



## **REPORT**

GCSAYN Delegation Meeting with the United Nations Under Secretary-General Climate Action Team

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The informal meeting with the United Nations Climate Action Team included the presence of several UN Officials including:

- 1. **Selwin Hart** Assistant Secretary General for the Climate Action Team
- 2. **Esther Agbarkwe** Communications, Global, Climate Action, Youth, Public Mobilization
- 3. **John Gilroy** Chief of Section with Responsibility for Trust Funds and Programmes
- 4. **Giulia Jacovella** Youth and Climate Analyst of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- 5. **Hyunjin Chang** Associate Program Officer of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- 6. **Joao Scarpelini** Programme Specialist YPS Technical Division of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)



- People are aware of climate change, yet they are unaware that they are supposed to know
- People know Indigenous people; however, they do not know the subject matter they are discussing
- Climate literacy is encouraged between communities
- Inequalities may arise if climate action is not accelerated because the value of work is at home



- Localization and domestication of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Direct allocation of the Green Climate Fund to youths with coordination strengthened at a country-level, which can be supported by the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO)
- Youths need collaboration with experts to amplify the resources for their advocacy



## 2025: CRITICAL YEAR FOR CLIMATE ACTION

- Highlighted climate conference:
  30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) and the
  62nd Session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies
  Meeting
- Both meetings will have the nationally determined contributions (NDCs) delivered, which renews expectations by the UN for States
- 2025 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year since the enforcement of the Paris Agreement
- 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)