

YOUTH ACTION POINTS FOR COP-30

Youths of Nepal with diverse identities suggest Government of Nepal include the following points in the position paper of Nepal for COP30:

1. The government must prioritize climate-responsive gender justice by adopting an intersectional approach, including but not limited to rural women, Dalit women, indigenous women, Madhesi women, queer communities, and women with disabilities
2. Policies should recognize the diversity of multiple intersectional identities and address the concerns of diverse women, youths, Indigenous Peoples, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized groups. Recognition and promotion of Indigenous knowledge and practices must be emphasized as they play a key role in developing effective local climate solutions rooted in traditional wisdom and intergenerational knowledge transfer.
3. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) Advisory Opinion on Climate Change has affirmed that granting licenses for fossil fuel extraction and providing fossil fuel subsidies could violate international law. It has also clarified that states can incur responsibility for failing to exercise due diligence against harmful acts committed by private parties. Therefore, the government should ensure compliance with international legal obligations and move toward a sustainable and just energy transition.
4. Prioritization of the green economy, encompassing entrepreneurship, business, and employment, to advance renewable and clean energy development.
5. Employ youths, women and indigenous people as agents of change to advance just energy transition by promoting equitable green skills, technology transfer, and capacity building.
6. Intergenerational equity must be upheld by avoiding actions that cause irreversible harm to the climate, such as significant greenhouse gas emissions.
7. With 2025 being the International Year of Glacier Conservation, Nepal should advance the Mountain Agenda by emphasizing its unique ecosystems and biodiversity in relation to the Dushanbe Glacier Declaration 2025.
8. Climate finance should include a reserved dedicated portion for capacity building, education, health, entrepreneurship, and green technology for youth. Moreover, policies must promote inclusive disaster risk reduction through early warning alert systems and address the growing health impacts of changing temperatures, including communicable, foodborne, and vector-borne diseases.
9. The adverse effects of climate-induced disasters and displacements on mental health, as well as sexual and reproductive health, especially among vulnerable populations, must also be duly recognized and addressed.



Around the buzz of COP-30, a youth discussion was organized on 31 October 2025 to deliberate on pressing climate issues and collect recommendations from young people.

Following the discussion, a group of youth participants marched to the Ministry of Forests and Environment (MoFE), Singha Durbar, to formally present their recommendations. The document outlining youth priorities and actions on climate change was submitted to the Joint Secretary of MoFE and the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, who are serving as Nepal's delegates to COP-30.

