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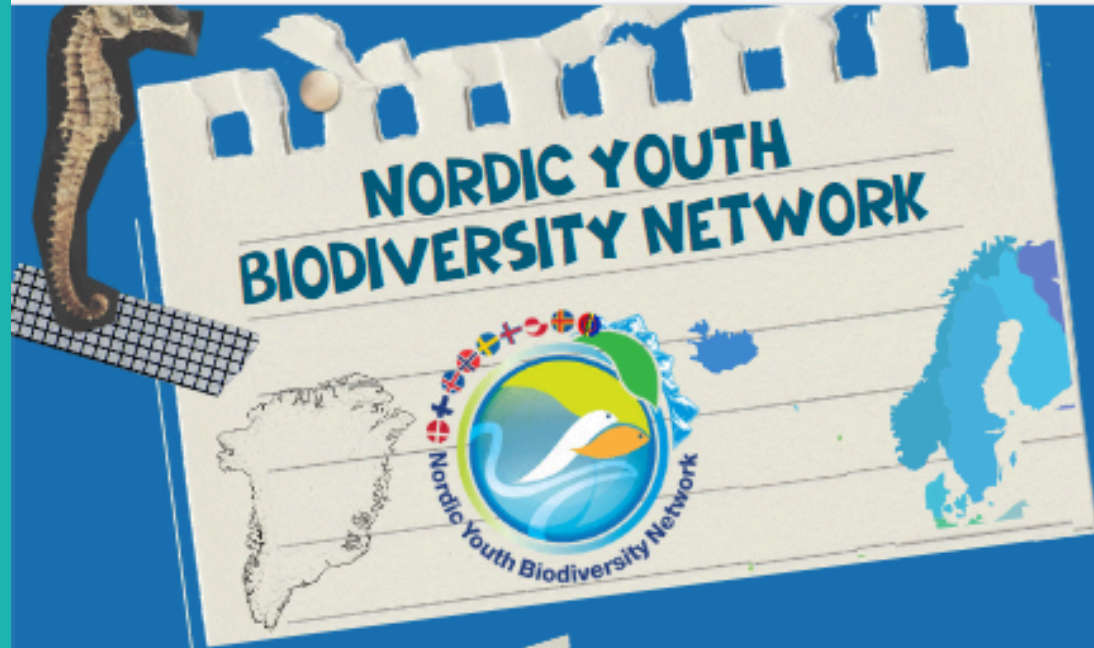
Aim:

Create a strong network of youth in biodiversity and guarantee that youth is included in decision making.

How?

- **Meetings**
- **Events**
- **Advocacy**

Some highlights during our earlier years as a project under the Nordic Council of Ministers and Nordic Council



We created NYBN in 2020 as

a way for Nordic youth to advocate within Nordic actors and actions on local, national and regional levels in the Nordics, giving youth a voice in the CBD process and biodiversity in general



Active members **30+**



4 projects
10+ activities



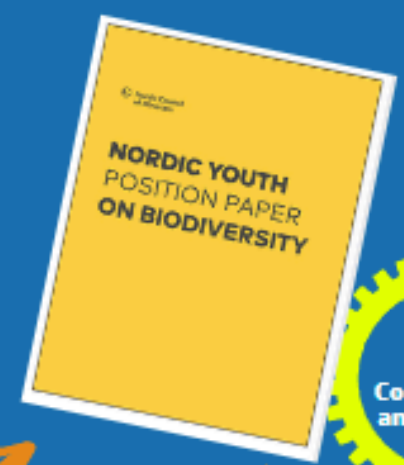
"Young people belong to the international arenas where decisions about biodiversity are being made"

CHAPTER SUPPORTED AS A PROJECT BY NORDIC COUNCIL AND NORDIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BEGAN

2020

2021

LAUNCH OF NORDIC YOUTH POSITION PAPER ON BIODIVERSITY



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS



Nordic Youth Consultation and Position
3000 Nordic young people have contributed to a Youth Position Paper with 19 action points to save biodiversity



The Regeneration Week 2021 Åland Islands
Arranged a panel discussion that gathered politicians and youth discussing our Nordic Youth Position Paper on biodiversity



At our side event we presented 5 Recommendations for Intergenerational Equity in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for a panel to discuss

OEWG3 - GENEVA



Nordic side event for anyone to attend

2022

NYBN ATTENDED:

OEWG4 - NAIROBI

STOCKHOLM+50



Roundtable meeting with Nordic Environmental Ministers

High-level meeting where we presented our youth demands and successfully made Nordic Ministers of Environment to consider criminalizing ecocide



Funded university workshops on the CBD

Workshops throughout the Nordics to educate and inform students about the CBD and how youth can engage to get our opinions in the biodiversity discussion.



PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATORS

- Nordic Council of Ministers
- Nordic Council
- LSU
- NORD Youth Communities
- NUBF
- youth4nature



Demography



Female = 65%
Male = 35%



6% indigenous



Ages 20-27

Lova Eveborn
Member of NYBN



Followers 343



Followers 247





What did NYBN do?

- Meetings with key stakeholders
- Networking
- Side-event on Rights of Nature
- Participation in different events





Nordic Youth Biodiversity Action Plan

In September of 2025 NBYN organized a weekend workshop that united youth from all Nordic Countries to represent their wishes for biodiversity projects in the next years.





Nordic Youth Biodiversity Action Plan

- **Vision for youth-driven biodiversity action in line with global biodiversity goals**
- **Advocacy tool for youth inclusion in Nordic NBSAPs and implementation**

Nordic Youth Biodiversity Action Plan – Policy Summary Background

The Nordic Youth Biodiversity Action Plan (NYBAP) serves as a youth-authored policy tool to demonstrate how Nordic governments can enhance their biodiversity commitments and ensure that young people are active partners in implementing nature action.

Background

Recognizing shared environmental characteristics and policy challenges, youth from across the region, including Indigenous and Arctic representatives, collaborated to articulate their priorities for biodiversity action. The Action Plan mirrors the structure and intent of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs). The work has been developed through a series of virtual capacity-building sessions, an in-person workshop weekend, and co-drafting from 25 youth from all around the Nordic region.

Key Policy Priorities

1. **Recognize and integrate Indigenous knowledge:** Ensure meaningful participation of Indigenous youth in biodiversity research, national decision-making, and international forums such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
2. **Curb fast fashion and promote sustainable production:** Introduce taxes or bans on fast fashion and incentivize local, circular, and sustainable textile industries.
3. **Advance equitable Global North–South partnerships:** Increase Nordic funding and collaboration for biodiversity projects in the Global South to promote global solidarity and shared responsibility.
4. **Strengthen local nature connections:** Support the creation and maintenance of accessible green spaces, invest in local capacity-building initiatives, and guarantee government resources for community-level action.
5. **Ensure full inclusion of Indigenous youth in governance:** Require all Nordic member states with Indigenous populations to include Indigenous youth in biodiversity delegations, consultations, and decision-making processes.



CBD COP16

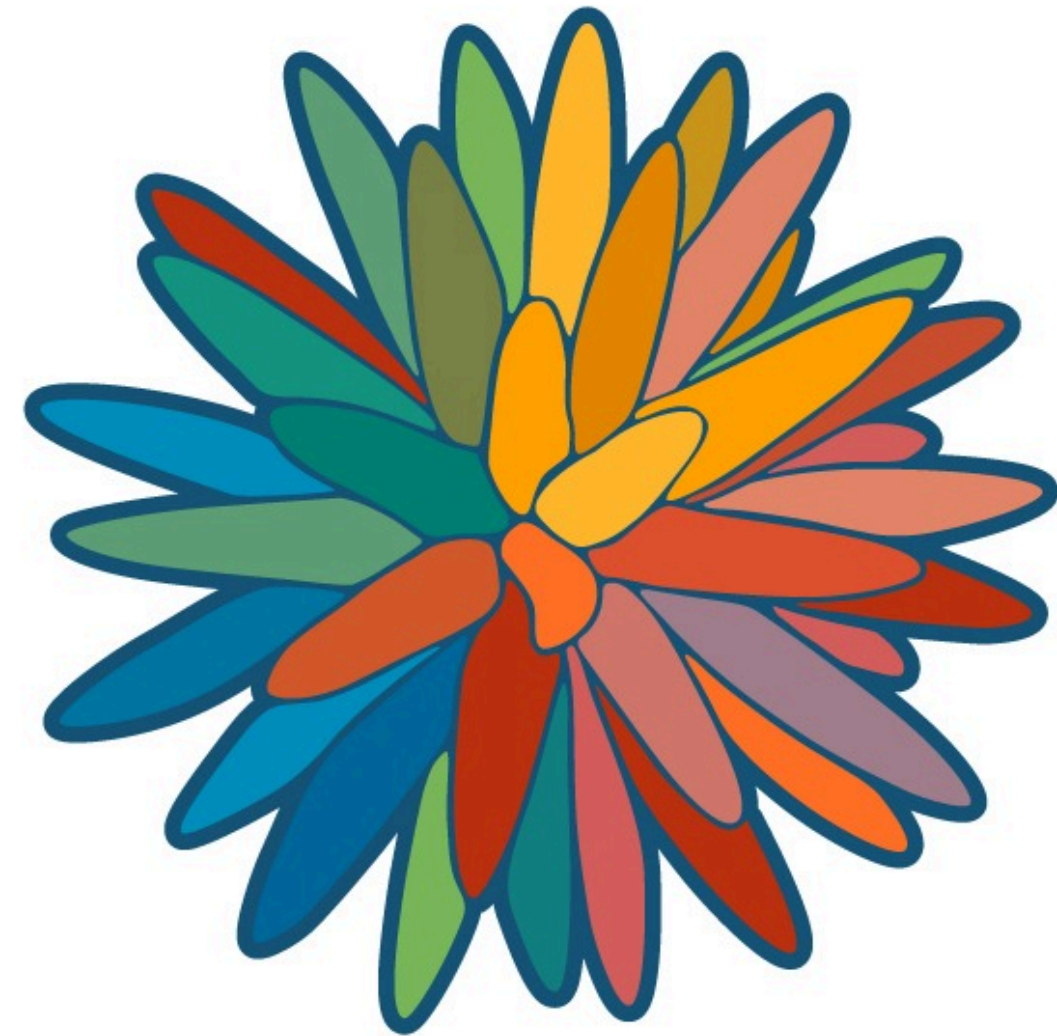
16th meeting of the Conference
of the Parties to the Convention
on Biological Diversity

UN Biodiversity Conference



Cali, Colombia

Oct. 21 - Nov. 01, 2024



COP16
COLOMBIA
Paz con la Naturaleza

NORDIC YOUTH TOOLKIT ON BIODIVERSITY ACTION



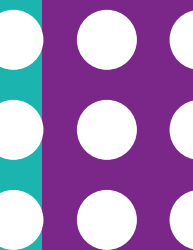


Who is it for?

- **For students**
- **For young professionals**
- **For activists**
- **Youth across the Nordic region**

Helps apply biodiversity knowledge in practical ways

It's a personal guide on your journey to biodiversity issues



How to use it?

- **Access tools**
- **Get ideas where to spread your word**
- **Explanation on advocacy levels (Local, national, international)**
- **Build partnerships**
- **Create your personal biodiversity action plan**

Action Planning Template

My 6-Month Goals:

Local action:

Skill development:

Network building:

My 2-Year Vision:

Impact I want to create:

Role I want to play:

Partnerships I want to build:

Support I Need:

Learning opportunities:

Mentorship:

Resources:



Self-Assement and how to engage

- **Interests**
- **Skills**
- **Resources**
- **Context**

Maine, Finland.

Administration, Leadership, Communication

Time avaiiabile, network

**South American background, living in the nordics,
interested in agriculture and climate justice.**



Personal Leadership Dossier

PURPOSE AND MISSION



**THINK
GLOBAL,
ACT LOCAL.
AND ACT
GLOBAL
TOO.**

MAINE MONTEIRO LOPES – CLIMATE ACTIVIST AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP



Maine's purpose is to discuss **climate justice** for people under social risk. Mainly the ones in rural communities and slums. Since these people are the most affected by climate change and also the ones that emit less CO2.

Her mission is to make out these communities a more comfortable place to live through concrete climate action in order to improve public spaces, strength the community, educate the youth and prevent more social degradation.

She wants to implement biodiversity, water protection, reforestation and food sovernity projects related ecosystems services restauration and preservation, improving the wellbeing of citizens and leaving a rich nature heritage for the next young generations.

COP Youth dedicated Spaces



- Youth Pavillion
- Youth Meetings
- Youth Led Side Events
- Policy Support
- Demonstrations
- High Level Stakeholders Dialogue



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Thank you!