Asia Pacific Youth Network

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Overview
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**Aim and mission**
The aim of the Asia Pacific Youth Network, as defined by youth is to “increase youth involvement at all levels of service development and delivery in National Societies of the zone.” together with its mission to “utilize the Asia Pacific network in improving communication, resource mobilization, and enhancing service delivery in our aspirations for positive change.”
Asia Pacific Youth Network (APYN)

Visit here for the APYN PoA: https://goo.gl/d7gEYU

East Asia Youth Network (EAYN)
Visit here for the EAYN PoA: https://goo.gl/EEMJsc

Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN)
Visit here for the SEAYN PoA: https://goo.gl/kSnuuQ

South Asia Youth Network (SAYN)
Visit here for the SAYN PoA: https://goo.gl/1dWt89

Pacific Youth Network (PYN)

Structure and functioning
The APYN consists of National Society youth focal points, including both youth volunteers and National Society staff. Divided into four functional sub-regional youth networks, its supporting entity is made up of 4 steering committee (SC) members and 8 coordination committee (CC) members representing each of four regions. It is partly supported by IFRC secretariat in Asia Pacific.
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<th>Beijing Youth Commitments 2014</th>
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<td><strong>9 commitments</strong></td>
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<td>1. Contributing to the HD efforts of the NS</td>
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<td>2. Innovative use of Social Media and communication technologies</td>
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<td>3. Taking lead in developing/revising Youth policies and Y.E.S.</td>
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<td>4. Designing “Youth-led and NS owned” projects in all programmes, DRR &amp; school safety</td>
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<td>5. Creating global toolkit on Youth</td>
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<td>6. Participating in the IFRC global processes (eg. Constitutional review, S2020 review)</td>
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<td>7. Preparing, participating and following up regional/international meetings with NS</td>
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<td>8. Organizing Youth Summit prior to Reg Conf</td>
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<td>9. Contributing to implement the “Beijing call for Innovation”</td>
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APYN: Strategic Functions

- Inspiring practice & technical expertise
- Greater youth leadership
- Partnerships with Movement & NSs
- Developing zonal/regional projects

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Regional Thematic Humanitarian Priorities (2015-2016)

1. DRR and School safety
2. Climate Change Advocacy
3. Gender and Diversity
4. Mutual Understanding (contributing to a culture of mutual-understanding/non-violence and peace)
5. School Safety
6. Youth Leadership
7. Contributing to community consultation = Beneficiary communication
8. Coordinating learning and training opportunity

1. Create **an open-space discussion platform** to facilitate active communication, sharing, and voice collection for the grassroots youth and contribute to the **One Billion Coalition for Resilience**.
2. Capture and **document Youth-led initiatives and success stories**
3. Conduct **Webinars for learning / capacity building** opportunities for youth
4. Each sub-regions to work on the **commonly shared issue/topic and as a collective effort contribute in a positive change**
5. Develop a **pool of Youth Mentors and facilitate the mentoring system** for Youth
6. Develop a **Community of Practice on thematic areas** which are in high interest for Youth leaders and facilitate the connection of each CoP with existing networks and groups in the movement
7. **Youth Development/ Engagement Benchmarking** to be developed, followed by and regular monitoring system and facilitation of peer-to-peer support
Challenges:

• Weak Follow Ups
• Commitments
Methodology

Global Agreements by NS

IFRC Youth Policy was developed (2011)
Youth Engagement Strategy was Endorsed (2013)
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1. SUSTAINABILITY
   REVISION OF ToR
   1-1. The review and revision of the Asia Pacific Youth Network Terms of Reference and Structure

   FUNDRAISING
   1-2. To ensure sustainable funding flow with monitoring mechanism

2. ADVOCACY PLATFORM
   (RE)POSITIONING YOUTH
   2-1. Promote the implementation of the IFRC Youth Policy and Youth Engagement Strategy
   2-2. Beijing call for Innovation (Indicator for Youth Policy and Youth Engagement Strategy

RECOGNITION FROM NATIONAL SOCIETIES LEADERSHIP
   2-3. To invite National Society Leadership of host country to sub-regional youth meetings.
   2-4. Ensure a dialogue with National Society Leadership and youth members.
   2-5. Have regular communication with National Society Leadership
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3. RESOURCE CENTRE

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MAPPING
3-1. To understand the youth activities in 38 NSs by creating a youth engagement Database (Google Sheet)
3-2. To identify opportunities for RCY to connect with other networks that exist

COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, COHESIVENESS (3C)
3-3. To strengthen platform for communication by using below tools:
   ● Facebook Chat, WhatsApp Group/wechat for SC/CC
   ● Facebook Group for all sub regional network youth leaders and staff so that all are connected
3-4. To assign inter-network liaison member from SC/CC to other youth networks (ex. European Youth Network) to be better connected, to exchange update and to learn best practices and bring back the information to APYN SC/CC.

4. THINK TANK

CAPACITY BUILDING/YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
4-1. To encourage the setting up of social networks of youth champions in different thematic areas - Community of Practices, Youth Technical Experts & Mentors
4-2. To provide more training chances for youth for their capacity building
4-3. To conduct a Webinar series on thematic areas, in order to bring in the resource person and best practice to be shared across the APYN members.

ASIA/PACIFIC YOUTH SUMMIT 2018
4-4. To set an agenda of AP Youth Summit

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5. COMMUNICATION CHANNEL
BRANDING
5-1. To have a competition open to the entire network to develop an official APYN logo and to implement an APYN brand across the region

PARTNERSHIP WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS / NETWORKS
5-2. To pro-actively engage with other NS, NGOs, Government and external organisations / networks to share and learn from each other

APYN THEMATIC PRIORITIES
Climate Change Adaptation (inclusive of DRR & Migration)
These themes shall guide APYN in implementing certain PoA items. Sub-regional youth networks also champion their own thematic priorities.

- EAYN - YABC, Culture of non-violence and peace
- SEAYN - Youth School Safety, Youth Empowerment in Community Action, Migration (Culture of non-violence and peace, social inclusion)
- PYN - Youth Engagement Strategy, Migration, Climate change
- SAYN
Feedbacks or recommendations?
Let’s do more, do better, reach further!