



**Centre Edgar
Morin**



GLOBAL YOUTH CLIMATE OBSERVATORY A GENERATIONAL RESPONSE:

Knowledge, Collective Action and Citizenship

GLOBAL YOUTH CLIMATE PACT 2

2016-2019

Alfredo Pena-Vega, Scientific Director

The World Conference on Climate Change (COP₂₁) held in Paris from November 30th to December 11th in 2015, represented a decisive step in negotiating the future of our planet. The Paris Agreement aims to show that all countries, including major emitters of Greenhouse gases and "emerging" countries are committed to a binding global path to address the causes and effects of Climate Change.

During the first phase of the "Global Youth Climate Pact" our main objective was to encourage student participation in decisions about the future of the planet and the exercise of citizenship in terms of reflecting on concepts and making proposals. In

2015, the opinions of nearly 12,000 students from different countries, including France, Italy, Poland, Ukraine, Romania, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, USA, Guinea, Burkina Faso, China, India, Nepal, Chad, Kiribati Islands, Haiti and Lebanon were collected. The proposals were presented to the organizers of the COP 21 and in particular to the authorities responsible for negotiating the international Climate Change agreements.

By encouraging a "new awareness of climate change" in young people, we have aimed since the COP21, to produce and contextualize knowledge for all participating countries. This knowledge is generated and built through actions that can influence government decisions. Therefore, in the "Global Youth Climate Pacts" second phase, through discussions on public policy at regional and national levels regarding the Paris Agreement, high school students will become empowered. Enabling the discussion and encouraging their participation will enable the youth to become active "sentinels" of the promises made by governments. This project aims to invent new forms of local collective action, by facilitating the development of proposals that emerged from discussions and debates within universities and schools.

Specifically, these debates will be carried out by young people through a collective and creative approach within the educational system, developing the learning practices in terms of citizenship from the perspective of the "new climate governance".

This "new citizen climate governance" may be accomplished by creating an Agreement Watch Group of youth delegates and recognized experts to ensure the fulfillment of the promises made by governments in the Paris Agreement. Therefore the project seeks to:

- Consolidate a watch group on Climate Change, whose mission is to alert citizens and states about the implementation of the Paris Agreement commitments, submit recommendations, and promote collective and civic action;
- Design effective training to raise awareness about the environment and citizenship rights and duties;
- Develop high school students' knowledge and reflection on the complex phenomena of the Ocean and Climate Change.

Representative Stages

- 1) Encouraging young people to develop climate actions: creativity and complexity;
- 2)
- 3) Sustainable goals for the Ocean; 4) Agenda of Solutions; 5) ok; 6) Crowdsourcing Tools.

Monitoring modalities, exchange and learning among countries:

First, students will ensure the implementation of preventive measures (actions) which are related to the nature and origin of Climate Change. Second, students will participate in cooperative exchanges within the Global Youth Climate Pact network that currently counts more than twenty countries.

1. Scope of creative pedagogy

Each group of students may work on one or two of the recommendations made by experts in the Paris Agreement. The students will contextualize them locally and verify whether or not these recommendations have real implications on public policy, public education, civic life, etc.

2 - Training of youth trainers

Development of a training program conducted by researchers focusing on three aspects: i) negotiation theory, ii) climate change issues iii) an explicit negotiation example taken from the Paris Agreement context.

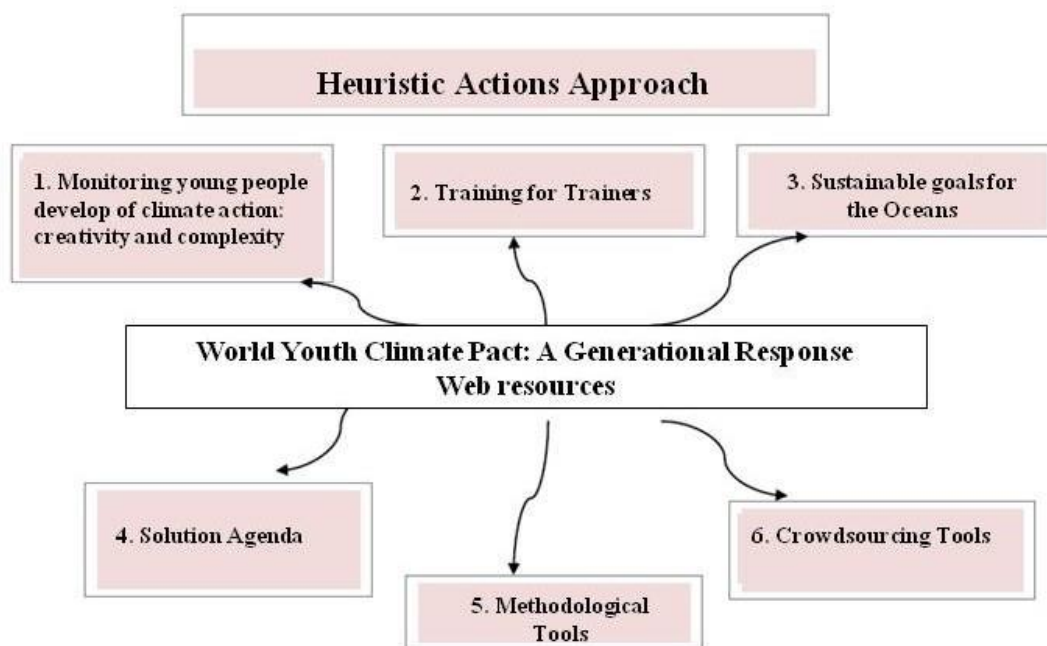
The idea is to prepare the "training of trainers" so that young people may themselves propose solutions. The goal is to implement ways of developing training, education, youth participation and access to information in order to share the actions undertaken.

3 Further reflections on sustainable goals for the Ocean

One key focus for the program will be Ocean awareness in order to encourage knowledge production and sharing as participants seek ways to address environmental issues in different scenarios.

4. Methodological tools for monitoring local commitments

Various participatory tools will be used such as workshops, inter-generational discussions between researchers and young people, focus groups, along with other collaborative methodologies based on the Crowdsourcing approach and e-democracy (Internet).



2016-2017 activities and Provisional activities

Students will participate in the "Global Youth Climate Pact" in the city of Toulouse from Monday October 17th to Sunday October 23th, 2016. The goal of the meeting is to mobilize young people so that they can propagate the "training of young trainers". We also will develop capacities and skills so that the student participants can share their learnings with one another and with their home countries and contexts. They will work together to:

- 1) Address knowledge gaps on environment and climate issues in relation to serious environmental damage and its consequences for the Planet and all humankind.
- 2) Reflect on the relationship between other living beings and their habitats, in order to exchange solutions that account for their own personal context and that of others (scaling).

Delegations will come from some of the following countries that participate in the Global Youth Climate Pact: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Guinea, Haiti, India, Italy, Kiribati Islands, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Togo, and Ukraine.

Toulouse Meeting - Thursday October 19th to Friday October 22th, 2016

Presentation of the scientific program and communications to increase awareness of the meetings.

Training young people and scientists - Paris22.
Edgar Morin Youth Award
Representatives of COP22 meeting in Morocco (November)
Session with policy makers, decision makers and youth delegates.
Tracking solutions of the proposed Agenda

Launch of the "GLOBAL YOUTH CLIMATE OBSERVATORY" on Youth
Citizenship, in the presence of 164 young people from the Alliance and 200
university students, a total of 450 students).

Activities 2017 the "GLOBAL YOUTH CLIMATE OBSERVATORY

Training of youth trainers
Students will participate in the "Global Youth Climate Pact" in the city of Poitiers
from november 2017. Delegations will come from some of the following countries
that participate in the Global Youth Climate Pact.

Representatives of COP23 meeting in Bonn, November, 2017
Session with policy makers, decision makers and youth delegates.
Tracking solutions of the proposed Agenda.