



Connecting Youth towards a Sustainable World

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project “Global takes Action: Connecting Youth towards a Sustainable World” has as primary objective to give voice, in a **free and accessible way**, to all young people from all over the world on the current sustainability challenges.

The project is aimed at analyzing some of the goals set in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by using a universal, inclusive, and proactive perspective. It intends to make students aware of the ongoing global sustainability issues, enhancing their inclination to the **intercultural dialogue** and developing a universal sense of citizenship aimed at the exchange of substantive solutions.

Participants will compare their realities and exchanging their innovative ideas, eventually understading the importance of **turning individuals' efforts into a concrete global action**.

STAGES

- 1 Opening Ceremony**
Formation of the Teams
- 2 What the Expert Says**
Q&A between students and experts
- 3 Global Teamwork**
Projects development
- 4 Closing Ceremony**
Projects Presentation

TOPICS

-  **Food Security & Waste**
-  **Air Pollution & Sustainable City**
-  **Soil and Water Pollution & Recycling**
-  **Household Sustainability & Renewable Energy**



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I. GLOBAL ACTION

[Global Action](http://www.diplomacyeducation.org) is a **voluntary and Non-profit Organization** whose main aim is to unite all who share the ideals of human solidarity and sharing. Global Action's purpose, through all of its projects and initiatives, is to provide young people with *informed knowledge* and understanding about the world and its issues. Believing in the need to stimulate and promote the interaction between students from different geographical and socio-cultural realities, Global Action's mission is to act as an **intercultural exchange platform** for people from all continents to concretely address the ongoing international changes and challenges.

In order to fully understand the world of tomorrow, today's youth has to face challenges that require joint action. Global Action wants to provide students with the necessary tools to overcome them.

II. THE PROJECT

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“Global takes Action” is aimed at analyzing some of the goals set in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by using a universal, inclusive, and proactive perspective. Given the primary role that young people can play in the creation of a more sustainable and inclusive world, “Global takes Action” intends to make students aware of the ongoing global sustainability issues, enhancing their inclination to the intercultural dialogue and developing a universal sense of citizenship aimed at the exchange of substantive solutions.

As a platform for intercultural exchange, “Global takes Action” wants to create an international network of students, associations, Embassies, institutions and organizations that tackle and react to some of the main problems related to sustainability that are global in nature.

Once divided into groups - *Global Teams* -, the participants in “Global takes Action” will discuss four main issues related to sustainability (see Paragraph V), comparing their realities and exchanging their innovative ideas. Students will shoot a video in which they will present the experiences of their own countries and the possible solutions that each student can implement to personally contribute to the issue at stake. The videos, produced by each *Global Team*, will explain how important is **to turn individuals’ efforts into a concrete global action.**¹

¹ The production and editing of final videos will be carried out by the Global Action Staff in collaboration with its Partners. Further information concerning the duration and technical aspects related to the videos will be shared during the Global Teamwork seminar.

III. STAGES OF THE PROJECT

“Global *takes* Action” is a project organized **entirely online** and **completely free**. It consists of four seminars, which will take place between January and March 2021:

1. OPENING CEREMONY - (end of January/beginning of February TBC)

The Opening Ceremony is open to all participants and it is aimed at describing “Global *takes* Action”’s content and purpose. During the Opening Ceremony, various guests invited by Global Action will intervene. At the end of the Opening Ceremony, each participant will be assigned to his/her *Global Team* and Global Action Tutor.

2. WHAT THE EXPERT SAYS - (beginning of February TBC)

“What The Expert Says” is the seminar in which each *Global Team* meets a leading expert of the assigned topic. Students will have the opportunity to openly dialogue with the expert and ask their questions, becoming aware of the critical issues it involves and obtaining valuable inputs to find substantive solutions. At the end of the seminar, each *Global Team* will receive from its Global Action Tutor additional materials to deepen the topic.

3. GLOBAL TEAMWORK - (February)

The Global Teamwork corresponds to the part of the “Global *takes* Action” project in which participants, supported by their Global Action Tutors, share their opinions and ideas, dialoguing with their international colleagues and trying to reach common proposals. During the Global Teamwork, Global Action Tutors will provide each *Global Team* with all the information necessary to produce the final video.

4. CLOSING CEREMONY - (end of February/beginning of March TBC)

The Closing Ceremony is open to all participants and it takes place once all videos produced by the *Global Teams* have been edited. During the Closing Ceremony, in the presence of guests contacted by Global Action, videos will be shared and participants will report their experience within the group and their personal feedback on the project. The Closing Ceremony ends with the awarding of the videos produced.

IV. PARTICIPANTS: REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

Participants in "Global *takes* Action" must meet the following **requirements**²:

1. Age between 14 and 18;
2. Fluency in English;
3. Keen interest in sustainability and, in particular, the goals set in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The **selection of the students** can be carried out in the two following ways, according to the preference of the Embassy:

- i. The Embassy, following the above-mentioned requirements, selects two students and communicates the names of the participants to the Global Action Staff.
- ii. The Embassy provides the students in its country with the Application Link. The students will access the online application form and, once submitted, they will be selected by the Global Action Staff (maximum two students per Country).

Application Link: <https://form.jotform.com/globalaction/global-takes-action>

In both cases, the deadline for the selection of the participants is set for:

December 18, 2020

Once selected by the Embassies or by the Global Action Staff, students will be divided by Global Action into four *Global Teams*, each one guided by a Tutor from the Global Action Staff. The creation of the *Global Teams* will take into consideration the different time zones of each participant, in order to facilitate team working.

² Further requirements are at Embassy's discretion.

V. TOPICS

Students participating in “Global *takes* Action” will discuss the following topics:

GLOBAL TEAM 1: FOOD SECURITY & WASTE

Participants will gain knowledge on the economic, social, and environmental consequences of food waste. During the Global Teamwork seminar, students will highlight actions and habits that can reduce food losses and strengthen the sustainability of the food system.

GLOBAL TEAM 2: AIR POLLUTION & SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Participants will analyze various issues related to urbanization and the consequences they provoke on air quality. During the Global Teamwork seminar, the group will highlight some critical aspects related to Global Cities, including - but not limited to - transports, service digitalization and inclusiveness.

GLOBAL TEAM 3: SOIL AND WATER POLLUTION & RECYCLING

Participants will examine the issue of waste management and, in particular, the impact of waste pollution on soil and water. During the Global Teamwork seminar, the group will discuss the role played by the waste recycling, dealing with topics such as the reduction of the consumption of non-reusable materials, the new soil & water cleaning strategies and the advantages of the circular economy.

GLOBAL TEAM 4: HOUSEHOLD SUSTAINABILITY & RENEWABLE ENERGY

Participants will address the issue of the household carbon footprint and, in particular, the role of sustainable and renewable energies for domestic usage. During the Global Teamwork seminar, the group will highlight actions and habits that can be performed to reduce wastefulness, including domestic heating, waste of water, and electricity consumption.

VI. CONTACTS

Global Action will strive to assist you with the selection of the participants and during any further progress of the project. Your feedback on the development and the management of the project will be most welcomed.

The Staff of Global Action is at your disposal for any further information regarding “Global takes Action” and its other activities.

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