

THINK- REALIZE-ACHIEVE

COE Chapter Leader from UAE Simran Vedvyas interviewed at Climate Change Studio as she joins in Youth and Future Generations Day - DOHA COP18 ,UNFCCC

Youth for the Environment from UAE; Simran Vedvyas joins in Youth and Future Generations Day at UNFCCC DOHA COP18. The 18th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the 8th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol took place 26 November - 7 December 2012 at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha, Qatar.

DESCRIPTION AT THE OFFICIAL SITE-

COP18 (29/11/12) – Simran Vedvyas, a youth argues that young people are vital to decision-making on climate change.

Vedvyas states that as a 14-year old, she cannot help but think about the future. She describes young people as 'tomorrow's heroes', arguing that they can and should raise their voices.

Vedvyas expresses her regret that young people are only given one day in which to participate at COP18, but is clear in her affirmation of the strength of the youth voice.

She finishes by asserting that young people can and should strive to create the change they want to see in the world. She explains that by creating a strong international network, young people have increased their power and enabled themselves to develop a better understanding of global issues.

First ever March against Climate Change in Qatar

I participated in the March against Climate Change titled -One Environment One People One Earth. The Event had many International Climate Activists and Qataris alike joined in for this March on Saturday 1st December 2012 morning.

One of the legacies of COP18 is to keep the climate change movement going. Hopefully this march will create a change in mentality and make civil action more acceptable in the culture of the Arab region. Climate change is an urgent issue and we need every region to be strongly engaged in the debate.

My Viewpoint- At UNFCCC DOHA COP18

I joined Youth and Future Generations Day at UNFCCC DOHA COP18. Representing Earth Charter, UNEP Tunza Eco Generation, and various organizations that I closely work with purpose advocating the need for the Youth to be engaged with the process and understand why it is so important to deal with issues and consequences of Climate Change. I was interviewed at Climate Change Studio; and I am happy to give out my message that we need to convene and collaborate, which will reach many youth and people across the globe.

I strongly back the need for all the Youth to believe in themselves and take up the challenge to Act Now and Make the difference in their own ways to the maximum extent, as we cannot wait for someone else to do it for us. The Earth's climate has always gone through periods of change. Over the past few decades, however, the implications of increasing fluctuations in weather patterns have led to the recognition of the need for international action. Since the UNFCCC entered into force, the parties have been meeting in Conferences of the Parties (COP) to assess progress in dealing with climate change. The COP is seen as the supreme body of the Convention; so it makes our presence as Youth here mark a special significance.

The day as it progressed saw the International youth hold an action to "thank" our leaders and negotiators for everything they have done for us on a broad spectrum of issues. But realizing, that these negotiations would eventually not result in commitments to cut emissions. To that, the Youth stood up to say "no thanks." The Youth today wants ambitious action at this COP, not false solutions. This Action was led by-US Climate Rapid Response Network Team. Taking little steps will make a big change DOHA COP 18

As the promising outcome, we have seen the adoption of the second commitment period of 8 years to the Kyoto Protocol, something which Parties have been working toward for seven years.

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