Launch of the 5th New Generation Program Cycle

Featuring young negotiators from Benin, Guatemala, Liberia, Panama and Timor-Leste with focus on Loss and Damage as well as Adaptation for the Global South.



CLI’s flagship program established in 2021

ADVANCING A NEW GENERATION OF YOUNG CLIMATE NEGOTIATORS FROM THE WORLD'S MOST VULNERABLE COUNTRIES

SPEAKERS

- Nana Dr. Antwi-Boasiako Amoah, Chair of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN)
- Ambassador Adão Soares Barbosa, Chair of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group
- Mr. Abdiel Ismael Douglas, Deputy Heads of Delegation for the Panama Delegation to the UNFCCC, representative of the Chair of the Independent Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean States (AILAC)
- Declan Sharkey, Senior Manager, DAI Global UK and CASA programme manager;
- Melanie Bleil, Project Officer, Bread for the World
- CLI staff and alumni

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This year’s focus on the nexus between Adaptation and Loss & Damage is timely and important. For LDCs, understanding the relationship between Adaptation & Loss & Damage is quite critical for improving the lives of those most affected by climate change. To all fellows, I implore you to take full advantage of this opportunity. Support one another, ask tough questions, the relationships you develop here will influence your future

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Ambassador Adão Soares Barbosa,
Chair of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group

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To the fellows beginning this journey today, you are entering this program at a decisive moment for global climate policy and diplomacy. The theme of this year’s cohort goes to the heart of climate justice. For many communities, Loss and Damage and Adaption is a present reality. It is felt in droughts, floods, heatwaves, crop failures, coastal erosions, displacement, public infrastructure and loss of livelihoods. It is also felt in the anxiety of young people who wonder whether the development gains of today will survive the climate shocks of tomorrow. Thats is why this program is important, to translate community realities into negotiations priorities.

Nana Dr. Antwi-Boasiako Amoah,
Chair of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN)

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Young people are not only among those who live with consequences of climate change but also the most powerful drivers of climate action. We need more young people bringing fresh ideas, technical expertise and innovative solutions. We also need young people who will take the learnings back from this program to their countries, insitution and communities multiplying its effect.

Mr. Abdiel Ismael Douglas, Deputy Heads of Delegation for the Panama Delegation to the UNFCCC, representative of the Chair of the Independent Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean States (AILAC)

WITH CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM OUR ALUMNI

Being a part of the New Generation Program has been a life-changing experience. It has strengthened my knowledge of climate change, the UNFCCC negotiation process and the role of young people in climate action. Through the program, I have gained valuable leadership, communication, advocacy, and negotiation skills that have increased my confidence to represent young people and my country.

Patience Njewa, 4th Cohort

As a negotiator on the Mitigation track and a member of the African Group of Negotiators, I have gained substantial knowledge through the programme including hands-on experience during COP29 and COP30. This year, I look forward to joining the Adaptation track negotiators, bringing my expertise to support ambitious climate action. Let us learn, grow, and contribute together!

Innocent Ndayisaba, 3rd Cohort

AND OUR PARTNERS

CASA has been working alongside CLI since 2023 and we have always been really impressed with how engaged the alumni network is. That's a true testament to the importance of the program.

Declan Sharkey, Senior Manager, DAI Global UK and CASA

We believe in you and in the climate leaders that you already are. And we hope that we can together push for a safer and fairer future for all.

Melanie Bleil, Project Officer, Bread for the World

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