



## Operation COP: Youth Ambassadors for Climate

Mexico is committed to work on different solutions and strategies to face the challenges related to climate change to avoid its negative impacts in future generations. In these terms, our country has been recognized globally for the continuous efforts to guarantee the inclusion of a human rights and gender perspective in the design of climate policies.

For this reason, it was identified the importance of provide Mexican youth between 18 and 25 years old, the opportunity to participate in international forums, where they can be part of multilateral negotiations and represent the country, considering their needs and providing them with experience, knowledge and tools that allow them to have the guidelines for a more ambitious climate action.

In this sense, the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs in coordination with The Climate Reality Project designed the project “Operation COP: Youth Ambassadors for Climate” with the purpose of empowering and providing opportunities for youth to participate in climate negotiations. For the second edition of 2022, it was remarkable the addition of a Modality B, to promote the inclusion and participation of young representatives from Indigenous and Afro-Mexican communities.

Therefore, in collaboration with main actors like the Matías Romero Institute (Diplomatic School of Mexico), the Mexican Institute for Youth, the National Institute for Indigenous Peoples, and the United Nations Children´s Fund, 35 young people were selected to be trained on diplomacy, foreign policy, multilateralism, environment, and climate change.

Once the training was completed, a final evaluation was carried out considering the learning acquired in the program, and the level of understanding of issues related to the climate agenda and the importance of the participation of Mexico and youth in negotiations and multilateral spaces to promote national priorities linked to an effective climate action.

With that process, the four young persons who were the most outstanding were selected to be integrated into the Mexican Delegation that will attend the 27° Conference of the Parties (COP27) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that will be held in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt from November 7 to 18.