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YOUTH  
PRECOP  
@SEVAN

# Youth PreCOP @Sevan 2025

TOWARDS COP17

## CO-ORGANIZERS:

- United Nations Armenia
- Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
- Ministry of High-Tech Industry of the Republic of Armenia

## IMPLEMENTING

### PARTNER:

Startup Armenia  
Scientific-Educational  
Foundation

# Event Overview

The Youth PreCOP @Sevan initiative is set to become an annual platform for youth participation in global COP discussions and international sustainability negotiations, empowering young leaders to drive solutions on key environmental, social, and economic challenges.

The inaugural **Youth PreCOP @Sevan 2025** is going to take place in July, bringing together young leaders from all 198 COP Parties to exchange ideas, advocate for urgent action, and develop innovative solutions to climate and environmental challenges.

This year's discussions will primarily align with **TOWARDS COP17**, a global initiative building momentum for the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP17), which Armenia will host in 2026. In addition to biodiversity priorities, the event will also address broader sustainability challenges, aligning with key international environmental conventions such as the UNFCCC (climate change) and UNCCD (desertification).

Recognizing the deep connection between environmental, social, and economic issues, discussions will explore how these challenges intersect and shape global sustainability efforts.

Through interactive discussions, expert-led sessions, and project development workshops, participants are going to refine their climate and biodiversity solutions, ensuring that youth-driven innovations are integrated into international environmental negotiations.

Youth PreCOP @Sevan is paving the way for a long-term global youth movement, driving collaboration, innovation, and action on critical sustainability challenges.

## EVENT DETAILS



**Dates:** July 20–26, 2025



**Location:** Sevan Festival City,  
Lake Sevan, Armenia



**Duration:** 7 days



**Participants:**

- Delegations and 5-10 youths from each of the 198 Parties
- Government officials and representatives
- Scientists, policymakers, and youth leaders
- Industry innovators, private-sector leaders



# Key Goals & Pillars

## Empower Youth Leadership

Establish Youth PreCOP @Sevan as an annual platform for young leaders from all 198 COP Parties to shape global climate and biodiversity discussions.

## Advance Biodiversity Action

Align with TOWARDS COP17, fostering youth-driven solutions for COP17 in Armenia (2026) while addressing conservation, sustainability, and resource equity.

## Strengthen Global Collaboration & Innovation

Build a global network of young climate advocates, providing mentorship, hands-on training, and an innovation competition to amplify impactful solutions.

## Shape Future Policy Leaders

Ensure youth perspectives influence COP negotiations, equipping participants with the knowledge and skills to drive meaningful environmental action.

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**Connect** – Builds a global network of youth COP advocates in a unique camping atmosphere, fostering cross-border collaborations.

**Learn** – Provides expert training, mentorship, and skill-building, helping participants refine their projects and expand their impact.

**Win** – Showcases youth-led solutions through an innovation competition, offering funding, mentorship, and global recognition.

**Have Fun** – Blends cultural exchanges, outdoor adventures, and team-building activities at scenic Lake Sevan for an immersive experience.

With its launch in 2025, Youth PreCOP @Sevan will serve as a global platform for youth-driven sustainability action, empowering young voices to shape environmental, social, and economic solutions on the international stage.

# Core Elements of the Summit

## CONFERENCE – Global COP Youth Dialogue

**Objective:** Engage young leaders in COP priorities, equip them with climate knowledge, and inspire impactful action.

**Structure:** The conference features plenary sessions, panel discussions, and workshops led by high-profile UN representatives, climate experts, and environmental activists. Participants will explore pressing global challenges and solutions through dynamic and interactive sessions.

**Speakers:** Internationally recognized sustainability leaders, youth advocates, and COP officials sharing insights on global climate policies and action.

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## EXPO – Global Innovation Showcase

**Objective:** Provide a platform for young innovators from all COP Parties to showcase groundbreaking solutions to a global audience.

**Structure:** A dedicated expo area where each participating Party presents its innovations, engaging with experts, policymakers, and potential sponsors.

**Outcome:** Amplifies awareness of youth-led solutions, fosters collaboration, and connects innovators with funding and support networks.





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## COMPETITION – Global Youth Innovation Challenge

**Objective:** Inspire youth to develop and present innovative solutions that align with COP objectives.

**Participants:** Each Party nominates a team of 2–3 members who undergo an intensive educational program before pitching their most promising solutions to an international jury.

**Prizes:** Winning teams receive funding, mentorship, and resources to advance their projects, with recognition at COP, reinforcing the role of youth in shaping actions.

## AWARD CEREMONY – Celebrating Champions

**Objective:** Recognize and honor exceptional youth-led contributions. This prestigious ceremony celebrates young leaders, ensuring their efforts in global solutions are acknowledged and showcased on an international stage.

# Expected Outcomes

This initiative will drive impactful action across climate, biodiversity, and sustainability challenges, fostering collaboration, innovation, and leadership among stakeholders. It will:

- Strengthen partnerships among COP Parties and key stakeholders.
- Highlight youth-led and innovative solutions in global sustainability efforts.
- Develop actionable roadmaps to address environmental, social, and economic challenges.

By empowering young leaders and amplifying their voices, the event will contribute to long-term global sustainability efforts, ensuring youth-driven solutions play a key role in shaping policies and initiatives.

