



YOUTH CONGRESS

FOR SUSTAINABLE AMERICAS

WHO ARE WE?

The **Youth Congress for Sustainable Americas (YCSA)** is a robust and growing network of over 120 young environmental leaders from 16 countries across North, South, and Central America and the Caribbean. Youth Congress delegates represent a broad-based citizenry composed of young leaders, community activists, and professionals committed to forging a new kind of cooperation and leadership and dedicated to creating a more sustainable future.

Launched in 2017 in partnership between the **Biennial of the Americas** and **The Nature Conservancy**, the Youth Congress stands to be a model for supporting projects aimed at mitigating and slowing the effects of climate change and encouraging social entrepreneurship. As an organization, we directly impact SDGs 4, 9, 11, 13, and 17. Our delegates, along with our campaigns, meetings, scholarships, and programs, including the Youth Accelerator Grant (YAG), extend our influence to other SDGs. Together, we're driving positive change across multiple dimensions of sustainable development.

WHAT DO WE DO?



CREATING CONNECTIONS

Delegates from across the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean are selected for their commitment to sustainability and motivation to create lasting change in their home communities.



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Through annual conferences, social media, digital platforms, film, and more, delegates build more robust networks, collaborate and share resources, and amplify the message for urgent climate change action.



INSPIRING CHANGE

Youth Congress delegates join a powerful network of change agents throughout the Americas committed to seeking collaborative solutions to mitigating the effects of climate change.



YOUTH ACCELERATOR GRANTS (YAG)

Empowering delegates with seed capital to turn their sustainable ideas into directly impactful, SDG-driven projects.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YCSA SUMMIT

Providing opportunities for delegates to access education and training, fostering personal and professional growth.

OUR PROGRAMS



CITIES SUMMIT SPONSORSHIP

Facilitating participation in high-level discussions and exchanges, enabling delegates to contribute to urban sustainability solutions.



CAMPAIGNS & EVENTS

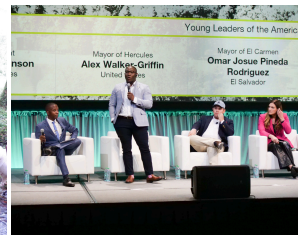
Offering platforms for delegates to raise awareness, build networks, and advocate for important causes on a global scale.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING/WORKSHOPS

Equipping delegates with essential skills, knowledge, and tools to become effective leaders and change-makers in their communities and beyond.

JOIN US!



“We launched the Youth Congress to empower emerging leaders and coordinate action that will lead to measurable progress on climate initiatives. What has resulted is an energized international delegation of young citizens throughout the Americas who are able to amplify the advocacy and behavioral shifts needed to address the causes of climate change. Supporting their community-based projects has proved invaluable.”

- Mark Falcone, CEO, Continuum Partners



Support of the Youth Congress fosters collaboration and partnership across borders. Learn more at www.biennialoftheamericas.org/yca, or reach out our Youth Congress Manager - Juan Felipe Pinto at juan@biennialoftheamericas.org.