

What we offer

- ✓ A six-day conference in Berlin, Germany
- ✓ Time to meet and exchange experiences
- ✓ Open space to create gybn as a sustainable network
- ✓ Capacity building sessions on the CBD, COP 11, and biodiversity policy, as well as numerous workshops around topics like project organizing, lobbying and advocacy, press- and public relations.
- ✓ Preparation of youth participation at CBD COP 11
- ✓ For this purpose, working groups will determine the structure and aims of gybn and develop plans and political targets for meaningful youth participation at COP 11.

What we expect

- ✓ You are a young environmentalist actively engaged in nature conservation and the protection of biodiversity?
- ✓ You are interested in meeting with like-minded people from around the world and becoming a part of a global network?
- ✓ You are planning to participate in or at least sending a strong message to this year's UN Biodiversity summit in Hyderabad, India (CBD COP 11) and would like to join forces with other youth who have similar plans?
- ✓ Then this is your chance to make history!



With over 75,000 members, NAJU (Youth Association for the Protection of Nature) is Germany's leading youth association for extra-curricular environmental education. NAJU is the independent youth organisation of NABU (BirdLife in Germany). In association to its 16 state associations and countless local groups, NAJU works with an extensive network of other organisations in Germany and abroad. Our activities are aimed at conserving nature, the basis for all life. By enabling young people to play a part in practical nature conservation and in environmental policy, we aim to provide them with a sound knowledge of the plant and animal world and a clearer understanding of how ecosystems work. NAJU's numerous working groups are active at the federal and state level to launch new campaigns aimed at conserving nature and the environment. Each year it also provides countless opportunities to take part in excursions, leisure activities and wildlife tours in a range of countries, allowing its members to experience nature all over the world.

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The network for young environmentalists!



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gybn kick-off conference

The idea behind gybn is to create a global youth network that unites young people and youth organizations from all parts of the world and all walks of life through one common goal: To halt the loss of biodiversity as soon as possible!

gybn's mission is to provide a global platform to get in touch with each other and have the opportunity to join forces for the protection of biological diversity on our planet. gybn also aims to become the international coordination platform for youth participation in the CBD and is committed to bring the opinions and positions of youth into the negotiations. It is officially supported by the CBD Secretariat.

From August 21st to 27th 2012 NAJU will host the gybn kick-off conference in Berlin and bring together 35 young environmentalists from all parts of the world to establish the global youth biodiversity network.

Biodiversity loss doesn't stop at national borders! This is your chance to get connected with like-minded young people and youth organizations from all over the world. Be a part of the solution and help to halt the loss of biodiversity.



CBD COP 11?

In October 2012, Hyderabad, one of India's most densely populated cities, will host the 11th Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the United Nation's Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). From October 11th to 19th representatives from all member states of the CBD will come together to discuss measures to protect biodiversity. Up to 10,000 delegates are expected to participate in CBD COP 11. Of particular importance is the High Level Segment, which is scheduled to take place from October 17th to 19th. On these days environmental ministers from all over the world will personally take part in the negotiations.

The most important issues on the agenda of COP 11 are:

- ✓ establishment of targets and financial mechanisms for the mobilization of sufficient resources for the protection of biological diversity
- ✓ The status of the Nagoya-Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing
- ✓ The implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020 and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- ✓ The Implementation of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

Why is it so important that young people make their voices heard in the CBD-process?

Children and youth will be most heavily affected by the decisions being made at international conferences like CBD COP 11. As recognized stakeholders in the CBD-process, we have the right to present our positions to the negotiating parties at the conference. As young people we can add a lot of value to the CBD-process by providing perspectives on issues that affect us and our future.

However, in contrast to the UN climate negotiations, there is no common platform to represent and advocate for the interests of young people in the CBD-process. That's what gybn wants to change!

Application:

The number of participants is strictly limited and will be selected according to the application.

Please fill in the questionnaire on:
www.naju.de/english/gybn

Deadline:
10th of May 2012

Date and Place:
gybn kick-off conference Berlin, Germany
21th – 27th of August 2012

Fee:
50,00 EURO (Board and lodging will be provided. Up to 75 % of the travel costs can be reimbursed after handing in the original tickets.)