

Call for applications to be nominees for the select members of the Climate Overshoot Commission's Youth Engagement Group

[The Climate Overshoot Commission](#) seeks the nomination of five GraSPP students to be candidates for the select members of the Climate Overshoot Commission's Youth Engagement Group.

Students willing to be nominated are asked to submit a Curriculum Vitae (not more than two pages) and a statement of motivation (not more than 300 words) [here](#). The submission deadline is 17:00 on Thursday, October 27.

A statement of motivation should answer the two main questions:

1. What motivates you to engage in global governance on climate change?
2. Can you identify one core issue the international society currently faces when discussing the climate? Why did you choose this issue?

Members of the Youth Engagement Group would join in their individual capacities, not representing any organizations or institutions. An active connection to on-the-ground (youth) communities is desired but not required. Likewise, prior knowledge of carbon dioxide removal and sunlight reflection methods is not required.

About the Climate Overshoot Commission

The Climate Overshoot Commission is an independent group of eminent global leaders who will recommend a strategy to reduce risks should global-warming goals be exceeded. The Commission members include (current and former) four presidents or prime ministers, five national ministers, three leaders of major environmental organizations, and a leading expert in sustainable development and global governance. Its chair is Pascal Lamy, former director-general of the World Trade Organization. The Commission will meet about six times over the next year and issue its final report before the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference. The recommendations will serve as a reference point to guide future global discussions on comprehensive action to reduce climate risks.

To enable constructive input into the Commission process, its secretariat is enlisting 6 to 8 well-informed, thoughtful, and globally diverse youth. They will be

18 to 30 years old. We will aim for diversity along multiple dimensions, including but not limited to geographic origin, gender, professional background, and historically marginalized group membership.

Background

Exceeding the global warming goals of the Paris Agreement—at least temporary—is increasingly likely. While reductions of greenhouse gas emissions should remain the primary response, other approaches will be needed to minimize climate risks. These include greatly expanded and accelerated adaptation measures to reduce climate vulnerability, removing excess carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and possibly cooling the planet by reflecting incoming sunlight to cool the planet temporarily. These additional approaches should be researched and evaluated so that—with appropriate governance—well-informed decisions can be made about their potential use. But serious governance gaps limit the ability of the international community to assess the full array of responses to reduce risks systematically. It is time to address this challenge.