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A MESSAGE FROM THE YCL TEAM

When we look back at the beginning of our journey, when Youth Climate Leaders (YCL) won the **2018 MIT Climate Collab competition**, and compare to where we are today, we come to realize how far we got. At first, we thought about traveling the world with young people to learn about the climate crisis in theory and practice. Although we did that, we later became a wider organization with multiple learning journeys and a global network that enable our members to create meaningful professional interactions and infinite opportunities to start their climate change careers. Today, we celebrate our achievements while proudly keeping our values, which only was possible with ongoing dedication, continuous learning, and feedback from our Fellows and partners.

This year in early February, we were prepared to organize two editions of the YCL Brazil Course and an international immersion in Portugal. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 crisis, we had to quickly pivot and adjust our plans. With that, the old Brazil Course became YCL Course and is now 100% online, serving young people in other parts of Brazil and Portugal. The YCL Network participated in several opportunities such as YCL Talks with specialists, career webinars with tips for personal and professional improvement, and more structured mentoring. We also launched more YCL Hubs which enable our Fellows to develop local projects, anchored in a global network present in more than 20 countries. Additionally, we started new activities, such as **Climate Pods**, **Climate Circles**, Climathons, and the **Day of the Climate Professional**. The mission in all these initiatives is to illustrate the urgency of the climate crisis to young people and show many career possibilities in a decarbonized economy. Professionals in all sectors need to prepare for what we consider to be the greatest challenge of this century.

This publication documents YCL's activities within its first two years. It also serves as a manifest to offer young people potential career opportunities to face the climate crisis. They are the most prepared to lead the climate solution efforts that we need to overcome this challenge. By 2100, many of our Fellows will still be alive. Therefore, we hope that, before the end of the 21st century, our network's systemic dedication will have contributed in building a more resilient and sustainable world.

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ABOUT YCL





WHO WE ARE

Created in 2018 by four Brazilian women, Youth Climate Leaders (YCL) offers solutions to help young people tackle two main challenges of this century: the climate crisis and structural unemployment. Although young people make up the majority of the global population, they continue to encounter barriers to job opportunities and economic security, while dealing with an uncertain future due to the climate crisis. To reverse this scenario, we aim to empower 1 million young people to lead climate projects as part of a global network. We believe that it is possible to propagate professional opportunities for young people through education and bridging gaps with organizations that already operate in this sector. We also offer access to a global network and opportunities in organizations and projects engaged in the transition to a more just and carbon neutral society.



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The partnership with YCL offers to ICLEI South America a unique opportunity to support young leaders' careers with qualified knowledge and relevant networks. We believe it is crucial to prepare them to face one of the most complex global challenges of our time.

Rodrigo de Oliveira Perpétuo

Regional Director ICLEI South America Secretariat

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OUR VALUES

- Action based on Science
- Collaboration and Community
- Courage to act
- Lifelong learning
- Intergenerationality
- Inclusion and Justice
- Urgency and solutions-focused



WHAT WE DO

YCL trains and connects young people from all over the world with networks and opportunities to build careers within the climate and sustainability areas. After completing a program with YCL, participants become part of the YCL Network, a global community of practice with members from different areas of expertise. Our activities are divided into three pillars:



PILLAR #1

Learning Journeys

Participants witness first-hand the impacts of climate change and improve their technical and leadership skills working together. They also have mentorship sessions to leave our programs with a clear action plan to start or boost their careers.



PILLAR #2

Global YCL Network

A community of climate professionals with members from over 20 countries and multiple areas of expertise. YCL alumni promote our programs in their countries and lead YCL Hubs, acting as multipliers by facilitating educational activities and implementing local projects.



PILLAR #3

Professional Opportunities

Members of the Global YCL Network have access to exclusive benefits, such as participating in events, projects and global delegations. They are also mentored by experienced professionals and have access to a weekly compilation of diverse opportunities in the area of climate change.



PILLAR #1

Learning Journeys

YCL Course: Currently held in Portuguese, the program trains young leaders to work on various fronts and areas of knowledge within the climate arena. It lasts seven weeks and consists of classes with specialists and group activities. It is now fully online, with additional activities and optional technical visits hosted by local YCL Hubs.

YCL Immersion: Our first program, it is an intensive international expedition lasting two weeks in which participants are immersed in a specific theme, for example, Cities and Climate. During the immersion, specialists offer lectures and field visits are made to institutions that work on the chosen theme, offering a broad view on the subject and at the same time enabling the exchange with different actors.

Customized training: This focuses on immersions to closed groups, workshops, hackathons and tailored courses for organizations, schools and universities. Potential topics are: careers and climate, the future of work, project management, and the connection between climate change and organization's work.



PILLAR #2

Global YCL Network

Mentoring: YCL's partner mentors offer personalized guidance, according to the specific moment and challenges of each member of our network. Some of them offer professional academic guidance, while others provide access to networks and contacts, or support for the creation and management of projects.

Exclusive webinars: lectures and debates with professionals working on the climate agenda, as well as career workshops that offer guidance on how to improve the curriculum, communication strategies and publicize professional opportunities.

YCL Hubs: YCL Fellows and other members who live in the same city or region can create YCL Hubs with local partners. Hubs are places for innovation and experimentation, so that members get together and organize activities together, which can range from a one-off event to the creation of a project. Local partners, in addition to offering physical structure and support for Hubs, also actively participate in activities and projects.

Climate Circles: using the methodology created by the partner organization **We Heal for All**, Climate Circles are small group meetings where participants can share their anxieties and feelings about the climate crisis in a space where they feel welcomed and protected, realizing that the climate crisis is a collective challenge and that they are not alone.

PILLAR #3

Concrete Opportunities

Delegations to global events: YCL Delegations are composed of Fellows and strategic partners who represent the YCL in events such as the United Nations Climate Change Conferences (COPs), Climate Week NYC, and the C40 Annual Mayors' Meeting. Network members are also constantly invited to attend events, either as a listeners or as speakers, including complimentary invitations to paid events. They also organize events with support from the Network and YCL Hubs.

Access to professional opportunities: members of the YCL Network receive daily and weekly curation of vacancies in the area of climate change, as well as access to partner vacancies offered exclusively for the Network. The mentoring service already mentioned also includes support throughout the application process for study or work opportunities.

Project Participation: members of the YCL Network have the opportunity to create new initiatives or participate in projects led by Fellows, mentors or partners, thus gaining relevant experience in the area while learning about the climate crisis and its solutions in practice.

Day of the Climate Professional: YCL created this exclusive event to celebrate all professionals who are working to combat the climate crisis around the world and to promote the multiple possibilities and areas for working on the climate agenda. For 24 hours, online and offline activities, such as lectures, debates and professions fairs, are offered in different parts of the world and transmitted on our website, combining celebration, knowledge and professional development.



PROFILE OF THE YCL FELLOWS

37%

DECIDED TO JOIN
YCL TO IMPROVE
THEIR KNOWLEDGE
ABOUT CLIMATE
CHANGE AND
SUSTAINABILITY

64%

STATED THEIR
GENDER AS
FEMALE



27 YEARS

IS THE AVERAGE
AGE OF OUR
FELLOWS

15 YEARS

IS THE AGE OF
OUR YOUNGEST
FELLOW

57 YEARS

IS THE AGE OF
OUR OLDEST
FELLOW



41%

COMPLETED
HIGHER
EDUCATION

30%

ARE
STUDENTS

51%

ARE FORMALLY
EMPLOYED



OUR TIMELINE

2018 - 2020

Jan 2018

YCL wins the MIT Climate CoLab Contest and officially launches its activities

Jul to Aug 2018

First YCL Immersion, in Paris and Kenya

Sep to Oct 2018

Participates in the UN General Assembly, Columbia University and MIT

Oct to Nov 2018

First Edition of YCL Course in Brazil

Dec 2018

YCL delegation for COP 24 in Katowice, Poland

Feb 2019

Opening of the first YCL Hub (Rio de Janeiro)

Mar to Aug 2019

Participates in the RME Acelera Acceleration Program, from Instituto Rede Mulher Empreendedora

Apr to Jun 2019

Second Edition - YCL Course

Jun to Oct 2019

Participates in the Acceleration Program Accelerate 2030 (Impact Hub + PNUD)

OUR TIMELINE

2018-2020

Aug 2019

YCL 2019 Immersion (Cities and Climate) in Germany in partnership with ICLEI

Jul 2019

Roadshow in Europe and opening of the YCL Hub Italy (in partnership with the Future Food Institute)

Sep 2019

YCL delegation to the UN General Assembly / NYC Climate Week, USA

Oct 2019

Participates as Keynote Speaker and Delegation for the C40 World Mayors Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark

Dec 2019

Delegation for COP 25 in Madrid

Jan 2020

Delivery of our first B2B Project, to Vetor Brasil

Apr to Jun 2020

YCL 2020 course adapted to the COVID19 pandemic and with triple participants, co-conducted with ICLEI SAMS

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I see YCL as an example of leadership through action. For WayCarbon, the partnership was born to complement our purpose, to have access to new organizations and people, that increased our network and helps us in the daily business. And being close to YCL from start, it's amazing to see how they have evolved! Their learning journeys also became an official part of the training programs of our team.

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Henrique Pereira

WayCarbon CEO



A young woman with dark hair, wearing a grey sweater and dark pants, stands on a narrow wooden path in a lush green forest. She is looking up at the tall trees. The forest is filled with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a warm and vibrant atmosphere. The path is made of wooden planks and is surrounded by dense green foliage and ferns.

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OUR STORIES

“YCL was my complete package”

Manoj Kumar, participant in the YCL
2019 Immersion in Germany



Manoj Kumar, 28, is a young Indian man from Bangalore. Until 2019, he had never left his country. Graduated in Electrical Engineering and working as a volunteer with agroforestry projects, in earlier 2019 he was looking for possibilities to gather international experience to expand knowledge in climate change, integrate a network and have access to job opportunities. "When I saw the YCL website, I felt that I had found the complete package i was looking for."

However, Manoj had another challenge: financing this journey. At the time of the application, he did not have a paid job. But Manoj's commitment to learn convinced the YCL team, and he become one of the recipients of a full scholarship funded by the organization. In July 2019, Manoj finally embarked for Germany to join the YCL immersion delegation themed "Cities and Climate change."

"During the immersion we were able to learn about transportation, water management, food production, trends of the future. I learned about many things, but what I liked most was interacting with people from so many different parts of the world. I had no idea about the impacts of climate change in other countries, such as Brazil, Germany, Puerto Rico. I know now. When someone asks me about climate, today I know how to talk about different scenarios that happen around the world thanks to the network that I got from YCL."

While in Germany, Manoj remembered of a Dutch company that visited the project where he was a volunteer in India a few months earlier. "I contacted to pitch for a visit during my stay in Europe. Unfortunately they had no availability and only wrote down my contact. I thought I would never hear from them again."

Back from his trip, Manoj was surprised with their call. "They wanted to know better what I did in Germany and my professional experience in India". Today Manoj works for Verstegen Spices & Sauce, the Dutch company that finances agroforestry products and promotes training and resources for small producers in India. "If YCL had not given me that opportunity, I would never have had the courage to contact this company. I am very grateful to YCL for this opportunity."

"My cause became my career"

Amanda Costa, participant in the YCL Course 2018

Amanda was born and raised in São Paulo, the biggest city in South America. Through a partnership with Engajamundo and YCL, she received a scholarship to join the first edition of the YCL course in Brazil. "My knowledge about climate change before the course was empirical, mostly based in my engagement in activism and extracurricular activities. The course helped gather in knowledge in the field at a professional level, while also connect me with people I never imagined I would be able to meet".

At the end of 2019, she graduated in International Relations and understood that it was time to concretely start her career. "I used to think it was wrong to make money out of my cause. But then I heard a statement from Cássia, founder of YCL, in which she said that young people should get paid to work with what they believe." That was the kick for Amandinha to understand that, yes, it is possible to live from the cause that you believe. "Through the contacts I developed after the course at the YCL network, I realized that my cause could also be my job". Amandinha can list several projects she engaged, and since she assumed she wants to work with initiatives addressing the climate crisis, she has already set bold goals on where she wants to go: "I want to be a world reference in black culture, climate crisis and sustainability."

"I want to speak at the UN. I want to give consultancies..." The list is long and the energy and willingness to make it happen too. Recently, Amandinha was hired by YCL to mobilize the network for the Day of Climate Professional. Among her duties is the constant contact with Fellows and partners, seeking to create connections that foster joint activities for this day that aims to celebrate all the people who work to face the climate crisis, including Amandinha herself, who at the age of 23 has plenty of stories to tell to inspire other young people.





“I suddenly discovered what I wanted to do of my life”

Thiago Bopp, participant in the YCL Course 2018

“The course was a life-change experience for me. It was amazing to have contact with more experienced people that were already working in climate. It enabled me to think about my future career and learn about the climate crisis. I understood that I needed to act on that”. Thiago says that, at the time, he used to ask himself “what do people do after they leave school” and with the YCL course he could observe this in practice and be inspired by the network of Fellows and partners and all their diversity of knowledge.

Thiago is currently an economics student at the University of São Paulo (USP), where he tries to make the connection between economics and the climate crisis. “I don't know if I would have chosen to work with climate if I didn't have this opportunity with YCL. My friends were even startled as I decided overnight what I wanted to do.”

Recently, Thiago launched a proposal with other YCL Fellows to discuss the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the environmental context. “The environment guys are the last ones to look at this subject”. A Fellow got excited, called a friend, who called another friend, and in July they organized the first Webinar on the subject, discussing ethics in the use of AI in energy chains. The event had 70 participants and they are already planning a second one, this time on artificial intelligence and forests. At his university, Thiago develops an application to optimize the solid waste chain in São Paulo. This is just one of several projects in which he, at the age of 20, is engaged and inspiring other young people to understand early on that the climate crisis can bring many opportunities in the careers of the future.



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OUR IMPACT

THE SIZE OF OUR NETWORK

202

YCL FELLOWS

50

MENTORS

55

PARTNERS

WHERE WE ARE IN THE WORLD



20

COUNTRIES

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CONTINENTS

ARGENTINA
GERMANY
BRAZIL
CHINA
ECUADOR
FINLAND
INDIA
ISRAEL
ITALY
MOROCCO

NIGERIA
PAKISTAN
PERU
PORTUGAL
PUERTO RICO
KENYA
RUSSIA
SOUTH AFRICA
SWEDEN
UNITED STATES

WHERE WE ARE IN BRAZIL



17
STATES

ACRE
ALAGOAS
AMAPÁ
AMAZONAS
BAHIA
DISTRITO FEDERAL
ESPÍRITO SANTO
GOIÁS
MINAS GERAIS
PARANÁ
PERNAMBUCO
PIAUÍ
RIO DE JANEIRO
RIO GRANDE DO NORTE
RIO GRANDE DO SUL
SANTA CATARINA
SÃO PAULO

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For the Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro, supporting initiatives like the YCL is a privilege. YCL aggregates the values we share in promoting and facilitating discussions and engagement in the most urgent global issues.

Teresa Borges

Program Manager at Columbia Global Centers | Rio de Janeiro

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WHAT WE DID SO FAR

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LEARNING
JOURNEYS

2 INTERNATIONALS
IMMERSIONS

3 EDITIONS OF THE
YCL COURSE

YCL 2018 IMMERSION
(PARIS AND KENYA)



YCL 2019 IMMERSION
(GERMANY)



YCL COURSE 2018



YCL COURSE 2019



YCL COURSE 2020.1



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DELEGATIONS TO GLOBAL EVENTS

COP24 (2018), IN POLAND

NYC CLIMATE WEEK 2019

C240 MAYORS SUMMIT 2019

COP25 (2019), IN SPAIN



DELEGATION COP24 IN
KATOWICE, POLAND (2018)



NYC CLIMATE WEEK (2019)



**C40
WORLD MAYORS
SUMMIT** COPENHAGEN
9th-12th
OCTOBER 2019

C40 WORLD MAYORS SUMMIT (2019)



COP25, IN MADRID, SPAIN (2019)



WE PRESENTED
YCL IN

127

EVENTS AROUND
THE WORLD

25 EVENTS
IN 2018

47 EVENTS
IN 2019

55 EVENTS
BETWEEN
JAN AND
AUG 2020



YCL THROUGH THE EYES OF ITS NETWORK MEMBERS

YCL was created to positively impact the lives of young people, teach them about the urgency of the climate crisis, and show that there are career opportunities behind this agenda. In 2 years of activities, we have formed 202 Fellows who already give us some gratifying answers about the real impact of YCL in their lives. Check out the results of our research with the YCL Network:

**69% OF THEM STATED THAT YCL
CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THEIR CAREERS**

**41.8% OF THEM RECEIVED EITHER FULL OR PARTIAL
SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND OUR LEARNING JOURNEYS**

**NETWORKING AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE
CONSIDERED YCL'S GREATEST CONTRIBUTIONS**

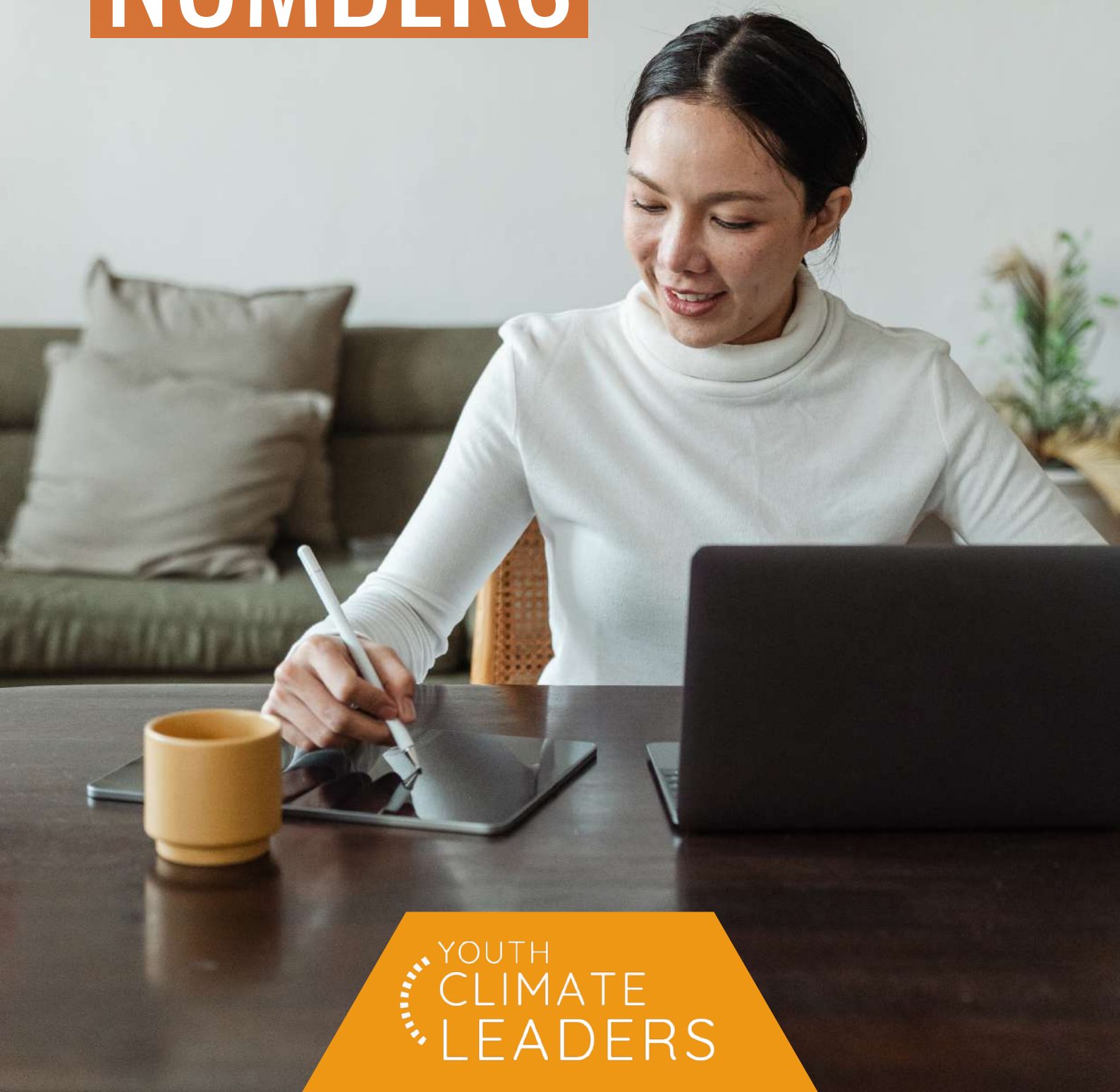
**FOSTERING NEW RELATIONSHIPS AND EXPANDING
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE ARE THE
MAIN ATTRIBUTES OF YCL IN THE VISION OF FELLOWS**

**88% OF FELLOWS BELIEVE THAT
THE NETWORK IS YCL'S MAIN ASSET**

91% OF FELLOWS STUDY OR WORK IN THE FIELD

**MORE THAN 90% OF FELLOWS WOULD
RECOMMEND A YCL LEARNING JOURNEY**

OUR NUMBERS

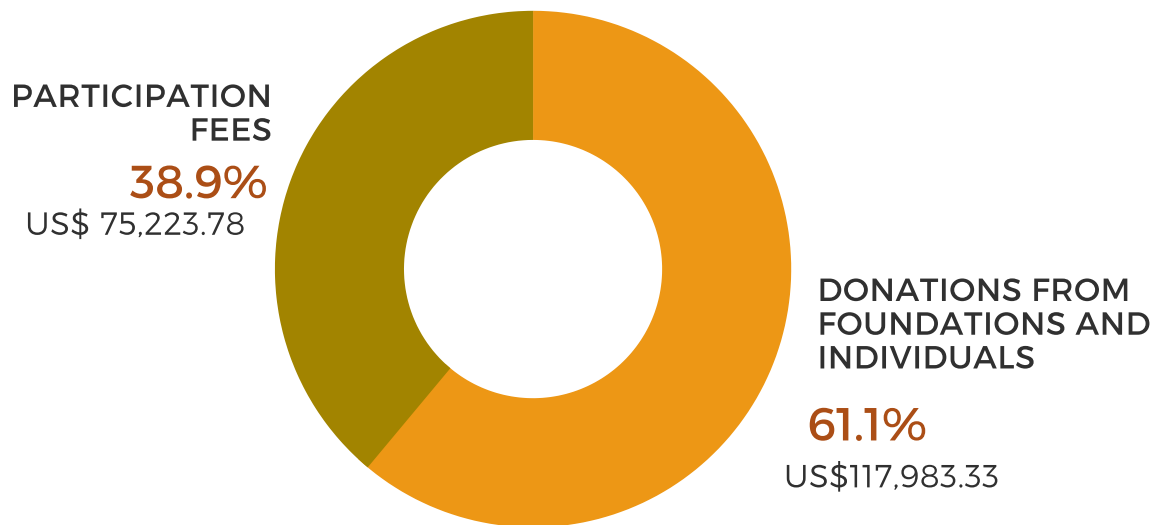


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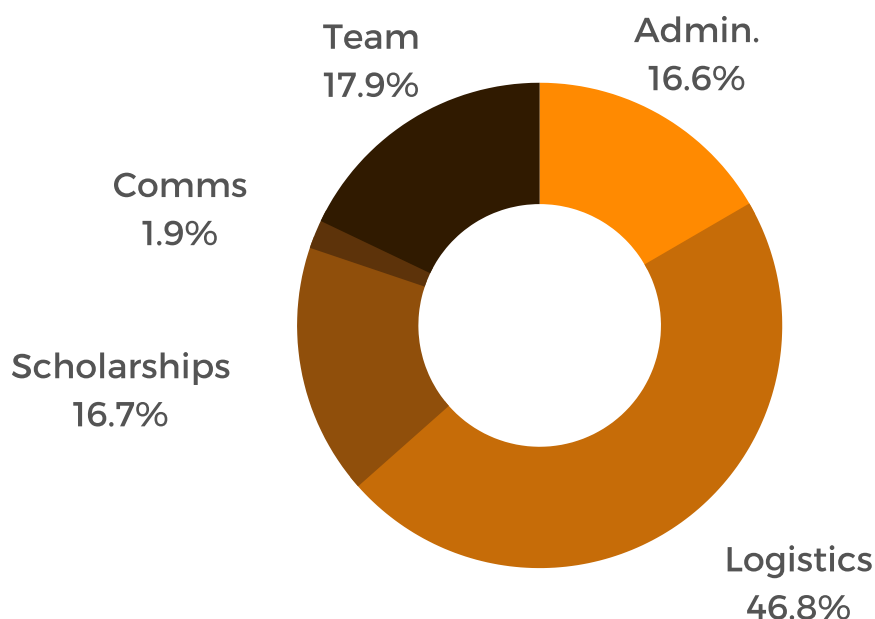
TOTAL NUMBERS

Many resources were required for YCL to achieve current results. In addition to human resources, from co-founders, volunteers and partners who donated hours of work, knowledge, their time and their strategic contacts, financial resources were also needed to enable a small team to organize courses and immersions, logistical and communication expenses, and also to finance scholarships and guarantee greater diversity in the YCL Network.

TOTAL RAISED: US\$ 193.207,11



TOTAL EXPENDITURE:



A pair of hands is shown from the wrist up, cupping a small, young plant with several green leaves and a thin, curved stem. The plant is growing out of a mound of dark, moist soil. The hands are positioned in the lower half of the frame, with the fingers gently holding the soil. The background is a soft-focus, warm-toned scene with vertical streaks of light, suggesting rain falling. The overall mood is hopeful and nurturing.

THIS IS JUST THE START!

our plans for the future

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OUR SCALING PLAN

YCL was born globally since its first pilot project. By the end of 2020 we will have trained more than 300 young people from over 20 countries. Everything we have achieved is impressive, especially if we think that most of our energy was spent in consolidating our model and seeking resources to bring our ideas to fruition.

When we created YCL, our goal was to fight youth unemployment and turn the climate crisis into an opportunity to promote careers with purpose, in favor of a more just and sustainable world. It was not that long ago, but we realized quickly that these demands are as big as the climate crisis itself, therefore we have created an ambitious scaling plan.

We continue to improve our methodology and activities, but now we have the experience, skills, networks and passion to take our work to the next level. Thus, in parallel to the activities already programmed, such as the YCL Course 2020.2 and the Day of the Climate Professional, we will dedicate the next months of 2020 to the implementation of an ambitious scaling plan. We invite you to join forces with us to catalyse climate careers and train one million young people by 2030. Are you ready?

YCL GOALS	2020	2022	2025	2030
Number of trained participants	300	8,000	150,000	1,000,000+
Number of engaged organizations	100	750	3,000	15,000
Number of YCL Hubs	12	60	100	650
Projects developed by the network	25	120+	900+	10,000+
Countries where is YCL is present	20	60	120	190+

NEXT STEPS

YCL Course: In 2020, due to the new coronavirus pandemic, the YCL Course became 100% online, which allowed an increase in the number of participants, regional diversity, and also more scholarships were offered. The success was so great that a new group will start in September 2020, with participants not only from Brazil, but also from other portuguese-speaking countries. In 2021, it is expected to take the YCL Course to other non-portuguese speaking countries and have at least three editions in total, offered in portuguese and one more language.

YCL Hubs: In the first half of 2020, YCL launched seven more Hubs in different regions of Brazil, USA and Portugal. YCL Hubs are a meeting point for Fellows and partners to continue working together at the local level. We expect to expand the Hubs to other regions of Brazil and the world from 2021 onwards.

YCL Portugal: YCL is opening its headquarters in Portugal. In 2021, it is expected to promote courses in partnerships with organizations and local governments also in Europe, starting in Portugal, thus taking advantage of all the engagement and potential of the country in subjects such as energy transition and adaptation to climate change.



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We got to know YCL in 2019 and since then we have carried out a series of activities, such as participation at COP 25, in Madrid, and curating speakers for Planetiers World Gathering. We received the opening of YCL in Portugal with great enthusiasm! We believe in the potential of the initiative here, in Europe and globally.

Carla Santos

Program Manager at Planetiers World Gathering

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NEXT STEPS

The Day of the Climate Professional (DCP): On November 24, we will celebrate the **Day of the Climate Professional**, a time to highlight all professionals who are on the front lines to combat the climate crisis. The inaugural edition will be November 24, 2020, that will convene a virtual summit featuring 24 hours of events. The event aims to engage 20,000 participants, 100 employer organizations, and promote more than 500 vacancies, catalyzing climate action, and fighting unemployment through the presentation and concrete offer of professional opportunities in the area. Thus, we seek to focus on a single date the promotion of knowledge about the climate crisis, access to vacancies in the area and demystification of the day-to-day life of professionals who deal with the main challenge of the 21st Century. We expect to gain space on calendars worldwide and become an official date for recognition, training and promotion of climate careers.

Services for Partners: The YCL Network is ready to act as a consulting company to provide services to create and implement projects in the field of climate. We rely on a pool of talents with diverse backgrounds and expertise, as well as innovative methodologies to foster climate action. We have already offered customized courses for organizations and companies. In 2020 we signed a partnership with Sesc Rio de Janeiro to develop training in climate leadership for high school students at Sesc schools in Rio de Janeiro. We have also taught short courses for Vetor Brasil, workshops for WayCarbon and we are co-hosting the Unleash Hack Brasil 2020. We also offer services to assist in the promotion and recruitment of climate vacancies, lectures on various topics and consultancies allocating members of our Global Network. We intend to expand these services to increase the financial sustainability of the organization while offering opportunities for members of the YCL Network.

NEXT STEPS

YCL Network Platform: We are raising funds to launch an online platform that will allow us to reach more people, as well as foster connections within the YCL Network and the YCL Hubs. Fellows and partners will also be able to use this virtual environment to offer their services, thus mobilizing a large network of life-long learning and professional development to foster climate action. The platform will also support us in the following activities:

- **List of fellows, members, partners and projects:** to better show our members, their projects and the activities of our YCL Hubs.
- **YCL Hubs website:** each hub will be able to list its projects under development, present their events calendar and members' contacts.
- **Online YCL Courses and Services:** the platform will allow us to offer short courses, courses in more languages, mentoring packages, among other services.
- **Improve the Opportunities section of YCL,** increasing the number of vacancies, courses and events displayed on our website and social media, also showcasing them by country and language.
- **An exclusive section with resources on climate change,** with articles, books, online courses, videos, etc., organized in modules to guide the study of members and groups led by YCL Hubs and ambassadors at universities.
- **Webinars and group mentoring for members of the YCL Network:** for example webinar on Personal Marketing (June 2020) and climate circles.

WHAT WE NEED TO GET THERE



To avoid the worst effects of the climate crisis, we will need to make a transition never seen before. Therefore, it is essential to continue to train people who will lead this process. Delivering results and reaching the ambitious numbers we aim for in the coming years requires resources. Human, financial and material. So, to train more than a million young people by 2030, we will need a lot of support! Some ways to contribute to the YCL are:

Donation of financial resources to maintain and expand our team dedicated to the organization of Learning Journeys, mobilization of the Network and promotion of professional opportunities, as well as expansion and management of partnerships with organizations that will offer professional placement for fellows.

Support with donation of scholarships, guaranteeing the diversity of the Network and enabling the participation of more black, indigenous, low-income youth, as well as youth from developing countries.

Partnerships for YCL HUBs, offering not only the necessary structure, but also proposing local projects and activities.

Facilitation and management of courses and webinars, sharing knowledge on various topics connected with the climate crisis and youth employability.

Mentorship on acting on the climate agenda in academic, business, political and international organizations.

Opportunities for YCL Fellows, receiving them for internships, consultancies and short-term assignments in projects, thus ensuring intergenerational dialogue on the climate agenda.

FINAL MESSAGE

The new coronavirus pandemic in 2020 required YCL's resilience and ability to adapt quickly. In two weeks we managed to pivot the YCL Course to be 100% online, not only keeping the program in the midst of so many uncertainties, but also tripling the number of participants involved. We realized that in this new format we were able to serve more people and reduced the price of the course to make it more accessible, thereby offering scholarships for 45 participants. The success of this last online edition encouraged the formation of yet another class this year, starting in September 2020, in which more than 100 participants from Brazil and other portuguese-speaking countries are expected.

Our future is at stake and we have the right to be scared, sad and anxious. Learning about the climate crisis is scaring and often depressing. But we can and must channel that anger, fear and despair into action, because we still have time to change this story. Therefore, YCL goes beyond 'giving a voice' to young people by providing training and concrete opportunities to act now, start or advance in their impact careers. We continue to grow and mature, with an enormous desire to serve in a larger scale and foster knowledge and opportunities for young people in the transition to a world based on the principles of sustainability, climate justice and equity. For this, we are always looking for partners to build this trajectory with us.

We are very excited about the return that we have already received from our Fellows, and the wider YCL Network, as well as the impacts that we have seen in more than 25 projects in which the Network is directly involved. If the current context required us to adapt quickly, it also drew further attention to the urgency of making our societies more just and resilient. As we observed today with the new coronavirus pandemic, in the climate crisis we are also under the same storm, but in different boats. On behalf of those who already feel the disruptive impacts of climate change, we have a duty to promote rapid, radical and systemic transformations. What we want from the future, we deserve is it to be made by and for young people, a generation that, in fact, will respond in the future if we went in the right direction.

WHO IS THE YCL?

Cássia Moraes
CEO

Evelyn Araripe
CFO

Fernanda Matsuoka
COO

Juliana Russar
Director Operations Brazil

Clarissa Canova
Head of Marketing

Steven Carlson II
U.S. Manager of partnerships

Amanda da Cruz Costa
Network Mobilizer

WHO HELPED US START YCL:

Flávia Bellaguarda
Board Advisor and Co-founder

Gaurav Sharma
Field Manager - Índia

YCL PARTNERS LIST

Abralatas
Accelerate 2030
Beleaf
BMJ
Centro Brasil no Clima
CIVI-CO
Climatebase
Coalizão Brasil Clima, Florestas e Agricultura
Coalizão Clima e Mobilidade Ativa
Columbia Global Centers Nairobi
Columbia Global Centers Paris
Columbia Global Centers Rio de Janeiro
Connect4Climate - Banco Mundial
Derwent Remediation
Dulocal
Earth Hacks
Endeleza
Engajamundo
Eu Integral
Favela Inc
Fundação Amazônia Sustentável (FAS)
Future Food Institute
FXB USA
Gitec Brasil
Global Attitude
Global Climate Pledge
Greenpeace Brasil
Humans-to-Humans
ICLEI
I Care Consult
Instituto Clima e Sociedade
Instituto Ethos
Instituto Florestal - Estado de SP
Instituto Global Attitude
Juventude Lixo Zero
MITSIDI
Moetá
Pacto Global ONU
Planetiers
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