

Baku, Azerbaijan

FROM GLOBAL TO LOCAL: LESSONS & OPPORTUNITIES FROM COP 29

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- Bargad is a pioneering youth development organization in Pakistan working since 1997
- Empowered 500,000+ youth through 100+ projects & 1,600+ youth-led actions
- Focus on digital advocacy, awareness, training, climate change education
- Active volunteer network of 3,500+ youth
- Active in forums like CAYA, CAYWA, RHRN



- Forum for Dignity Initiatives (FDI) is a feminist research & advocacy forum since 2013
- Works for rights of girls, women & trans youth
- Focus on climate justice & political participation
- Known for programs: Kasni Dair, Her Climate Fellowship, Tahfuz
- Active in global forums like UPR, CSW, etc.



- Youth General Assembly (YGA) is a youth-led platform founded in 2015
- Empowers youth for policy-making, civic engagement, and democratic leadership
- Known for initiatives: Shadow Cabinet, Citizens Campaign for Quality Education, Beyond the Youth, YGA Legal/Business/Media/Climate Forums and Police, Adliya aur Awam



- Together, Bargad, FDI and YGA attended COP 29 in Baku, Azerbaijan
- Engaged with 70,000 global attendees
- Represented Pakistan Pavilion
- Networked with Ghana, Zambia, IDEAS, ILO, YOUNGO, etc.
- Promoted climate change education and youth-led solutions

Engagements

Nov.
13
2024

YOUNGO Pavilion

Focused on regional youth collaboration, shared climate challenges in South Asia, and commitment to an integrated approach to peacebuilding & climate action for marginalized communities.



Nov.
14
2024

NCA Zambia

Focused on peacebuilding, gender mainstreaming, and community engagement for sustainable resource management.

Pakistan Talks

Centered on youth policy inclusion, amplifying the voices of flood-affected youth, and the proposal for a national platform.



Nov.
16
2024

Just Transition (ILO)

Just Transition for Marginalized Communities in Pakistan: Emphasized how an equitable green transition addresses socio-economic inequities; Highlighted green jobs, public-private collaboration, and community-driven solutions.

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Burkina Faso Pavillion

Community and Gender-Centered Climate Action in Pakistan and Burkina Faso: Highlighted climate change as a social justice issue; Emphasized grassroots resilience strategies and called for inclusivity in addressing climate challenges.



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Pakistan Pavillion

Climate Action in the South Asian Context: Focused on regional climate governance, youth-led initiatives; the integration of education to address climate change issues; proposal for a South Asian alliance.



Ghana Pavillion

Community-Driven and Gender-Inclusive Approaches to Waste Management: Highlighted tech driven approaches and the importance of uplifting marginalized waste workers, with a commitment to South-South collaboration.

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Ghana Talks

Youth-led climate actions, highlighting Bargad, FDI's and YGA's COP Simulations and Beyond the Youth Forums, waste management initiatives, and tree-planting campaigns, with a call for global knowledge exchange.



Action on Food Pavillion

Focused on the critical role of women in achieving energy targets, promoting food sustainability, and driving safety initiatives.

**Nov.
19
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**Nov.
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Pakistan Panel

Realizing Global Commitments on Climate Finance & Climate Crisis: Strengthening resilience in health, nutrition, and education; emphasis on youth inclusion, public-private partnerships, and integrating climate education into national curricula.



Commonwealth Panels

Addressing gaps in climate education, highlighting the need for relevant materials, the role of digital platforms and international exchanges; an emphasis on youth engagement and faith-based initiatives.

**Nov.
12 & 21
2024**

Engagements

Bargad, FDI & YGA have actively collaborated with more than ten countries across the globe, including Ghana, Burkina Faso, India, Cameroon, Bangladesh, Zambia, and Sri Lanka, fostering international partnerships and knowledge exchange.



ENGAGED WITH
2000+ PEOPLE



AMONG 70,000
COP ATTENDEES

Moreover, their involvement in these diverse geographical areas highlights a strong commitment to cross-border partnerships, strengthening global networks, and supporting green innovative programs that drive positive social, economic, and institutional change on an international scale.



Key Personalities

PAKISTAN

Bargad, FDI and YGA engaged key Pakistani figures to champion youth inclusion and climate action. Federal Minister Ataullah Tarar and Parliamentary Secretary Ahmed Ateeq Anwar emphasized policymaking inclusion, while NDRMF CEO Bilal Anwar shared insights on climate finance. Romina Khursheed Alam and Aisha Humera highlighted Pakistan's role in global climate governance. Bargad, FDI and YGA climate leaders including Sabiha Shaheen, Usama Nasir, Sahar Sohail, Sheeza Arshad, Shayan Gul and Fahad Shahbaz, led dialogues on inclusive climate strategies. Fatima Azam (FDI) and Nawal Haider (PMYP) advocated for sustainable development. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri stressed legislative action. Youth efforts were spotlighted by Orhan Sohail, SherShah Khan, and Amrat Ahmed Sheikh, with institutional contributions from Sonia Riasat, Askari Hasan, and Abid Qayyum Sulheri.

ZAMBIA

Bargad, FDI and YGA met Hope Mambwe, Senior Natural Resources Management Officer, to discuss biodiversity conservation and gender-inclusive climate strategies. Representatives from NCA Zambia, Joint Country Program (JCP), DanChurchAid and ACT explored commonalities between Pakistan's Local Peace Structures and Zambia's Village Action Groups, focusing on peacebuilding and environmental sustainability.

BURKINA FASO

At the Burkina Faso Pavilion, discussions with Dene Maimouna, Oureratou Ouedraogo, and Fatioumata Duoga addressed the impact of climate change on women and marginalized communities. The session emphasized community-driven solutions and policy reforms for climate resilience.

GHANA

Bargad, FDI and YGA engaged with Nana Kofi Tego (Climate Activist), moderator of Ghana Talks, and Nana Mariam Yussif of the African Climate Reality Project. Sunday Geoffrey (SUHUCAM/YCC, Cameroon) and Akusua B. Amoako (Jospong Group) shared insights on sustainable waste management. James Deky and Ing. Filn Boadi (Climate Finance Advocate) showcased climate adaptation strategies and technology-driven waste solutions.

INTERNATIONAL

Bargad, FDI and YGA collaborated with Marta Neves, Climate Action Focal Point at the Portuguese Red Cross, on resilience strategies. Khurram Gondal, Country Director of SCI Pakistan, and Martina Bogado Duffner, Senior Advocacy Advisor at SCI Global, emphasized child-centered climate policies and youth participation in global climate efforts. Representatives from Women in Renewable Energy Association and Action on Food highlighted the role of women in meeting energy targets. Patricia Scotland, Commonwealth Secretary-General, engaged with Bargad, FDI and YGA, recognizing their efforts in fostering youth-led climate resilience initiatives.

Valued Experiences



Learnings

- Bargad, FDI and YGA gained key insights into COP processes, focusing on pre-planning, goal-setting, and project capacity-building.
- Global networking opened doors for funding (GCF, Adaptation Fund), partnerships, and resource mobilization.
- Youth-led initiatives from YOUNGO, Commonwealth, and others showcased impactful, community-driven climate action.
- Empowerment of women and marginalized groups was highlighted through eco-crafts, water solutions, and skill-building.
- Regional collaboration was fostered through dialogue on shared issues like air pollution, water, and disaster readiness.

Way Forward

- Collaborate with L-COY and R-COY to boost youth climate engagement.
- Engage religious leaders and build South Asian–African youth alliances for climate advocacy.
- Apply for CANSA membership and partner globally on waste and sustainability projects.
- Host post-COP knowledge sessions in Lahore and Islamabad.
- Co-organize a youth COP simulation with the Ministry in 2025.
- Develop a Climate Education & Action Plan across all Bargad, FDI and YGA programs.

We eagerly anticipate meeting our stakeholder friends, allies, partners, and collaborators at COP 30 in Belém, Brazil, in 2025.

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