

5. Thematic session on the promotion of the principles of the Convention in international forums.

The United Nations System recognizes the key role that youth play in tackling climate change and works closely with youth-led and youth-focussed organizations around the world through the Joint Framework Initiative on Children. In fact, the level of youth involvement at the local level is very low.

Working Group of UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) has developed a youth participation strategy and they are going to approve it during the upcoming 16th COP. This is an interesting development after the appropriate Comment No 26 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. We are interested in whether there are any other such initiatives.

And we call on the parties to other environmental conventions to undertake such initiatives, as well as to be consistent that they will be conducted at the local level and included real mechanisms for the awareness and engagement of young people. Because youth are really capable and can be change-makers for the better world.

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