



6th Capacity-building Hub Capacities for Climate Innovation Day

Climate Technology Centre and Network Local Innovators, Global Change: Youth Talk

Venue: 6th Capacity-building Hub within COP29 (Blue zone), Special Event Room – Shirvan

Location: Baku, Azerbaijan

Date: Monday, 18th November 2024, 16:30-17:30

Background:

The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) is the implementation arm of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism that responds to requests for technical assistance submitted by developing countries and delivers tailored support to address specific climate technology challenges. Drawing on the expertise of its 835 Network members. With its network, the CTCN has a unique capacity to support catalytic actions for countries seeking to implement and deploy climate technology solutions, positioning itself as a strategic partner.

Recognizing that the intensification of extreme weather events and climate change pose significant threats to the well-being of youth, particularly in developing countries, and that young people are at the forefront of raising awareness, promoting sustainable lifestyles, and implementing environmentally friendly practices, the CTCN has increasingly engaged youth in its technology work over the past decade. The goal has been to provide both technology services to young people and a platform for them to share their insights and experiences with climate change technologies.

In response to requests from developing countries, the CTCN has implemented specific technical assistance projects focused on youth, offering technology services as well as opportunities for networking, collaboration, and skill development training. Additionally, in 2020, the CTCN launched the first edition of its Youth Climate Innovation Labs and Academy, which provided young people with training and tools to develop solutions to various climate change challenges. [The second edition of the programme](#) was launched in 2024.

This session aims to showcase these efforts by featuring perspectives from youth advocates on the importance of technology for climate action, we will also hear from winners of the CTCN's Youth Climate Innovation Programme, who will share how the incubator programme has helped them scale their climate technology ideas. Finally, a





CTCN Network implementer will discuss how the CTCN incorporates youth and their needs into its climate technology projects.

Agenda:

Time/Duration	Segment	Speaker & Affiliation
5 minutes	Welcome and introduction	Harry Federspiel, Managing Director - Programs, Seedstars
5 minutes	Opening remarks	Dechen Tsering, Director a.i of UNEP's Climate Change Division
10 minutes	Keynote address	Lubomila Jordanova, Co-founder and CEO, Plan A, Obama Leader, MIT Under 35 Innovator
15 minutes	Youth Talks, a series of brief presentations	<p>Omer Badokhon, Co-founder & CEO at BioTreasure, CTCN Youth Climate Innovation Programme Alumni - Discussing the role of incubator programmes in catalyzing youth climate technology businesses, along with the opportunities he sees for youth in this field.</p> <p>Anisa Abibulloeva, The Little Earth, sharing how the organization supports women in mountain communities by helping them break isolation and transition to sustainable energy solutions.</p> <p>Keith Wingard, Strategic Partnerships Manager at Solar Cookers International - Presenting a CTCN technical assistance project piloting sustainable wood resources management through the promotion of solar cookers and solar energy, with a special focus on engaging youth.</p>
20 minutes	Interactive Q&A session	Moderator coordinating the session.
5 minutes	Closing remarks and call to action	Mr. Christofer Ahlgren , CTCN Advisory Board member, European Commission

Relevant Links:

CTCN YCI: <https://www.ctc-n.org/youth-climate-innovation-programme>

Youth Climate Innovation: <https://www.youthclimateinnovation.com>

Speakers' bios in order of appearance:





	<p>Harry Federspiel is the Managing Director of Programs at Seedstars, with over 10 years of experience in startup innovation and entrepreneurship. He has overseen more than 40 programmes supporting small and growing businesses in emerging markets, focusing strongly on the Sustainable Development Goals. At Seedstars, Harry leads a global team of 35+ people and collaborates with development finance institutions, bi- and multilateral donors, and private sector foundations to support startups through funding, skills development, and access to a global network of mentors and investors. His commitment to scalable impact solutions positions him as a key voice in advancing global climate technology and sustainable entrepreneurship.</p>
	<p>Ms. Tsering is currently the Acting Director of UNEP's Climate Change Division and the Director of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. With over 33 years of experience, she has held leadership roles across the United Nations, focusing on climate change and sustainable development. Ms. Tsering has been actively involved in intergovernmental negotiations as a key negotiator for least developed countries and contributed to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Green Climate Fund.</p>
	<p>Lubomila Jordanova is the co-founder and CEO of Plan A, Europe's leading corporate carbon accounting, decarbonization, and CSRD reporting software provider. Lubomila is also co-founder of the Greentech Alliance, a community of more than 3,500 startups connected to more than 500 advisors from VC, media, and business. She is a member of the International Advisory Board for Social Innovation under the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany and serves as an Advisory Board Member to the Sustainability Board at Chloé. Prior to Plan A, she worked in investment banking and venture capital as well as the fintech industry in Asia and Europe. She has been recognized as Obama Leader Europe 2022, MIT Innovator Under 35 Europe 2022, Marshall Fund Fellow 2022, Top 50 Women in Tech in Germany 2021 (Handelsblatt) and 30 under 30 (Forbes), among others.</p>
	<p>Omer Badokhon, Co-founder & CEO at BioTreasure, CTCN Youth Climate Innovation Programme Alumni</p> <p>Omer Badokhon is a social entrepreneur and climate activist founder and CEO of BioTreasure UN Young champion of the Earth Award winner 2017.</p>





	<p>Anisa Abibulloeva, youth engagement specialist, project coordinator at youth environmental organisation “Little Earth”, environmental activist with 7 years of experience in environmental advocacy.</p> <p>At COP28, Anisa was one of 100 youth delegates in the inaugural International Youth Climate Delegates Programme. Her efforts focus on engaging youth in climate action and working with the rural marginalised communities to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change through green technologies and sustainable practices. Anisa also specialises in climate advocacy and focuses on engaging youth and women in the formation of a stronger environmental movement.</p>
	<p>Keith Wingard, Strategic Partnerships Manager at Solar Cookers International, has been with the SCI since 2022, bringing his experience in implementing clean drinking water projects in Southeast Asia and a firsthand understanding of the transformative power of simple solutions. He holds a master's degree in International Development with a focus on Sustainable Development from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the University of British Columbia.</p>
	<p>Christofer Ahlgren is a Policy Officer at the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Climate Action with over a decade of experience in climate change. Christofer specializes in climate adaptation, urban climate action, and climate technologies. He represents the European Commission in UNFCCC technology negotiations and sits on the CTCN Advisory Board. Previously, Christofer worked as an environmental consultant in the UK, developing climate action plans for British local authorities and several EU Member States. He holds degrees in Environmental Policy from Oxford University and Environmental Science from Lund University."</p>

