

# Kenyan Youth Engagement in Stockholm+50

## In context of sustainable development

Focus on forestry and land restoration

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# Road Map of Activities

■ Pre ■ Post

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER

6 regional consultations

1st Draft Youth Position

Decentralized events/ consultations

S+50 Youth Pre-event (YEA)

2nd Draft Youth Position

Commencing Youth festival/events

Part 2 - S+50 Youth pre event

Final Position Paper

Follow-up activities on S+50 legacy projects

S+50 Kenyan Lens Report

S+50 Kenyan Lens  
Launch 30th Oct



# Opportunities



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## ❖ Global Youth Policy paper | Handbook | Education output

**Policy paper:** Product of initial research, discussions, and hybrid consultations to ensure the views of as many young people are represented. In keeping with the themes of Stockholm+50; A healthy planet & prosperity of all, Sustainable recovery from COVID-19, Environmentally sustainable development and Inclusive decision-making processes.

- The first comprehensive set of Youth demands to an international process.

**Handbook:** This toolkit provides activities like mobilisations consultations, and other actions, as well as tips and resources to help every youth activate in their localities. It's prepared in way for youth voices to be brought to the highest level of decision-making.



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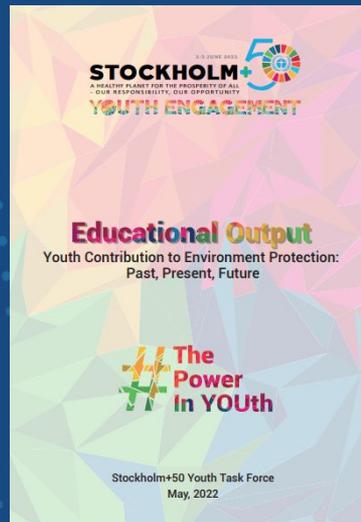
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The Power of Youth

A Toolkit for Young Environmental Advocates  
ft. Stockholm+50

Stockholm+50  
Global Youth  
Policy Paper:

Third Official Version,  
May 2022



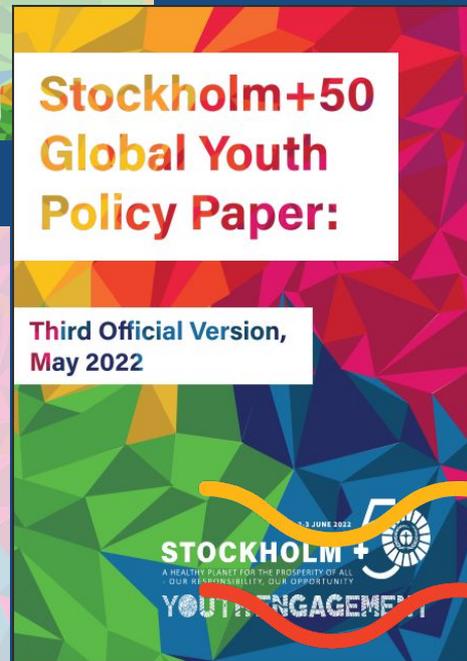
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Educational Output

Youth Contribution to Environment Protection:  
Past, Present, Future

#The  
Power  
In Youth

Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force  
May, 2022



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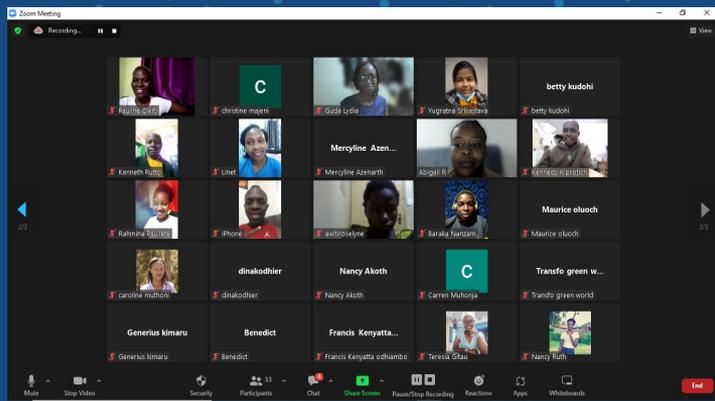


## ◆ National Capacity Building Sessions

Three comprehensive online capacity building sessions were conducted, reaching over 400 young people across all the counties.

The target group was composed of diverse professional backgrounds:

- Universities
- civil society organisations
- government departments
- intergovernmental organisations.



**In the process, the Youth Task Force members are encouraging the Kenyan youth to do Stockholm+50 Legacy projects within their communities.**

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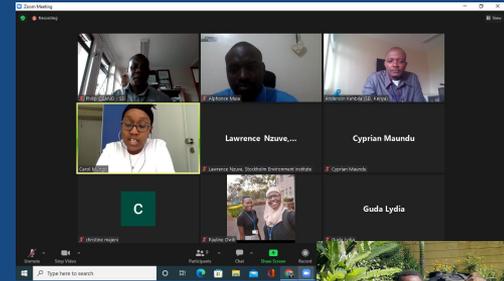
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## ❖ Presentation of the work of the Stockholm+50 Youth TaskForce to Foreign Missions and Institutions in Nairobi

- 158th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) at UNEP
- Meeting with the Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to UNEP and UN Habitat held with the Ambassador at the Swedish Embassy in Nairobi.
- Meeting with the Finnish Deputy Permanent Representative to the UNEP and UN Habitat, HE Essi Raitala, and the UN Coordinator Milja Tomi.
- Meeting with the Stockholm Environment Institute Africa regional director Dr. Philip Osano.
- Email correspondence with Rohr-Garstecki, Ambassador of Poland to Kenya and the Permanent Representative to UNEP and UN Habitat

The team pushed for the involvement of Kenyan youth in the embassies' programs and the creation of any relevant youth centric opportunities around the existing bilateral ties.



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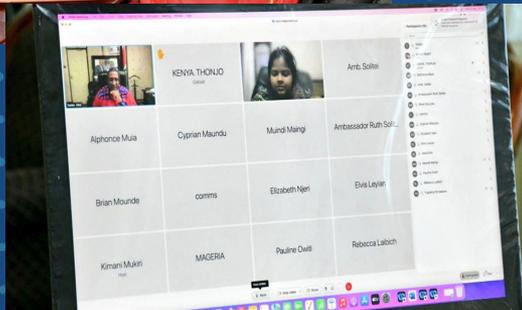
## ❖ The Youth Task Force Meeting with the Environment and Forestry CS, Hon. Keriako Tobiko



Presented the roadmap to the Stockholm+50 international meeting from the global youth community narrowing it down to the efforts that the team has locally led to domesticate the objectives of the Stockholm+50 process in Kenya.

Notable achievements out of these efforts include:

- Push for the youth policy paper in the plenary discussions in Stockholm.
- Director of Multilateral Environmental Agreements at the Ministry took up the task to work with the youth in ensuring that their demands are captured in the national statements.
- Hon. Tobiko participation as a panelist in the high level closing session of the Youth Assembly in Stockholm.

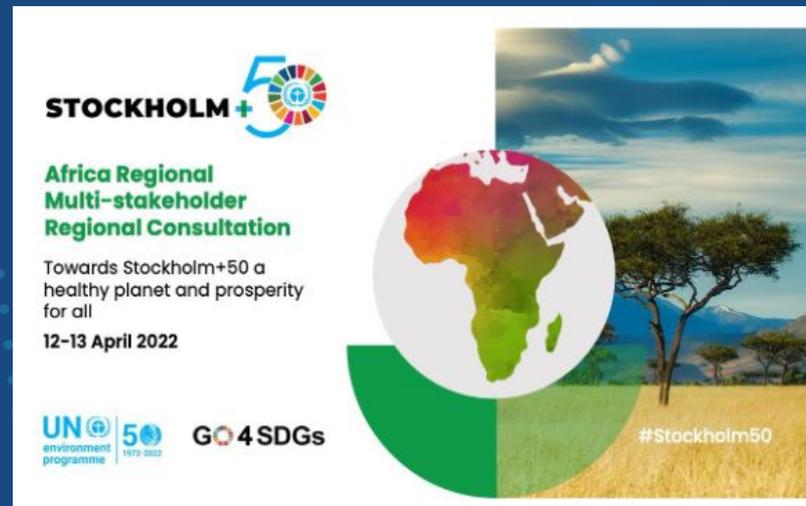


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## ❖ Regional Multi-stakeholder Consultations on Leadership Dialogues

Co-designed in close cooperation with major groups and all relevant stakeholders to:

- Give a voice to and facilitate engagement of as many stakeholders as possible.
- Ensure a bottom-up approach in the mapping of key actions needed to safeguard our planet in the 21st century in the context of each country and region's needs, including policies and actions required in those economic sectors most critical for sustainable development;
- Review and assess how the state of our environment can be enhanced to help countries and regions attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and with a particular focus on innovative and enhanced means of implementation as well as building and enhancing human capacities.



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## ❖ A side event to showcase Kenyan youth domestication of the Stockholm Process



The Kenyan members of the Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force hosted an event focusing on showcasing a model that they had adopted to domesticate the Stockholm+50 process in the Republic of Kenya.

With the use of Pictorial presentation, the team showed their participation in:

- international platforms
- engagement with the Kenyan government and the relevant ministries
- capacity building sessions conducted
- the actions they lead within their communities.

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## ❖ Kenyan Youth meeting with HE President Uhuru Kenyatta

Meeting with all the Kenyan youth present in Stockholm for an exchange centred around strengthening Kenyan youth leadership in environmental multilateral processes while being agents of change within their communities back in Kenya.

Notable achievements out of these efforts include:

- Promise to create a Kenya Youth Presidential Commission on Climate under the executive branch of government and allocate a budget for them to serve as the formal environmental youth engagement mechanism for the government.
- Discussion on inclusion of Kenyan youth in multilateral processes.
- Handing over the S+50 youth policy paper to the President.





# Challenges



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- ❖ **Resources to conduct in-person and more virtual pre and post Stockholm+50 consultations with Kenyan youth.**
- ❖ **Inclusion of youth in national delegations to international meetings continues to be a challenge.**
- ❖ **Challenges in getting requisite travel documents excludes youth participation even when they are funded.**
- ❖ **Due to unreliable network connectivity, local community members are underrepresented in the preparatory processes which happen virtually.**



# Challenges

- ❖ Many people still find it hard to embrace lifestyle changes in a bid to control climate change.
- ❖ Competing priorities within the youthful scheme.
- ❖ Limited if any effort to follow up on the outcomes of international processes.
- ❖ Requisite funding to implement the legacy projects.
- ❖ Most of African countries lack official UN Youth delegates in Key UN offices globally (NY, Vienna, Geneva, Nairobi)



# Sustainable Development

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**Best Practices**

# Post-S+50



- ❖ Engaging Kenyan youth in S+50 Legacy projects.
- Drafting a Stockholm+50 Kenyan youth outcome report.
- Documenting youth legacy projects in SEI and MEF repository.
- Exposing Kenyan youth to UNEP meetings and networking spaces.
- Leveraging on the success of stockholm+50 to conduct a series of youth consultations leading upto the SDGs summit and summit if the future.
- Engaging in HLAB discussions.
- Media interviews.

# Best Practices

- ❖ **Stockholm+50 Legacy Projects model implementation**



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## ❖ Capacity Building, environmental education & Actions



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## ◆ Legacy projects



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