportunities to the network through blog posts or the quarterly newsletter.

What are the Selection Criteria?

- Experience in climate action and adaptation.
- Experience mobilizing and engaging youth.
- Strong local presence and reach.
- Ability to nominate YAN Contact Persons.
- YAN Contact Persons must hold either bachelor's degree or demonstrated experience in sustainability/climate change/youth and be proficient in English.
- Organizational capacity for network building and access to internet.
- Demonstrated commitment to fostering a membership that reflects diverse backgrounds, including ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities, persons



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with limited formal education, single parents, and individuals of all genders—evidenced by submitting disaggregated membership data (e.g. counts and percentages of women, members with disabilities, etc.).