

# Global Young Engineers Working Group on SDG 13

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[The World Federation of Engineering Organisations \(WFEO\)](#) is the largest global engineering federation bringing together national engineering institutions from 100 nations and representing 30 million engineers. WFEO is represented at major UN Organisations and Co-Chairs Major Science and Technology Group at UN.

Global Young Engineers Working Group on SDD 13 formed at Young Engineers / Future Leaders Committee at the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) was formed to include young engineers into the global WFEO Climate Emergency work.

The aim of this working group is to contribute to the sustainable development of countries by working with WFEO Action Group on COP 26 and streamlining WFEO young engineers' work in the climate action through:

- the share of information on:
  - o climate neutrality technologies;
  - o adaptation and resilience solutions for infrastructure,
  - o development of STEM skills;
- initiating collaboration between regions to achieve national and UN targets.

This project can be used as the blueprint for other SDGs in the future.

### **COP26 Joint Statement of International Youth Organisations**

The unprecedented joint statement released on 28 October 2021 showcases a unified voice of highly influential international youth organisations from the global engineering community, World Bank Group and UN in the need to deliver ambitious, decisive and timely climate action. It provides 12 clear overarching climate policy recommendations for COP26 in the areas of climate change mitigation, adaptation & resilience and inclusive action.

The signatories of the statement include:

- World Federation of Engineering Organisations Global Young Engineers Working Group on SDG13. (World Federation of Engineering Organisations which represents 100 national engineering institutions and over 30 million engineers globally.)
- UNFCCC YOUNGO official youth constituency of the UNFCCC,

- UN Major Group for Children and Youth Science-Policy Interface Platform,
- Global Youth Climate Network (Y2Y Community of the World Bank Group),
- Members of the UN Secretary-General’s Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change and a UN Youth4Climate Pre-COP26 delegate.

At COP26, the team has been actively engaging with party delegations and has taken part in a number of bilateral meetings with delegation representatives to discuss the support of the youth-led policy recommendations and cooperation on meaningful youth involvement. The COP26 Joint Statement of International Youth Organisations has been personally passed to ministers and prominent public officials, including Alok Sharma (UK / COP26 President), Lord Goldsmith (UK), George Eustice (UK), Roberto Cingolani (Italy), Frans Timmermans (EU), John Kerry (USA) and Patricia Espinosa (UNFCCC Executive Secretary). The statement has also benefited from communications support from the High Level Champions Nigel Topping and Gonzalo Muñoz.

The statement was also introduced at the COP26 Capacity Hub Finance and Technology Day event organized by the Global Young Engineers Working Group on SDG13 together with Global Youth Climate Network (Y2Y Community of the World Bank Group); and also presented at the COP26 Side event, organized by the WFE0 Action Group on COP26.



*Engagement with the members of the COP26 Parties’ delegations*



*Live interview with the Sky News on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, COP26 Blue Zone*

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