

Building Greener Across Generations: Intergenerational Conversation on The Climate Crisis

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A conversation designed by an intergenerational team and led by girls and young women was organised by NGO CSW/NY and The Working Group on Girls.

INTRODUCTION

Prateeksha, a girl facilitator, started the conference by giving the introduction.

Key points discussed:

- Inclusion of girls in the development of climate, environmental and disaster recovery policies and mechanisms that support their specific needs.
- Women's unequal access to resources.
- Food insecurity & hunger and increased risk of violence for women and girls.
- Ensuring investment and quick action for empowerment of women and girls.

OBJECTIVES:

- Build stronger communication, relationship and advocacy across generations.
- Discuss how to engage sustainably in advocacy work throughout the year.
- Attract and engage new organizations
- Retain the relationships within WGG and NGO CSW

THEMES CHOSEN:

- Feminist action for climate justice
- Feminist movements and leadership in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes
- Technology and innovation for Gender Equality in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes
- Addressing Gender-Based Violence / SRHR resulting from the effects of climate change and environmental disaster

- Economic justice and rights in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.
- Impact of war and conflict on climate, environment and natural resources and its impact on girls.
- Migration, evacuation as a result of climate change and environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.

Thereafter, Kashvi and Mahi notified the participants about the sequence and safety guidelines of the conference.

PRESENTERS

1. **CYNTHIA, MOZAMBIQUE**

She is an 11th grader who indulges in community service. She shared her experiences of the girls' statement writing conference of the CSW66.

2. **DEMETRA, NEW YORK CITY**

She is a girl delegate who participated in a program with a group of teenage girls from across the country who researched and proposed a solution to eutrophication, a side effect of climate change in the Yellow Sea .

WHAT IS EUTROPHICATION?

Eutrophication occurs when there is an excess of nutrients and minerals in a body of water, leading to dense plant growth and the loss of animal life due to lack of oxygen. This excess often results from **pollution and agricultural runoff**.

Eutrophication causes deoxygenation of water, which results in the **loss of native wildlife and biodiversity**. The huge algae blooms also make aquatic activities like boating, fishing, and swimming difficult and dangerous.

This is the case in the Yellow Sea, where eutrophication has resulted in massive blooms of the algae *Ulva prolifera*.

OUR PROJECT

Our assignment was to "design an innovative approach to the prevention, monitoring and/or treatment of the eutrophication process to help lead to the restoration and sustainable use of aquatic ecosystems." What my team eventually came up with was a **system of ships and satellites** which would monitor ongoing algal blooms in the Yellow Sea, collect and store the algae, and bring it back to shore to be processed into a sustainable food source, using one global issue to combat another.

CLIMATE DOOMISM

Climate change is already disrupting the global supply chain. Here's how

Why we still don't yet know how bad climate migration will get

War in Ukraine and Climate Change Could Combine to Create a Food Crisis

The US Is Facing a Maternal Health Crisis. Climate Change Is Making It Worse.

There is a lot of fear and confusion that surrounds the issue of climate change, which can sometimes take over the conversation.

This project, however, allowed me and a group of peers to learn about a specific effect of climate change, how and why it was hurting people, and tangible ways to combat the problem. We taught ourselves about climate change, while focusing on a practical solution, instead of the problem.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER

Opportunities like the Working Group on Girls are so vital because of this. This group and programs like it are focused on **education and tangible solutions**.

I am so glad that I got to work on this project because I learned about a real and difficult side effect of climate change, and was able to study it from the perspective of someone trying to find a solution. I am glad that I can be a part of events like this as a Girl Delegate, and discuss real issues without the conversation being taken over by **doomism and fear**.

As a girl, it's important for us to have opportunities like this, where we can advocate for girls' rights in relation to girl-specific issues, as well as larger problems.

GIRLS HAVE THE SOLUTIONS

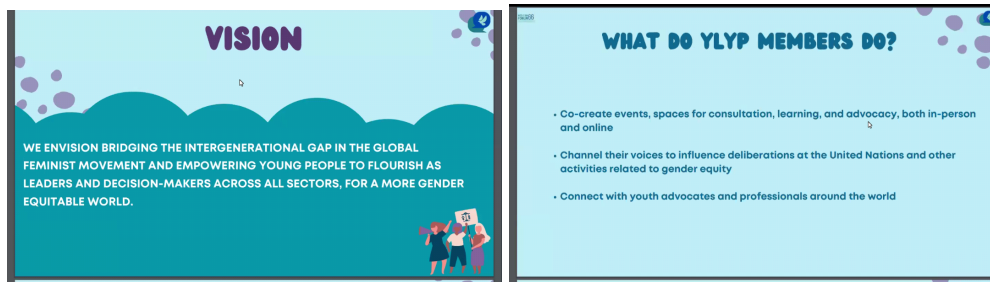
As girls, we have solutions. Our voices must be heard because it is our future at stake. We deserve a seat at the table.

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3. **SAEEDA RIZWI**

She is the co-lead of Young Leaders and Young Professionals(YLYP) of NGO CSW. The mission of YLYP is to amplify the voices of youth leaders and young professionals, providing a platform for their perspectives on gender equality and channels for their advocacy at the UN. Another

mission is to convene young people to consult and contribute to the advancement of the intergenerational feminist movement.



BREAKOUT ROOMS

The participants were grouped into the breakout rooms according to the various themes.

ROOM 1:

This group discussed about the feminist action and feminist movements for climate justice. Gaps in education, lack of awareness among the masses, negative associations with access to menstruation and sanitation facilities, and lack of representation of women, particularly indigenous women, were talked about.

A possible solution of using biodegradable sanitary products was put forward.

CONCLUSION

Then the participants returned to the main session and the adult facilitator of each room gave a briefing of their discussions- at least one shared challenge, goal and a possible outcome/ solution.

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