

TO
Raja Yoga Center
Deepti Serai
United Arab Emirates

## **Letter of Support for LCOY United Arab Emirates**

## Dear Deepti Serai

We have received and processed all of the required documents pertaining to your request to host a Local Conference of Youth (COY). It is with great pleasure we write you that the LCOY Working Group of YOUNGO (the official Youth Constituency of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - UNFCCC) has approved your application and is pleased to officially support and endorse the above indicated Local COY.

Formally recognized in 2009, YOUNGO serves as the official voice of young people from across the globe in the UN climate negotiations under the UNFCCC. Since the very beginning, YOUNGO has organized and hosted a COY each year immediately prior to the annual Conference of Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC. This meeting provides a crucial space for youth to gather for networking, topical trainings, and preparation to effectively engage in the COP and other UN processes relating to climate change, environmental protection and sustainable development.

In 2015, the global wave of energy around COP21, which gave us the Paris Agreement, sparked an interest by many young people who could not attend the main conferences in Paris to organize parallel conferences. Known as "Local COYs", these meetings played a critical role in mobilizing more young people for climate action than ever before around the world. This practice of Local COYs continued since then. As the world now moves into pursuing implementation of the Paris Agreement and raising ambitions in national and global efforts, it is more important than ever to engage young people beyond the realm of just the negotiations at the UNFCCC.

Therefore, your willingness to undertake the task of organizing a Local COY for the youth in your country and region is a vital part of this global collective effort by young people. The YOUNGO LCOY Working Group is looking forward to working with you and warmly invites you to participate in its' processes. Please keep in mind that the global LCOY community is formed by the LCOYs it is comprised of including you and your team.

Having noted your acceptance of the provisions of the LCOY Policy in line with the application process, we trust you will conduct your work according to the expected practices, as a condition of this endorsement. These are listed in the attachment to this document.

Please utilize this letter as necessary in the pursuit of any required support and sponsorship in order to make your plans for a Local COY become reality.

Once again, we wish you all the very best on behalf of the YOUNGO COY Working Group and we look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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- 1. LCOYs do not enter partnerships with fossil fuel companies or other organisations that stand in conflict with the interest of young people.
- 2. LCOYs are organised by young people and for young people.
- 3. LCOYs remain transparent about their work by making information openly available to the LCOY Working Group, other LCOYs and the general public.
- 4. LCOYs write and publish an output document that captures the views of youth participants on UNFCCC processes, national policy issues, or other topics related to climate change or sustainable development.
- 5. LCOYs write and publish a short report that comprises (at least) the number of participants, statistics of their origin, and cooperating organisations.
- 6. LCOYs are organized in a spirit of cooperation. If young people or youth movements other than the hereby approved people and groups wish to organize an LCOY in the same country, the approved LCOY is open to search for ways to cooperate.