

# THE CANADIAN YOUTH POSITION ON THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

VISIONS FOR A PROSPEROUS FUTURE

## OUR STATEMENT

### REPRESENTING CANADIAN YOUTH

The Canadian Youth Biodiversity Network held consultations with Canadian youth on April 23-24, 2021 to discuss our vision for living in harmony with nature by 2030. Below are the key policy areas to be included in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.



## LIVING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

### OUR VISION & VALUES



All beings have access to a thriving natural environment, protected through conscious stewardship. Everyone has equal access to environmental education informed by conventional science and Indigenous Ways of Knowing. Stakeholders are motivated to make a positive impact on the environment. This vision must be based on **community, respect, equity, and accountability.**

## TRANSITION TO A GREEN ECONOMY

### FOCUS ON LONG-TERM PROSPERITY

Laws, policy and investments must divest/deter from harmful practices and incentivize/promote sustainable land use, food systems, consumption, and community-based solutions with measurable indicators by 2030. Collaborations among **all** levels of government are essential to create sustainable/green jobs, protect the environment and improve quality of life.



## EQUITABLE DECISION MAKING

### INCLUSIVE & ACCOUNTABLE PROCESSES



Stakeholder analyses must be conducted to include **all** who are impacted by decisions, regardless of income, identity, or age, in consultations informing laws and policy. Processes must be transparent to ensure accountability and liability for actions jeopardizing equitable access to ecological benefits.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

### FACILITATE AND IGNITE A CONNECTION WITH NATURE

Increased investments in multi-disciplinary environmental education must be made in both formal and informal settings to reflect conventional science and Indigenous Ways of Knowing for **all** ages. Curricula must include actions for environmental stewardship while emphasizing the economic and health benefits of a healthy natural environment.



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