



The **Agents of Change** Program is now accepting applications to join the IYCN youth delegation to the Fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Climate Change Convention and fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP14 and COP/MOP4), which will be held at the Poznań International Fair in **Poznań**, **Poland**, from **December 1-12, 2008**.

COP14 will determine the future international policy on climate change, and youth must make their voice heard. Between now and December, youth from across the globe will organize to bring a sense of urgency and rationality to the meeting. The future of the UNFCCC process is up for debate, and with it the future of international action to stop climate change. If the UNFCCC cannot respond to the urgent conclusions contained in the report of the IPCC, the ability of the international mechanism to respond to global challenges might become irrelevant.

This is where we come in. The IYCN delegation, comprised of key leaders in the youth climate & environmental movement from various organizations and backgrounds, will have the unique opportunity to represent Indian youth at the COP. Delegates will work with each other and with international youth in advance of the conference to educate themselves, develop policy priorities, acquire skills in effective lobbying, and engage the broader youth population in action related to international climate policy.

AoC delegates will be expected to engage in substantial preparation and fundraising efforts in the months leading up to the conference. Delegates will be required to stay in regular email contact and engage in research and conference calls, which will occur weekly in the weeks prior to COP14. As NGO representatives at the COP, delegates will work side-by-side with government delegates, leaders from international organizations, and fellow members of civil society to ensure a just and forward-looking outcome to the COP negotiations. On average a delegate can expect to commit at least 5 hours plus most weeks, and more near Poland, to keeping up with emails, being on conference calls, and working in sub-groups on projects in relation to policy, communications, and fundraising. Delegates will also be required to attend the Indian Youth Summit on Climate Change (IYSoCC) to be held in Hyderabad in early August.



Selection Criteria:

IYCN is committed to selecting a skilled, diverse, and passionate delegation. Applicants are required to be between the ages of 18 and 26 as of December 2008 and to either (a) be an Indian citizen or (b) study or work in India for more than six months. Applicants who can attend the entire conference will be given preference. Additional selection criteria are as follows:

- **Commitment to Climate Change Advocacy:** Applicants must demonstrate a serious commitment to the aims and values of sustainable development/climate change, and should demonstrate experience working with climate change policy advocacy.
- **Diversity:** Preference will be given to those who can contribute something unique to an Agents of Change delegation. Diversity here goes beyond gender, religion, and ethnicity and is broadly defined in terms of experience and background. If you have a unique background or experience please note it in your application.
- **Leadership Experience:** Preference will be given to those who have experience in leadership roles, such as student or grassroots organizing, event or project planning, or peer-to-peer education. Please describe your leadership experience in your application.
- **Previous IYCN Involvement:** Applicants are not required to have been involved with IYCN. However, those who have been active in any of their programs, or are otherwise affiliated, will be given preference.

Application Procedure:

Please respond to the following questions and send your application in the form of a single Word document to agents@whatswiththecimate.org. Applications must be received by **5:00 pm IST on Sunday, July 31, 2007**. Incomplete applications, or those not compiled into a single document, will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of their selection by late July and will be required to confirm their involvement shortly after notification. Please make sure you include all five sections of the application. If you have any questions, contact AoC Coordinator Kartikeya Singh at the above address.



Part I: Basic information

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Were you referred to this program by a member of IYCN? If so, who?

Gender:

School and/or place of employment:

Degree or Major (if applicable):

Date of birth:

Languages spoken (in order of proficiency):

Part II: Personal Statement

Please provide a personal statement detailing your interest in COP14 and your prior experiences that make you a good candidate for this program. Please limit your response to 500 words or less. It may help to consider the following questions:

- How has your previous work with sustainability and climate issues prepared you for COP14?
- What is your main goal in attending COP14?
- Where specifically do you think Indian youth can and should focus their energy for a more sustainable world?
- How do you wish to translate what you learn by attending the COP 14 into action back in India/in your communities?

Part III : Policy Question:

In 200 words or less, outline a policy recommendation you would want to make at COP14 on one of the following issues:

- Clean Development and the CDM
- Finance Mechanisms
- Financing and implementing Adaptation
- The post-2012 Kyoto Regime
- Land-use and land-use change and forestry
- Reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries
- Engaging advanced developing (rapidly industrializing) countries in the climate change regime
- The Emissions Trading System and market-based mechanisms
- Technology Transfer and the diffusion of renewable energy technologies
- Current Indian legislation related to climate change and energy



In preparing your personal statement and policy recommendation, you may find it helpful to visit the additional background resources at <http://iycn.in> and the following websites:

MoEF: http://envfor.nic.in/divisions/ccd/Addressing_CC_09-10-07.pdf

General Information about COP: <http://unfccc.int/2860.php>

Policy submissions from last year: http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/ngo/items/3689.php

Part IV: Logistics - Availability

Delegates are strongly encouraged to attend the entire conference (December 1-12 2008), and to arrive in Poznań by Saturday, November 29th because a pre-conference training will be scheduled. Participants will receive assistance arranging travel to Poznań. If selected, what will be your availability? We recognize that flexibility of school and work schedules is difficult to anticipate, but we are looking for people who will make every effort to be available for the length of the conference.

Part V: Background

Within the text of your Word document, please include a one-page resume.

Thank you for your interest in Agents of Change! Please keep in mind that this is a highly competitive program and that not all who qualify will be selected. Agents of Change is just one of many ways to get involved with IYCN. Please see <http://iycn.in> for more information on the many opportunities IYCN has to offer!