



Global Youth  
Biodiversity  
Network



Empowering  
Youth For  
Biodiversity

UPHOLD  
OUR RIGHTS  
TO A  
HEALTHY  
ENVIRONMENT

EFFECTIVE  
Solutions  
for Environmental  
Leaders

STOP THE  
SAME

Indigenous Lands  
IN  
Indigenous  
Hands



Youth Leadership  
& Mobilization  
towards a  
Future in Harmony  
with Nature



Remember your children!



**"Development Aggression"**

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Karlo and Maria,  
9 years old

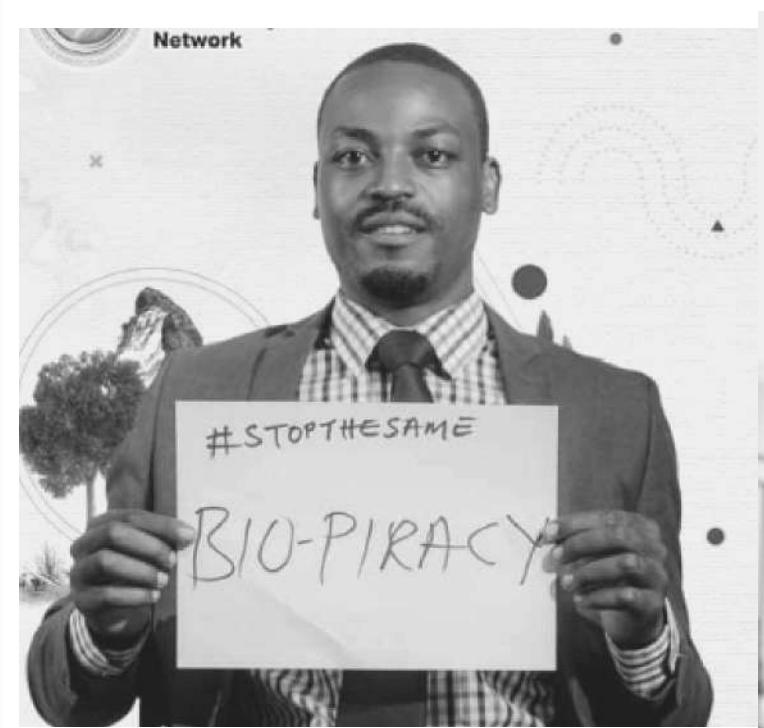




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2021



Same  
Sucks

# Diversity Rocks



**Biodiversity**  
*web of life*



# Cultural Diversity

*Languages, worldviews,  
knowledge systems, identities,  
practices, norms +*

A vibrant, colorful collage featuring a sun with a face and rays, a rainbow, a globe, and various people and symbols.

Diverse voices

Diverse Actions

Diverse Visions

# Biodiversity in crisis

**One million species at risk of extinction, UN report warns**

*The essential, interconnected web of life on Earth is getting smaller and increasingly frayed," said Prof. Settele. "This loss is a direct result of human activity and constitutes a direct threat to human well-being in all regions of the world."* **99**

# Cultural extinctions

An aerial photograph of a vast palm oil plantation. A single, narrow dirt road cuts through the dense rows of palm trees, extending from the foreground into the distance. The plantation is set against a backdrop of a hazy sky and a distant horizon, emphasizing the scale of the agricultural operation.

Assimilation

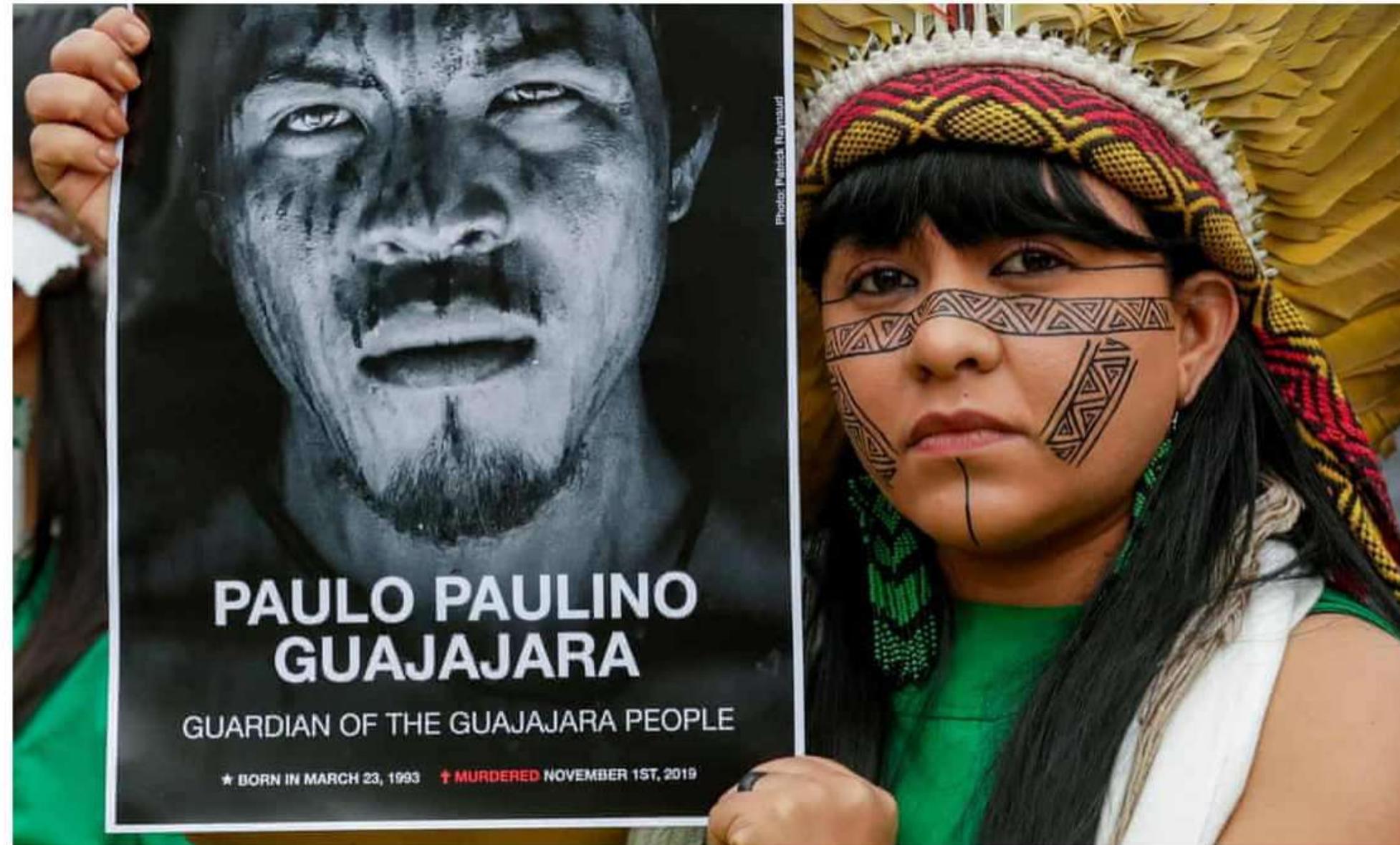
Knowledge loss

Language loss

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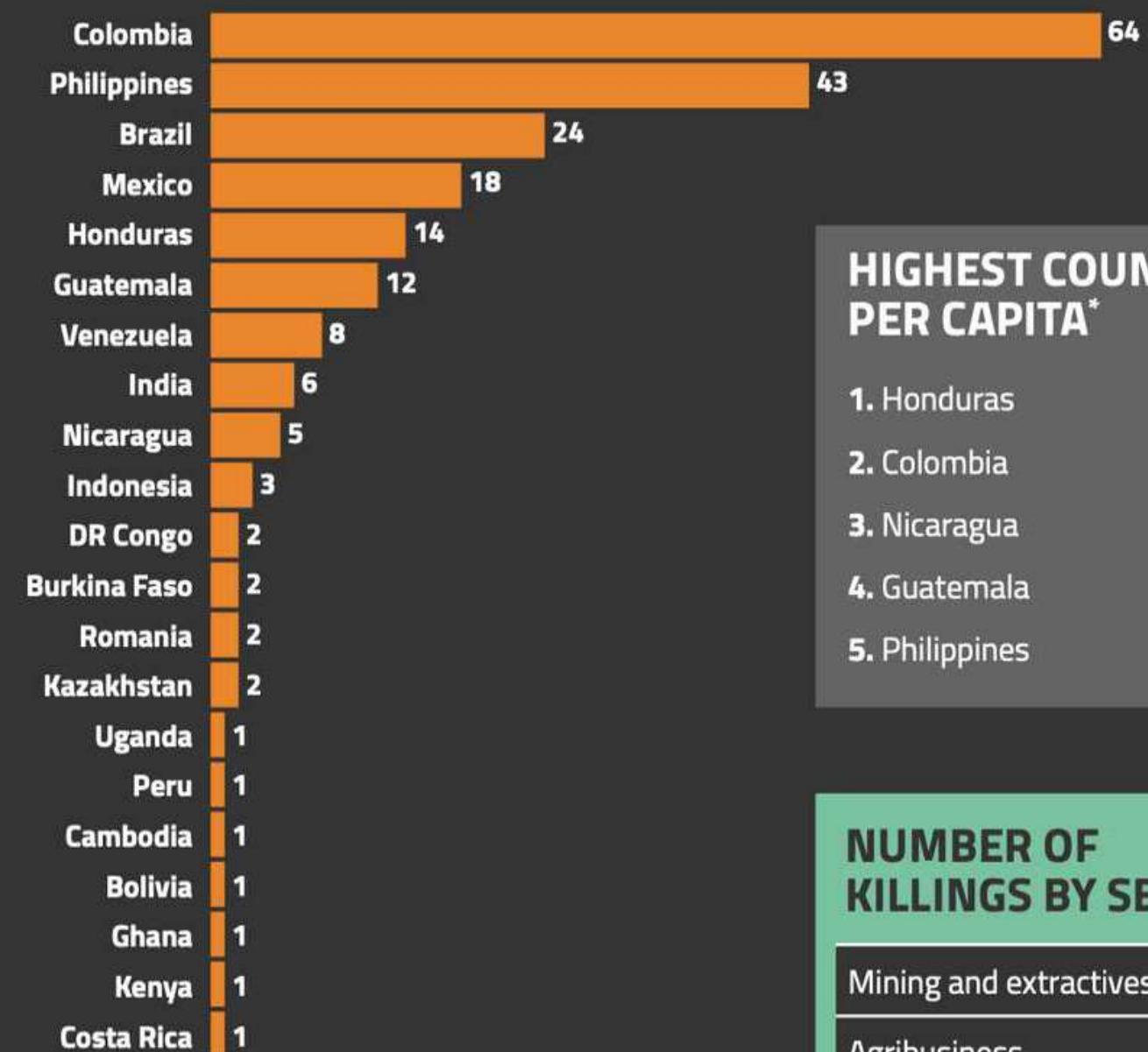
# Record 212 land and environment activists killed last year

Global Witness campaigners warn of risk of further killings during Covid-19 lockdowns



▲ Celia Xakriaba, an indigenous educator and activist of the Xakriaba people of Brazil, with a portrait of Paulo Paulino Guajajara, who was killed in an ambush by illegal loggers in 2019. Photograph: Olivier Hoslet/EPA

## TOTAL NUMBER OF KILLINGS PER COUNTRY



## HIGHEST COUNTRIES PER CAPITA\*

1. Honduras
2. Colombia
3. Nicaragua
4. Guatemala
5. Philippines

## NUMBER OF KILLINGS BY SECTOR

Mining and extractives	50
Agribusiness	34
Logging	24
Illegal crops substitution	14
Land reform	11
Water and dams	6
Poaching	4
Fishing	1
Other	9
No clear link to a sector	71

Our data on killings will never accurately capture the true scale of the problem. In some countries, the situation facing defenders is hard to gauge; restrictions on a free press and the absence of documented abuses by governments and NGOs can lead to underreporting. Land disputes and environmental damage, two of the prominent underlying causes behind communities' activism, can also be very hard to monitor in parts of the world affected by conflict.

These reporting challenges, coupled with the requirement to meet strict verification criteria for recording killings, mean that our figures are almost certainly an underestimate. You can find more information on our methodology on page 40.



2018

# ACTIVISTS ARE NOT TERRORISTS!

Stop Criminalizing Dissent! Resist Tyranny!



**Lumad teacher Chad Booc, 4 others slain in Davao de Oro – military**

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FROILAN GALLARDO



2022

THE SATURDAY PROFILE

She Stands Up to Power. Now, She's Afraid to Go Home.

Give this article



By Somini Sengupta

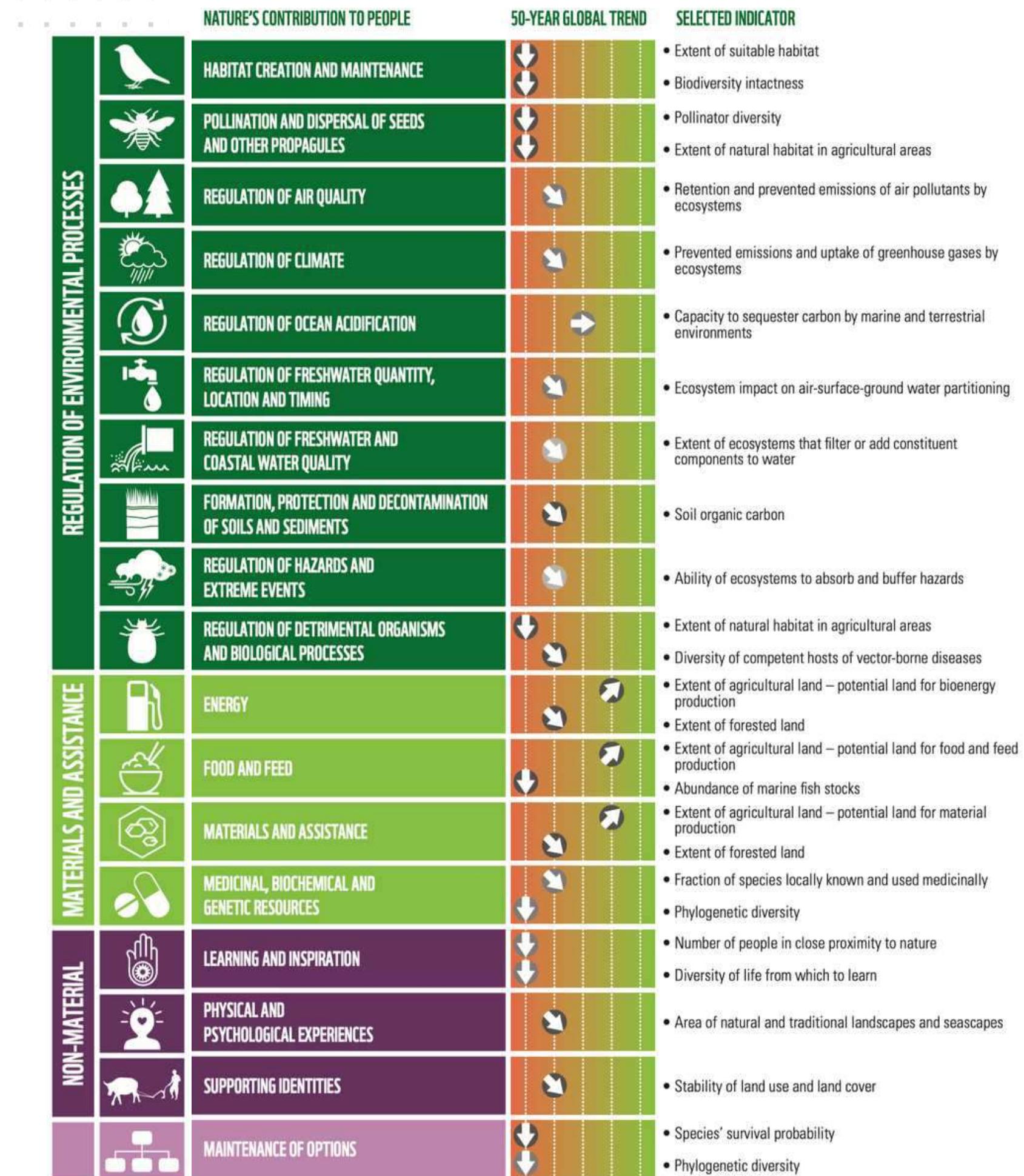
May 3, 2018



# NATURE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEOPLE AT RISK



Science and Policy  
for People and Nature

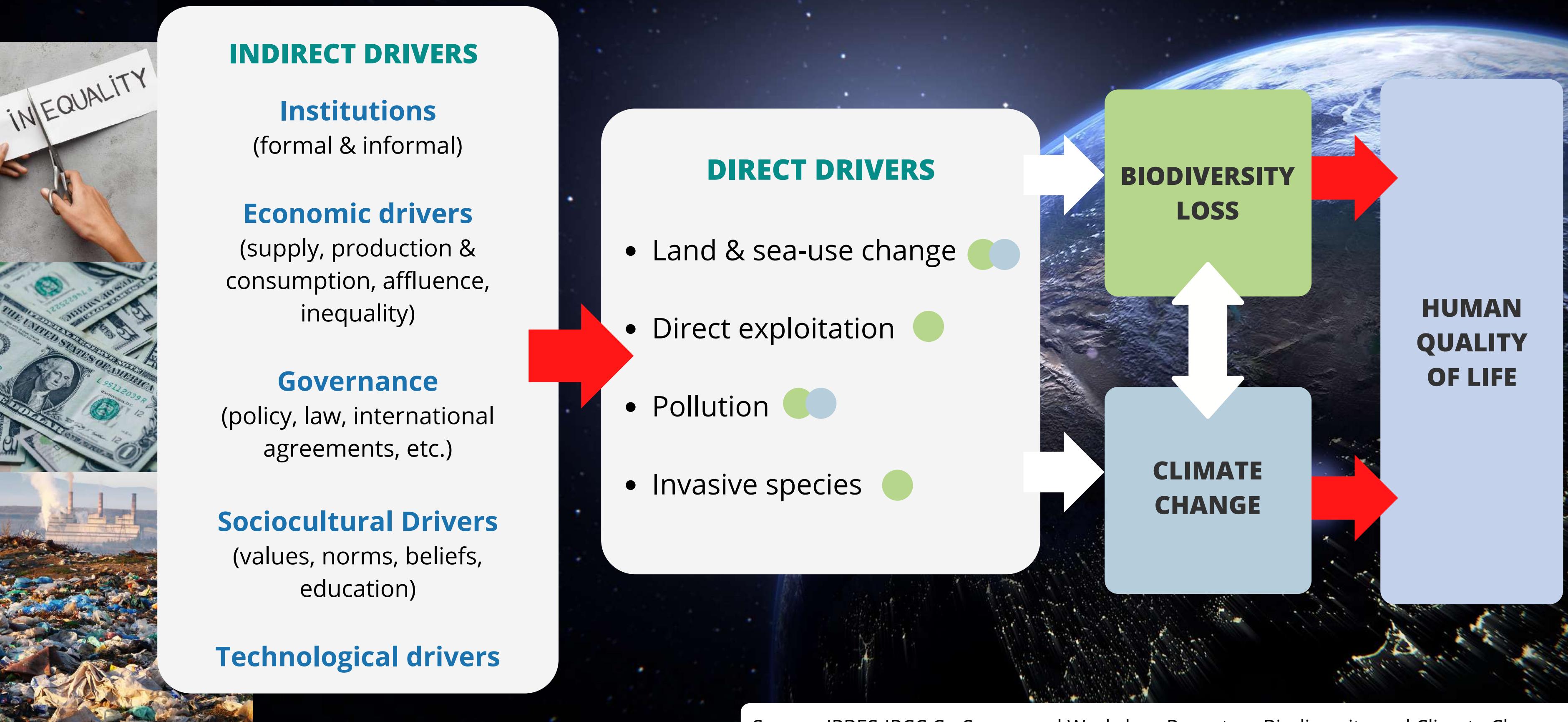




**Unequal  
distribution of  
benefits and  
bearing of costs**

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# Drivers of Biodiversity Loss & Climate Change



Source: IPBES-IPCC Co-Sponsored Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Climate Change



# SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL CRISIS



# TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE

A photograph of a caterpillar crawling on a branch, a chrysalis hanging from a branch, and a butterfly with orange and black wings. The caterpillar is black with yellow and red spots. The chrysalis is light brown with a textured surface. The butterfly has large, patterned wings with orange, black, and white spots. The background is a soft green.

a fundamental, system-wide, strategic  
reorganization across technological,  
economic and social factors

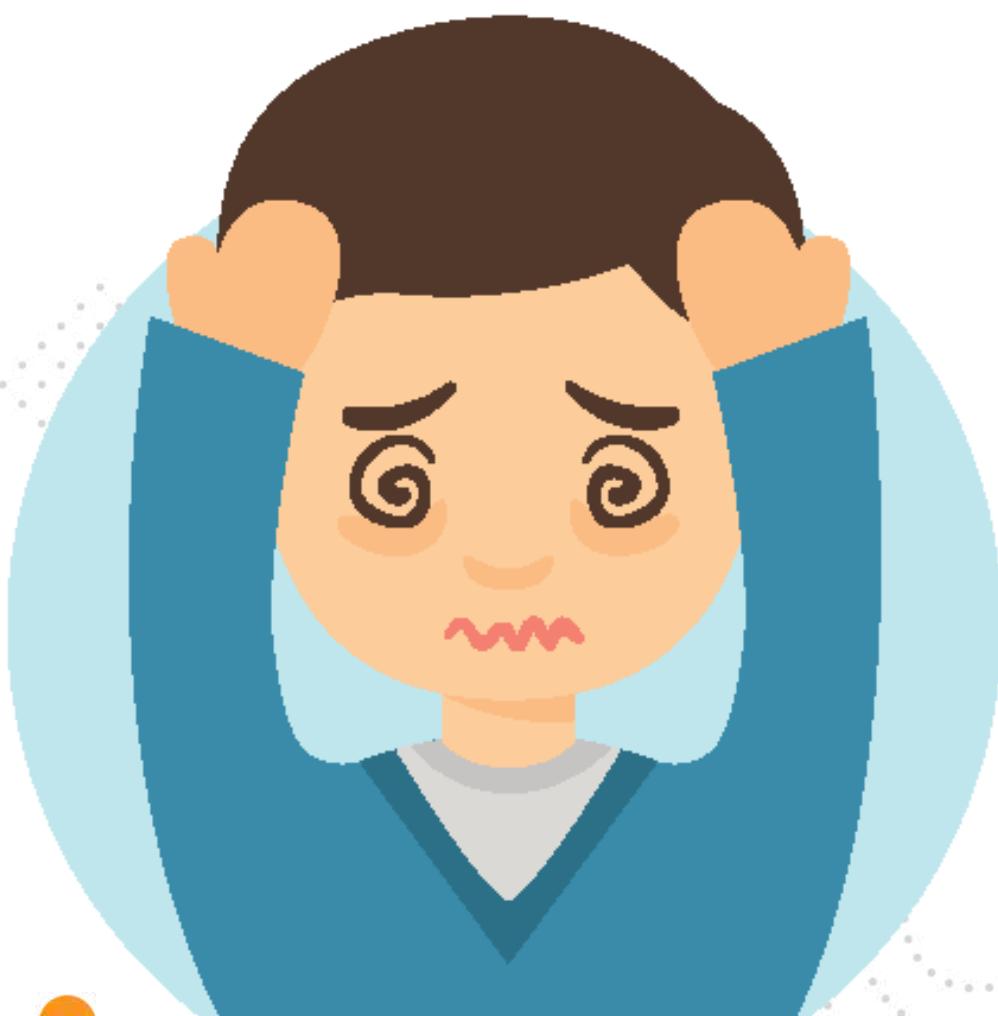
# POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

The world's decision-makers negotiate a Global Framework to revert the loss of biodiversity and move towards Living in Harmony with Nature, under the Convention on Biological Diversity

## BIODIVERSITY SUPERYEARS 2020, 2021, 2022?

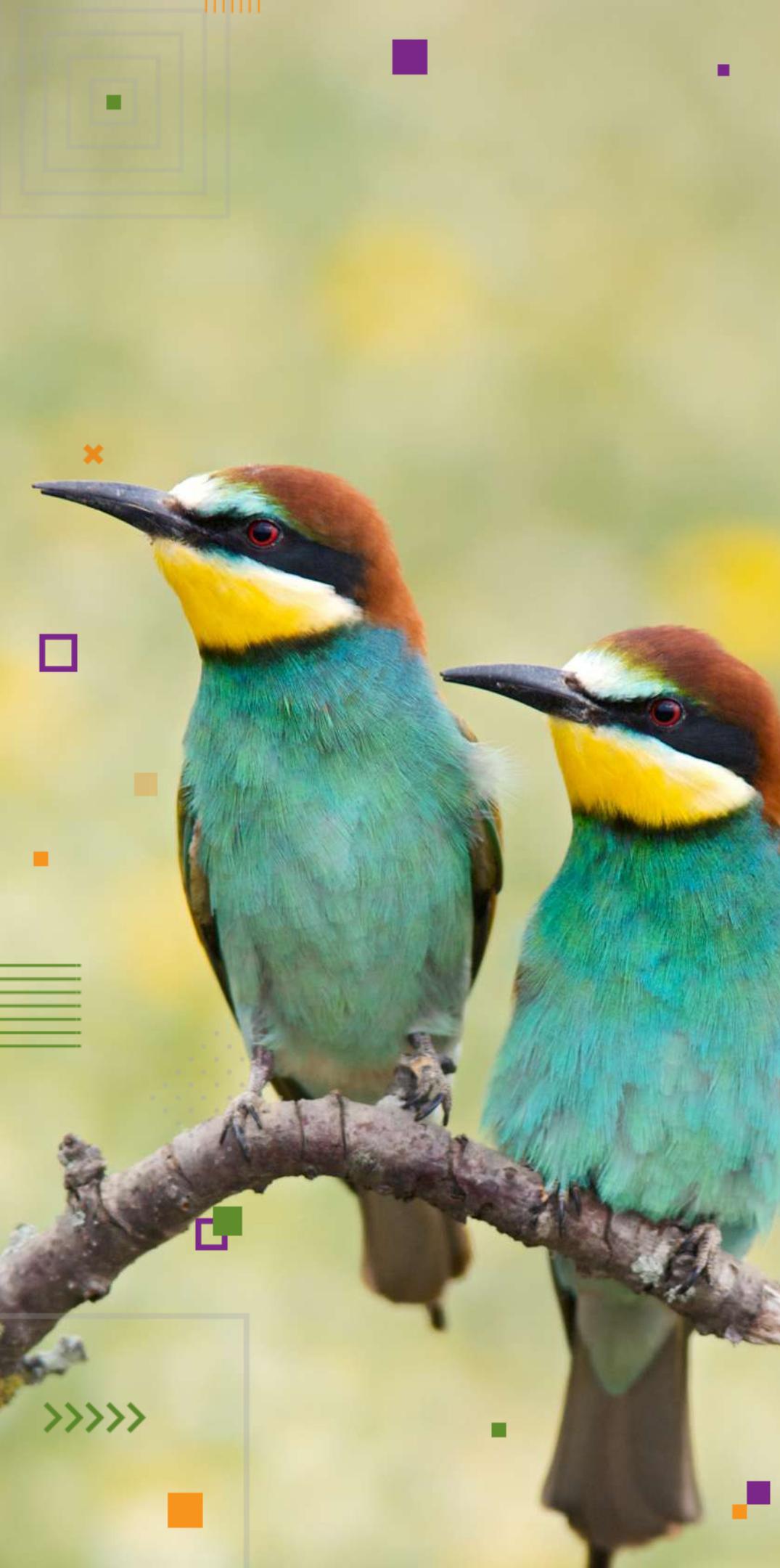


# The Aichi targets have not been achieved.



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Goal	Target	Target element	Poor	Moderate	Good	Unknown
A. Address the underlying drivers	1	1.1 Awareness of biodiversity 1.2 Awareness of steps to conserve	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	
	2	2.1 Biodiversity integrated into planning 2.2 Biodiversity integrated into accounting 2.3 Biodiversity integrated into reporting	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	
	3	3.1 Harmful incentives 3.2 Positive incentives	Red	Red	Red	
	4	4.1 Sustainable production and consumption 4.2 Use within safe ecological limits	Red	Red	Red	
	5	5.1 Habitat loss at least halved	Red	Red	Red	
	6	6.1 Fish stocks harvested sustainably 6.2 Recovery plans for depleted species 6.3 Fisheries have no adverse impact	Red	Red	Red	?
	7	7.1 Agriculture is sustainable 7.2 Aquaculture is sustainable 7.3 Forestry is sustainable	Red	Red	Yellow	
	8	8.1 Pollution not detrimental 8.2 Excess nutrients not detrimental	Red	Red	Red	
	9	9.1 Invasive alien species prioritized 9.2 Invasive alien pathways prioritized 9.3 Invasive species controlled or eradicated 9.4 Invasive introduction pathways managed	Red	Red	Red	?
	10	10.1 Pressures on coral reefs minimized 10.2 Pressures on vulnerable ecosystems minimized	Red	Red	Red	
B. Reduce direct pressures	11	11.1 10 per cent of marine areas conserved 11.2 17 per cent of terrestrial areas conserved 11.3 Areas of importance conserved	Green	Green	Green	
	12	11.4 Protected areas, ecologically representative 11.5 Protected areas, effectively and equitably managed 11.6 Protected areas, well-connected and integrated	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	
	13	12.1 Extinctions prevented 12.2 Conservation status of threatened species improved	Red	Red	Red	
	14	13.1 Genetic diversity of cultivated plants maintained 13.2 Genetic diversity of farmed animals maintained	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	
	15	13.3 Genetic diversity of wild relatives maintained 13.4 Genetic diversity of valuable species maintained 13.5 Genetic erosion minimized	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	?
	16	14.1 Ecosystems providing services restored and safeguarded	Red	Red	Red	?
	17	14.2 Taking account of women, IPLCs, and other groups	Red	Red	Red	?
	18	15.1 Ecosystem resilience enhanced	Red	Red	Red	?
	19	15.2 15 per cent of degraded ecosystems restored	Green	Green	Green	
	20	16.1 Nagoya Protocol in force 16.2 Nagoya Protocol operational	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	
C. Improve biodiversity status	17	17.1 NBSAPs developed and updated	Green	Green	Green	
	18	17.2 NBSAPs adopted as policy instruments	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	
	19	17.3 NBSAPs implemented	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	
	20	18.1 ILK and customary use respected 18.2 ILK and customary use integrated	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	?
	21	18.3 IPLCs participate effectively	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	?
	22	19.1 Biodiversity science improved and shared	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	?
	23	19.2 Biodiversity science applied	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	?
	24	20.1 Financial resources for Strategic Plan <sup>a</sup> increased	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	?
	25					
	26					
D. Enhance benefits to all	27					
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	29					
	30					
	31					
E. Enhance implementation	32					
	33					
	34					
	35					
	36					



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# What is the **Post-2020 global biodiversity framework?**



**Global agreement** that will **define global action** to address biodiversity loss for the next decades



Being developed under the **UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**



Must be underpinned by **strong means of implementation** and must steer urgent and ambitious action towards the long-term vision of **Living in Harmony with Nature**



# Children & Youth



- More susceptible to negative health effects of pollution and unclean water
- Will live with the long-term consequences of environmental harm
- Tokenized, marginalized & excluded from environmental decision making



- are already key implementers of biodiversity actions that contribute significantly to global targets
- are often on the frontline of movements for the environment

Our rights must be  
respected and our  
needs, perspectives  
and priorities must be  
considered in decisions  
that affect us.



A CALL TO ACTION FOR  
**PEOPLE AROUND**  
**THE GLOBE**

TO  
**#stopthesame**





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## Global Youth Biodiversity Network

### GYBN is

A youth-led global network for mobilization, empowerment & action towards a life in harmony with nature

The international coordination platform for youth participation in the UN **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**



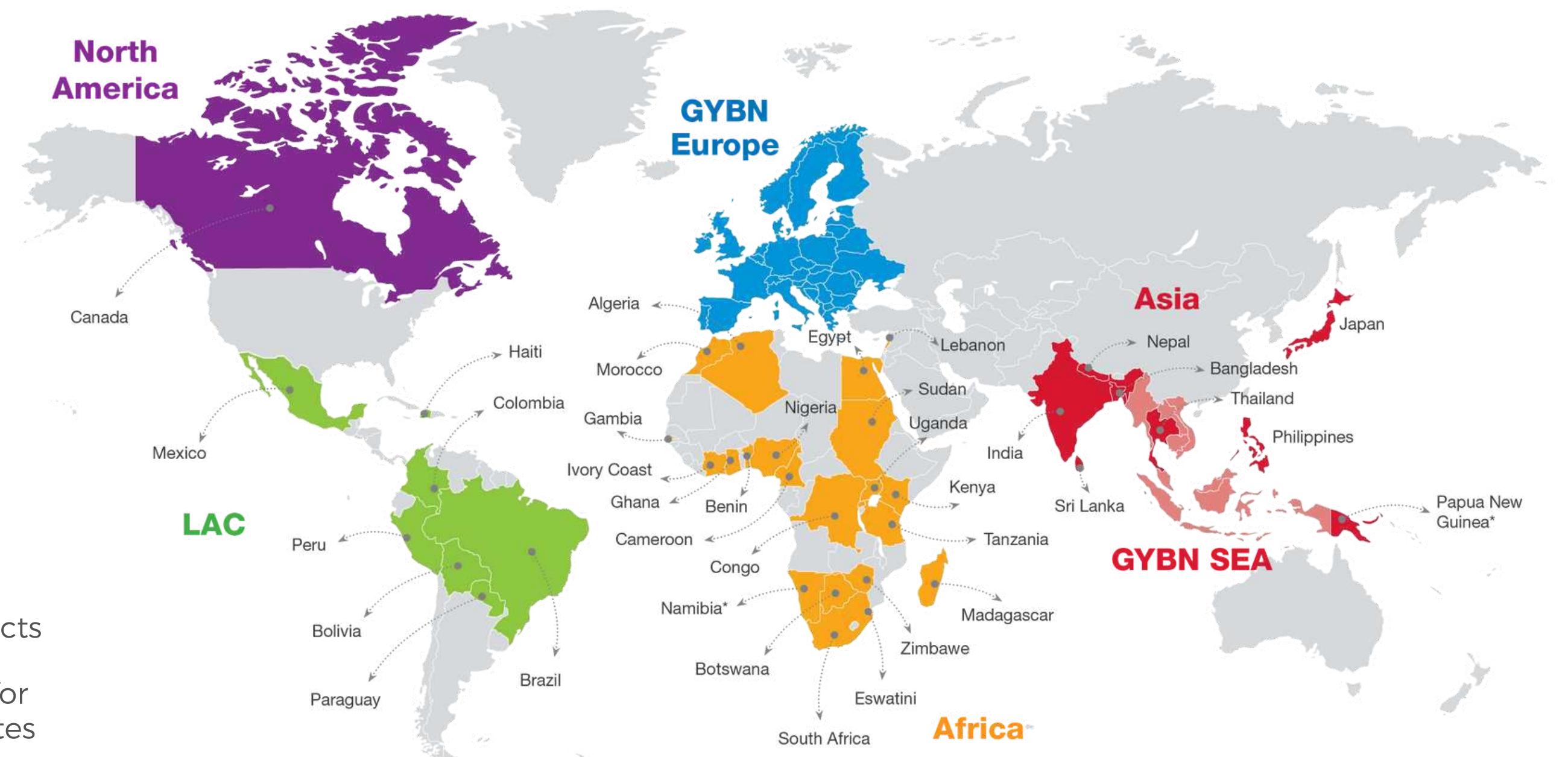
# Global Movement

**40** chapters

**558** member organisations

**50+** ground projects

**210** scholarships for youth delegates



**1.2 million**  
members

**172**  
countries

**2.8 million**  
people reached



**3 million**  
views

# Youth Participation in the CBD

- Youth in the CBD are officially recognized as a constituency and can
  - receive accreditation as youth delegates
  - participate in meetings
  - deliver interventions
  - organize side events
  - organize actions and campaigns
  - meet with negotiators



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# Youth-led<sup>+</sup> Action



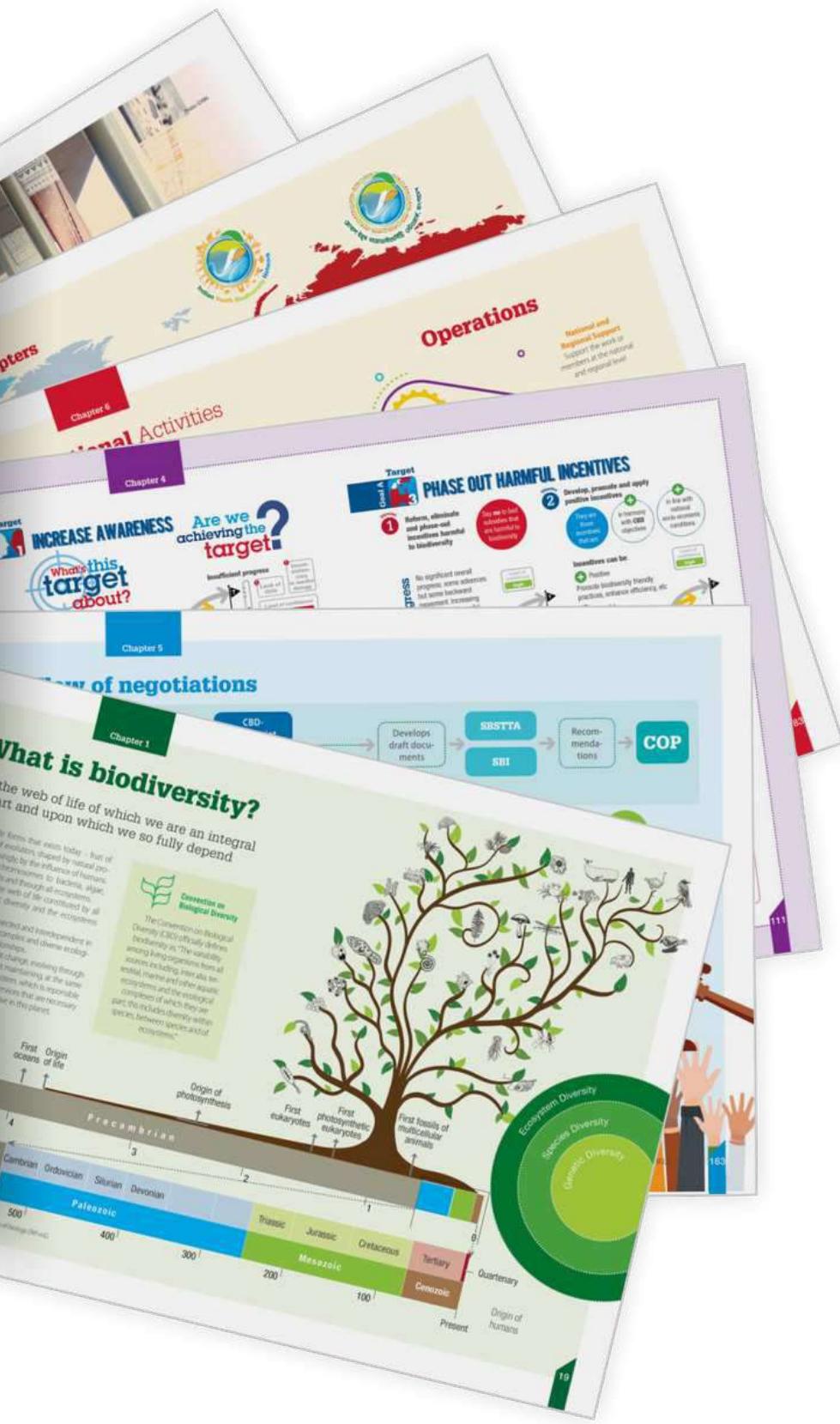
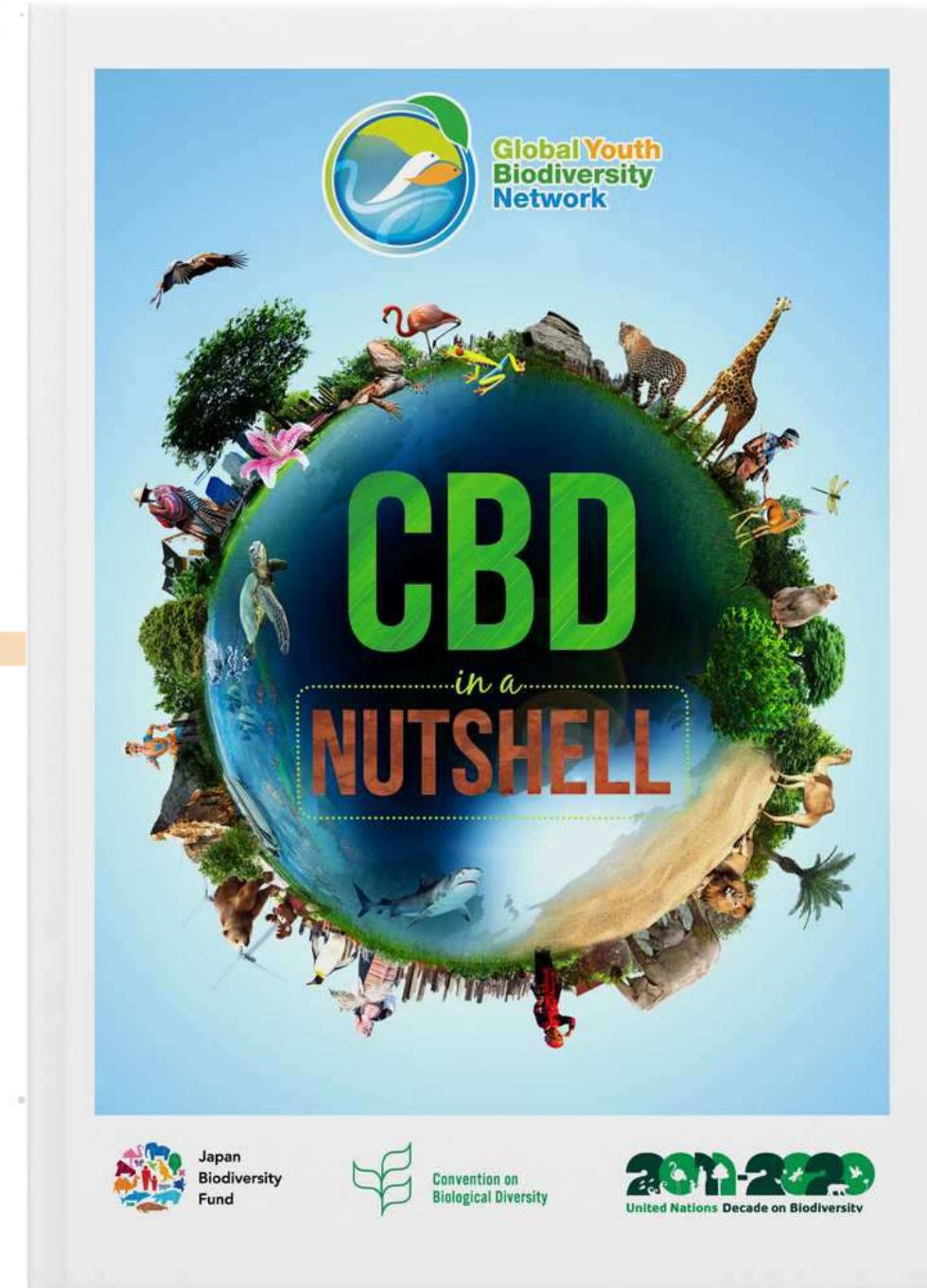
Empowerment &  
Capacity Building



Advocacy &  
Campaigning<sup>+</sup>



Mobilization  
& Actions



# CBD in a Nutshell

## Guidebook to the CBD Process

Available at:  
[gybn.org/publications](http://gybn.org/publications)

# >>>> National & Regional Youth Consultations



CALL FOR REGISTRATIONS FOR  
**CONSULTATION MEETING**

Join the South African Youth Biodiversity Network in the consultation meeting of the updated zero draft of the Post2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

**20TH FEBRUARY 2021**

► Registration Deadline 12th February 2021  
For more information, please contact [gybn.soybng@gmail.com](mailto:gybn.soybng@gmail.com)

Want to ensure your voices are heard for a future with nature?

Join the Indian Youth Biodiversity Network's Online Youth Capacity Building and Consultation Workshop for Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Register in the link below!

**January 23-24th, 2021**  
Application deadline : 23:59 IST January 18, 2021

FOR DETAILS, VISIT [WWW.GYBN.ORG](http://WWW.GYBN.ORG)

UNIENDO LAS VOCES  
DE LAS JÓVENES  
POR LA BIODIVERSIDAD

Kaaijyu  
GYBN  
Latin America  
and the Caribbean

**CONSULTA POR LA BIODIVERSIDAD**

Únete a la Consulta de Kaaijyu GYBN-Bolivia para crear una comunidad de jóvenes y definir las prioridades para el marco por la biodiversidad post 2020.

**19 Y 20 DE FEBRERO**

► Fecha límite de registro: 17 de febrero

GYBN Mexico

Online

GYBN Sri Lanka

**CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING PROGRAMME ON**

**POST 2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

As the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 2011-2020 comes to an end, the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will adopt a post-2020 global biodiversity framework as a stepping stone towards the 2050 Vision of "Living in harmony with nature".

In order to empower the Sri Lankan Youth in the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework the Global Youth Biodiversity Network Sri Lanka proudly presents the Capacity Building Training Programme on PGBF 2020.

**2:00PM UTC | DEC 26 & 27 , 2020**

Please find the Registration Link in the Description

GYBN Sri Lanka

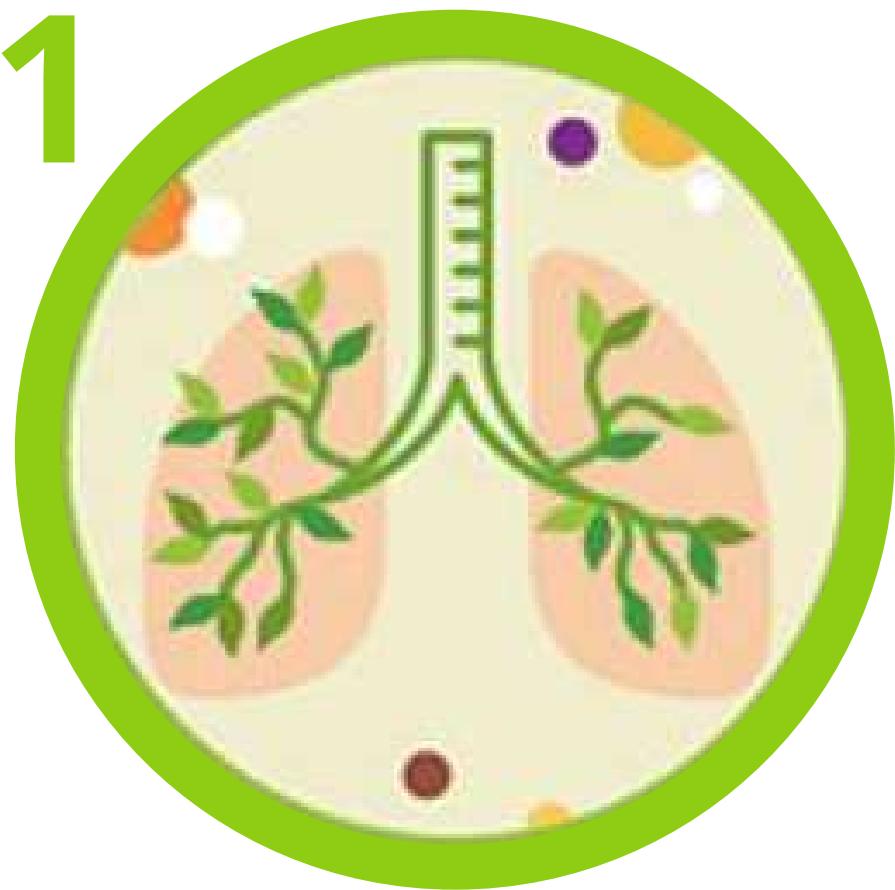


# Participation in CBD Meetings



# VISION FOR BIODIVERSITY

1



**Integrity of Our Life  
Support System**

2



**Societies Living  
Sustainably**

3



**Equity & Justice  
for Nature &  
People**

# YOUTH ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

1



Intergenerational Equity  
& Full and Effective  
Participation of Youth

2



Transformative  
Education

3



Rights-based  
approaches for  
people & nature



Conservation  
without FPIC  
=  
Colonization

OUR VOICES are  
~SILENCED~  
without RIGHTS

Make Decisions  
with US  
NOT for Us





# The Reality for the Past Decades

- Decision-making processes are often inaccessible and even hostile to young people
- Lack of access to youth-friendly information
- Often seen only as beneficiaries, rather than leaders
- No resources
- Individualization and tokenism
- Youth perceived as too “immature” or “not ready” to contribute; "Too idealistic", "too angry", "sooo inspiring"



# How would you describe "Meaningful youth participation"?

When young people are not just consulted, but they participate at equal level with the other actors, as well as have sufficient resources and information to participate. Also when they play a representative role and are not cherry picked or representation is unbalanced

# How would you describe "Meaningful youth participation"?

Resulting in material and quantifiable impact to the interest of young people's interest.

youth participation that leads to concrete action.

structural and with elected youth representative

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Resulting in material and quantifiable impact to the interest of young people

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Youth diversity (different countries and people represented)

Participation in policy making

include a variety of youth (age, economic situation, sector)



# How would you describe "Meaningful youth participation"?



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lovers are pushing this forward but we

when young people are thinking critically,  
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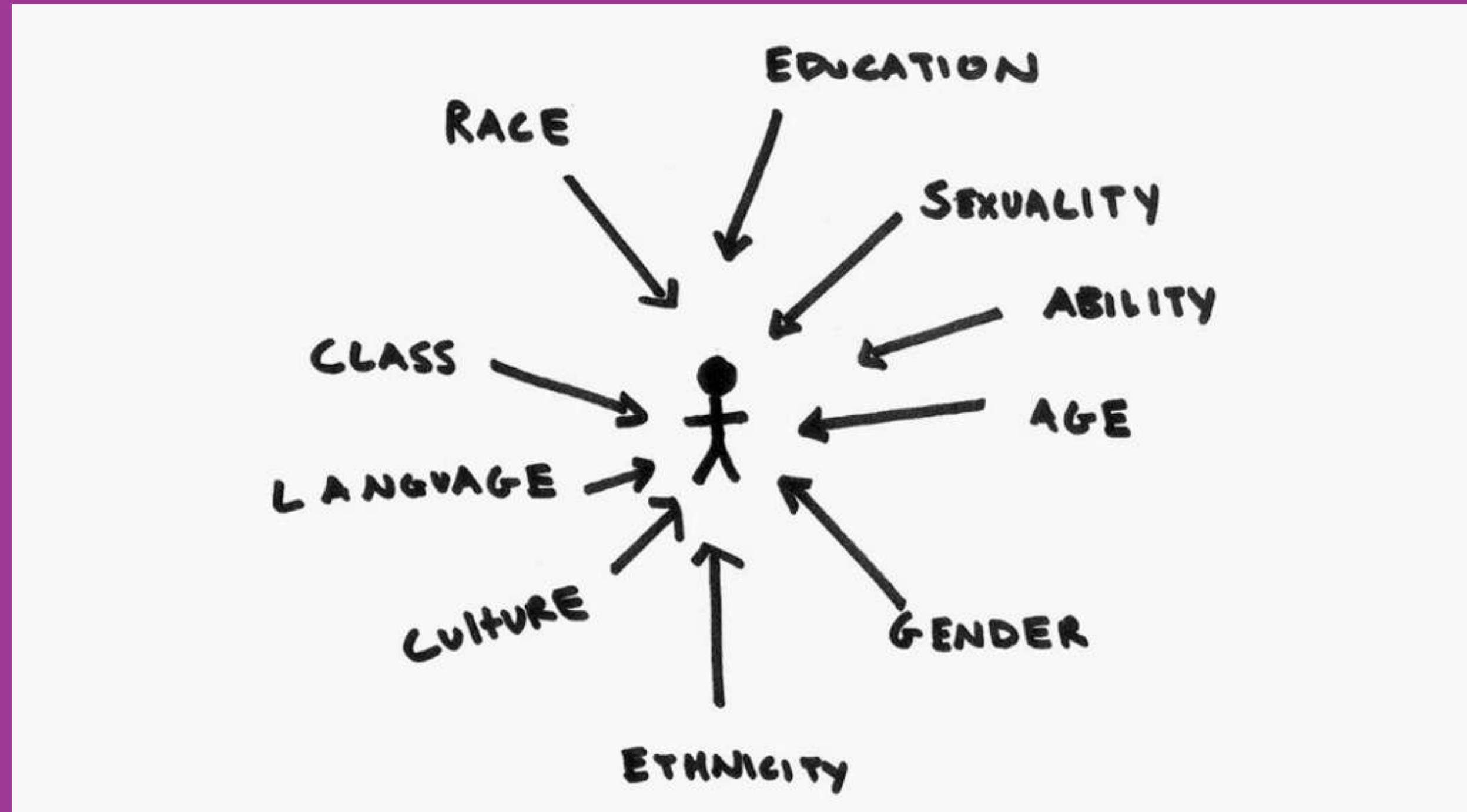
include a variety of youth (age, economic situation, sector)  
listen to youth  
real partnerships (where youth sit on organising panel and  
where youth can have access to funding for workhours as  
well)

picked or representation is unbalanced

It's a youth that shows its will to learn



# Children & youth are diverse. Our issues are intersectional.



# Indigenous Peoples

through their world perspectives, knowledge, culture, laws, customs, practices, lives, and institutions

make vibrant contributions to the common heritage of humankind.

nature & culture





# Challenges faced by Indigenous children & youth

- Lack of access to culturally appropriate education
- The erosion of indigenous languages
- Continued discrimination
- Continued criminalization, harassment, and killing of environmental defenders
- Violation of our rights to land and self-determination, and other rights



# Indigenous youth

- Indigenous youth can lead the way
  - Have great potential in leading culture-rooted and innovative solutions to the world's biggest problems, guided by our Indigenous values that promote kindness, empathy, reciprocity, and responsibility to the Earth and to each other.

**"Marginalized"**  
**"vulnerable"**

"Marginalized"  
"vulnerable"



CENTRAL & POWERFUL

# INVISIBLE



# VISIBLE

# Making the invisible visible

Resources and other means of support allocated to youth-led/ youth-targeted initiatives and monitoring

Mechanisms established for participation & consultation, and understanding the many ways we participate

Institutional support for the development & operationalization of youth indicators

Disaggregated data by age, gender, indigenous status



# Global Youth Biodiversity Network



# Empowering Youth For Biodiversity

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