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Youth Focal Point Coordination Meeting

Date: 26th -29th January, 2026.

Venue: Tokyo, Japan.

Background

In October 2025, at the extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext (2025)) the WMO first ever [Youth Action Plan 2025-2027](#) was adopted. This Youth Action Plan was developed in response to EC-78's call for enhanced youth engagement, and it lays out a framework to institutionalize youth involvement in WMO activities.

Notably, the Plan invites all WMO Members to nominate a Youth Focal Point to drive its implementation and encourages these focal points to take the lead in executing youth-related actions. The Plan also emphasizes establishing a formal WMO Youth Network as a structured platform for ongoing youth engagement, where Youth Focal Points across WMO drive advocacy and ensure youth mainstreaming and representation in decision-making forums.

With the Youth Action Plan endorsed, there is a clear need to operationalize the Plan by convening the newly designated Youth Focal Points from each WMO Regional Association. Bringing these regional Youth Focal Points together with the Secretariat Focal Points will enable a coordinated approach to implementation, ensuring consistency and knowledge-sharing.

Objectives

The Youth Focal Point Coordination Meeting aims to:

- **Establish a governance structure for the WMO Youth Network**, including agreement on a practical model for coordination, representation, and decision-making across regions and WMO bodies.
- **Develop a clear implementation roadmap** for the Youth Action Plan, defining priorities, responsibilities, timelines, and approaches to monitoring and reporting progress.
- **Finalize Terms of Reference (ToRs)** for Youth Focal Points at national and regional levels, clarifying roles, functions, expectations, and reporting lines.
- Define a **Secretariat support framework**, outlining how the WMO Secretariat will provide technical, administrative, and coordination support to sustain youth engagement efforts.

Format and Structure

The Coordination Meeting will be held over four days, combining strategic orientation, co-design sessions, and Member-led reflections. The programme will balance plenary discussions, working groups, and regional exchanges, ensuring practical outcomes that Youth Focal Points can directly apply within their respective contexts.

Target Audience

- WMO Youth Focal Points (national and regional)
- Secretariat Youth Focal Points and relevant technical units
- Selected WMO stakeholders supporting Youth Action Plan implementation

Language: English

Day 1 – Orientation, Governance Architecture and Reporting Model (26 January 2026)		
Time	Activity	Moderators
09:00–09:30	Opening and objectives	Theo Wellington
09:30–10:30	Icebreakers and introductions: Bingo	Claire Ransom
10:30–10:45	Coffee break	
10:45–12:30	Focal Point presentations – Part 1 (6/7 regions)	Secretariat Moderating
12:30–14:00	Lunch/Break	
14:00–15:15	Focal Point Presentations – Part II	Secretariat Moderating
15:15–15:30	Coffee break	
15:30–16:00	Introduction to the Youth Action Plan Governance. Governance and reporting architecture overview (Option 1 → Option 2) More detailed Version .	Secretariat Moderating
16:00–16:45	Working groups: selecting and shaping governance models	Theo Wellington
16:45–17:00	Wrap-up and reflections	Secretariat Moderating
Day 2 – Governance Implementation and Capacity Development (27 January 2026)		
Time	Activity	Moderators
09:00–09:15	Recap and objectives	Claire Ransom
09:15–10:15	Youth Focal Point “ brand persona ” exercise	Theo Wellington
10:15–10:30	Coffee break	
10:30–11:30	Governance ToRs and Support .	Theo Wellington
11:30–14:00	JMA TOUR and Lunch/Break	
14:00–15:00	Capacity development mechanism	Claire Ransom
15:00–15:15	Coffee break	
15:15–16:30	Working groups: priority capacity actions.	Secretariat Moderating
16:30–17:30	Wrap-up and Agreement on 2026–2027 timelines	Secretariat Moderating
Day 3 – Communications and Partnerships (28 January 2026)		
Time	Activity	Moderators
09:00–09:15	Opening and framing	Theo Wellington
09:15–10:00	Icebreaker/Activities: Standing left/right	Claire Ransom
10:00–11:00	Youth Actions and Learning Cycle	Theo Wellington
11:00–11:15	Coffee break	
11:15–12:30	Co-design : Call for Youth Actions and Learning and showcase moment	Secretariat Moderating
12:30–14:00	Lunch/Break	
14:00–15:00	Co-design: A WMO Community of Practice for youth.	Secretariat Moderating
15:00–15:15	Coffee break	
15:15–16:15	Enabling Outreach and Mapping : Secretariat Support to Members	Claire Ransom
16:15–17:00	Wrap-up and Agreement on 2026–2027 timelines	Secretariat Moderating

Day 4 – Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Regional Reflection (29 January 2026)		
Time	Activity	Moderators
09:00–09:15	Introduction and recap	Claire Ransom
09:15–10:30	<u>Monitoring and reporting under the Youth Action Plan</u>	Theo Wellington
10:30–10:45	Coffee break	
10:45–12:00	<u>Reporting tools, and EC/Congress channels and overall timelines.</u>	Theo Wellington
12:00–12:30	Clarifications and wrap-up (MEL)	Claire Ransom
12:30–14:00	Lunch/Break	
14:00–15:45	<u>Lessons Learned and Show and Tell</u> : reflections and operationalisation (Member-led)	Youth Focal Points
15:45–16:00	Coffee break	
16:00–16:45	Round up and Next Steps.	Secretariat Moderating