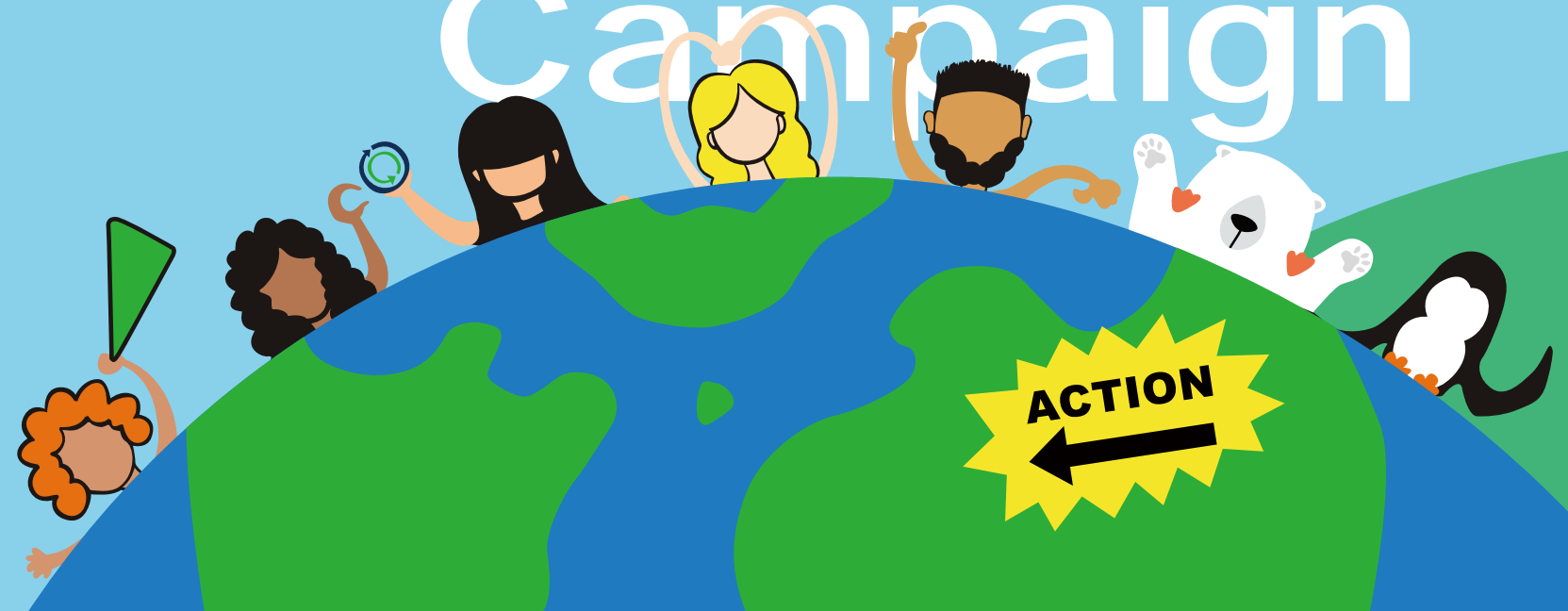


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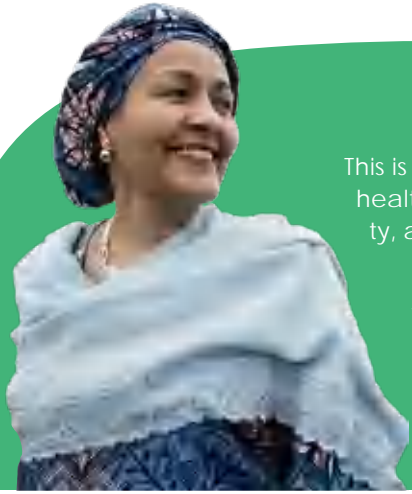


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Amina J. Mohammed
the UN Deputy Secretary-General

This is a time of enormous challenges. Our health and well-being, peace and prosperity, and nature itself are under threat.

The most pressing problems confronting nations are ultimately global in nature, and they demand global solutions. The focus of the 'Climate x' campaign is an excellent example of this.



Shahbaz Khan
Director of the UNESCO Office in Beijing and UNESCO Representative to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Korea

We need to change the minds, not the climate, and that's where we need education, science, and culture together to deliver programs which contribute to the achievement of all SDGs. 'Climate x' Pilot is the most welcomed development. Let's work together to change the mindsets of young people to solve the climate issues of our time.



Xie Zhenhua
China's Special Envoy on Climate Change

The cross section between climate change solutions and other SDG goals is the key to mankind's green revolution, which is the spirit of 'Climate X'. Now is the time to encourage more young people to join this movement and put forward innovative solutions.



Michael R. Bloomberg
the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Climate Ambition and Solutions and founder of Bloomberg L.P. and Bloomberg Philanthropies

When it comes to tackling climate change, young people deserve a seat at the table. The Global Alliance of Universities on Climate is helping to provide that seat, while supporting their work to build a more sustainable future. We need more global and cooperative partnerships like this to accelerate our progress.

ABOUT GAUC

GAUC 's mission is to advance climate change solutions through research, education, and public outreach, and to partner with industry, non-profit and government organizations to promote rapid implementation from local to global scales.

GAUC will pursue this mission by promoting exchange and cooperation among member universities and providing leadership of global higher education efforts addressing climate change.



KEY MILESTONES

May, 2019



12 universities jointly launched the Alliance in the Tsinghua University in Beijing.

November, 2019

GAUC initiated the annual Graduate Forum, providing global youth with a platform to exchange ideas and receiving recognition from both within and beyond the academic arena.



GAUC initiated the annual Academic Conference among member universities.

GAUC formed the COP25 Youth Delegation to Madrid.

December, 2019

2020-2021

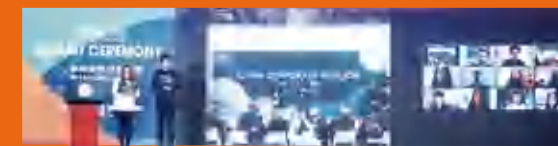
Columbia University, the University of Oxford and Yale University joined the alliance;

GAUC held the 2nd Graduate Forum as well as the Academic Conference amid pandemic.

GAUC initiated the Campus Decarbonization Workshop among member universities.

November 4th, 2021

GAUC held its first GAUC Day in the Blue Zone of COP26. While the GAUC Day provide a chance for its member universities to present their findings at COP, it also features the GAUC COP26 High level Events 2021. Being the climax of the Summit 2021, the hybrid event showcasing the unwavering commitment by higher education to bring fresh proposals, innovative ideas and youthful energy to address the climate change.



2021 marks a crucial year in advancing climate action. Against the backdrop of the climate emergency and with the support of our member universities, GAUC has upgraded the 3rd Graduate Forum into the Global Youth Summit on Net-Zero Future (the Summit).

Pooling the strength of GAUC's 15 member universities, the Summit presented a total of 30 events, attracted over 350 submissions from global youth and over 1.25 million global participants.

25th-29th Oct, 2021

GAUC launched the 'Climate x' Campaign

September 5th 2022

January, 2019



During the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, 8 universities jointly issued a statement representing a commitment to establish GAUC.



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The “Climate x” Campaign is a further step forward in GAUC’s commitment on tackling the climate change challenge. By integrating systematic approaches at national, regional and international levels, it is going to mobilize the broadest climate actions of multi-stakeholders.

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Wang Xiqin

Chair of GAUC Board and President
of Tsinghua University

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You can count on us to promote your ideas, to promote your work, and to promote your energy, as ultimately, we count on you.

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Vanessa Scherrer

Vice Director, Sciences Po



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Climate Change is real, and its effects distressing. The most recent IPCC report highlights the many current and potential risks facing African nations.

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Wim De Villiers

Rector, Stellenbosch University

GAUC 'CLIMATE X' CAMPAIGN

Youth is the backbone of a net-zero future.

In order to prepare today's youth to lead global climate governance in the future, as well as to engage the society as a whole in this cause, especially with a perspective focusing on the synergy between climate change and other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), GAUC launched the 'Climate x' Campaign in 2022.

Considering the pressing issues in addressing climate change challenge, the Campaign focused on the synergy between climate change and 4 key other areas in 2022, namely:

Sustainable &
Secure Energy

Finance

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Adaptation &
Resilience

Nature,
Biodiversity
& Food



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THE STRUCTURE

Pooling the collective strength of its member universities, the Campaign features a structure at national, regional and international levels.

01 National level:
'Climate x' Leadership Training Pilot;

02 Regional level:
the African Regional Forum on Climate Change;

03 International level:
Global Youth Climate Week
& GAUC COP27 activities

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Global level

- GAUC COP27 Activities
- Global Youth Climate Week

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Regional level

Africa Regional Climate Forum

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National level

'Climate x' Leadership
Training Pilot



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'Climate x' Leadership Training Pilot

National level

Co-initiated by Sciences Po and Tsinghua, the 'Climate x' Leadership Training Pilot (the Pilot) is the world's first youth climate leadership training project that convened the strength of global leading universities across 6 continents.

The global team the Pilot

CLIMATE X GOVERNANCE & NEGOTIATION

SciencesPo

CLIMATE X FINANCE

Imperial College London

CLIMATE X ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE



CLIMATE X FOOD, NATURE & BIODIVERSITY



CLIMATE X SECURE & SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



STRATEGIC PARTNER



CONTENT PARTNER



The Pilot features interdisciplinary lectures brought by experts from 8 GAUC member universities and cross-cultural team projects among students, both aim at expanding the academic knowledge and leadership skills of the trainees.

HARD SKILLS

Deepening the understanding of the synergy between climate change and other SDGs.

INTEGRATED SKILLS

Developing the ability to take measures to fight against climate change.

SOFT SKILLS

Building a deep connection with the inner self, others, and the world.



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GLOBAL YOUTH AMBASSADORS

from 15 member universities of the global alliance of universities on climate

Over 500 students from GAUC member universities applied for the Pilot, 150 of whom were selected based on their academic background and extra-curriculum experience. By the end of the Pilot, 100 students successfully accomplish the requirement of the program, forming the first cohort of the GAUC Global Youth Ambassadors.



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Africa Regional Climate Forum

Regional level

Being GAUC' s only member university in Africa, Stellenbosch University voluntarily assumed the responsibility to organize the African Regional Forum on Climate Change (the ARF Forum).

Lasting 5 days from 5th to 9th Sept, the hybrid event provided a platform for engaging multiple institutions and stakeholders in climate change science and its applied social and policy implications in Africa ahead of the COP27. It attracted over 40 universities across Africa to participate.





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Global Youth Climate Week

Global level

Having realized the obstacles that the next generation had to face in addressing climate change, GAUC proposed the Week to UNFCCC back in January 2022.

The then UNFCCC Executive Secretary Ms Patricia Espinosa appraised it as "an impactful contribution to the UNFCCC process."

Scheduled one week ahead of each UNFCCC COP, the Week aims to provide a platform for the youth worldwide to convey their climate actions of youth worldwide, to help them voice out their climate dedication stronger and to prepare them to take the lead in shaping the net-zero future.

In order to maximize the effect of the Week and to engage broader audiences, GAUC has called out to its global partners to co-initiate the Week. Within a month, Over 100 co-initiators from 6 continents aboard to support the climate actions of youth, including academic institutions & think tanks, renowned brands from the private sector, media agencies, charities, international & regional organizations, NGOs, and civil society.

On 31st October,

GAUC launched Global Youth Climate Week together with its 100 co-initiators from 6 continents. The week-long event features diversified events that leverage the unique expertise and perspective of the co-initiators, and the Global Youth Summit on Net-zero Future 2022 (the Summit 2022).



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Co-Initiators of the Global Youth Climate Week

6 continents

100 co-initiators



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The Global Youth Summit on Net-zero Future 2022

Being the "by youth, for youth" part of the Week, the Summit 2022 was organized by the GAUC Ambassadors, global youth from 6 continents, solely.

An organizing committee was set up by the Ambassadors to oversee the organization of the Summit, where they showcase the interdisciplinary solutions addressing climate change they developed through their cross-cultural team project at the Pilot.

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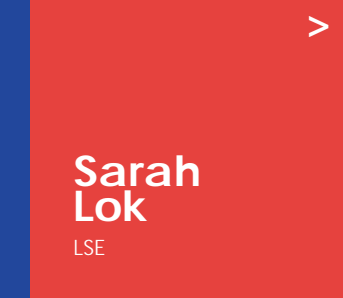
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GAUC COP27 Youth Delegation

GAUC sent its Youth Delegation to the first week of COP27 from November 7th to 11th. Composed of 17 Ambassadors from 6 member universities of GAUC, the delegates organized 2 press conferences, supported over a dozen side events, participated in 12 multi-stakeholder dialogues, and observed 7 negotiations during their stay at COP27, in Sharm El Sheikh.



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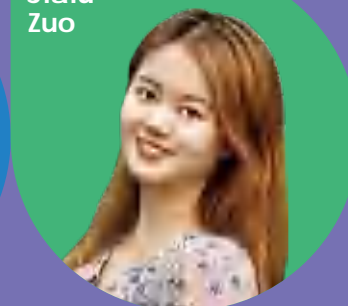
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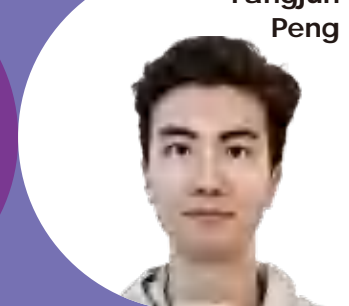
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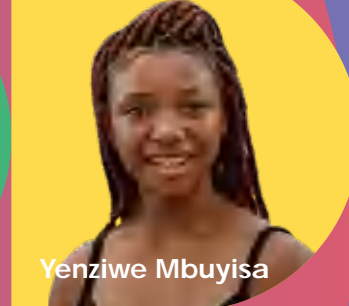
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GAUC Ambassadors' Open Letter to World Leaders

On behalf of the GAUC Ambassadors, the Youth Delegation announced an Open Letter to world leaders. They have also handed the letter personally to 5 national heads of state, 14 ministers from 11 countries, and a dozen government delegations to COP.



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COP27 GAUC Day

On November 9th,
GAUC held its 2nd GAUC in the COP27.

The University of Cambridge, Stellenbosch University, University of California, Berkeley, the University of Oxford, and Federal University of Rio de Janeiro all contributed events at the GAUC Day, covering Nature-based Solutions, circular economy, just energy transition, climate communication, and science-informed policy.

On November 9th,
GAUC held its 2nd GAUC
in the COP27.



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The GAUC Day also features the organization of the GAUC 'Climate x' High-level Event, which is the climax of the 'Climate x' Campaign 2022.



Guests attending the event included Xie Zhenhua, China's Special Envoy on Climate Change, Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, French Minister of State for Development, Francophonie and International partnerships, Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, Nick Stern, Chairman of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE; and Elizabeth Yee, Executive Vice President, the Rockefeller Foundation.



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GAUC 'Climate x' High-level Event

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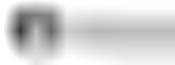




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