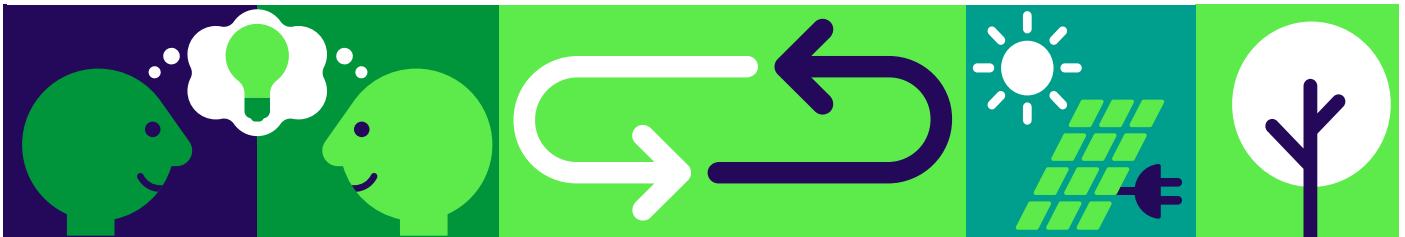


Stronger Together for Climate

A Call for Action



*This document presents the views and recommendations of young people across Europe and Africa collected by the findings of four Focus Groups from October/November 2021 adding their voice to the British Council's [Global Youth Letter](#). Key findings from these discussions culminated to a [Youth-Policy Dialogue](#) which took place on 15 February 2022 in partnership with the EU Africa Foundation as a side event to the Africa-EU Week and part of the 7th EU-Africa Business Forum passing from COP26 to COP27.

Young people in the Stronger Together for Climate event series made clear and powerful statements and put forth a set of concrete requests:

Our generation has been living the dramatic consequences of the climate crisis. So **now is the time for youth to be on every table**: the table of decision making, of negotiations, of consulting. Young innovators, artists, researchers, entrepreneurs, and civil society representatives should be at the heart of the talk.

- ✓ **All promises made in COP26 Glasgow should be delivered.**
- ✓ **We need to move to intergenerational co-leadership.**
Young people are not just asking for participation, but co-leadership!
- ✓ **We demand 35% of youth to be institutionalized in every COP and EU/AU Summit.**
To be truly part of the decision making and have the resources to endorse these decisions.
- ✓ **We request funding for young Africans to participate in the delegations;**
Young African people cannot be excluded from discussions taking place in Europe because of reasons of mobility and vaccine equity between the two continents.
- ✓ **We demand funding for climate-led entrepreneurship, research, and the arts.**
Moving from just being invited to actually being heard needs funding.
- ✓ **Grassroots organisations** should be invited to take part in decision making.
Give rise to policy makers with grassroots activist background.
- ✓ Governments should **provide incentives for enterprises** to set up eco-friendly businesses through financial support and capacity building.
- ✓ We need **capacity building, informed data, and education to become changemakers.**
Technology can be used as a tool to end corruption and ensure transparency.
- ✓ To switch to **renewable solutions, we need informed strategies and infrastructure.**
Researchers work on evidence-based predictive models that can accurately foresee what is going to happen; funding should go to research.
- ✓ **Climate adaptation finance should be doubled by 2025.** We need better investment on infrastructure and resilient strategies against loss and damage to ensure safety and efficient coping mechanisms against natural disasters deriving from climate change.
- ✓ We need to **address the historical injustice.** Countries have not undergone the same development and therefore the impact of climate change is adversely proportionate.

Give us, the young people, the space to be active players, by providing us with mentorship, resources and opportunities to create networks.

