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CLIMATE & YOUTH SUMMIT

**9.9.2021 | 8:30-12AM &
3:30-7PM (CEST) | ONLINE**

**HIGHLIGHTS
OF THE
SUMMIT**

2021

A stylized graphic of the Earth, showing the continents in dark blue and the oceans in a lighter, textured blue. The graphic is positioned at the bottom of the poster, with the text overlaid on it.

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LITTLE ACTION COUNT, NO
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SUMMIT IN NUMBERS

710

people registered
for the event

11-71 AGE RANGE

Based on registration information

- Younger than 20: 133
- Between 20 and 30: 431
- Above 30: 146

approximately

360

joined

40 FACILITATORS

From **15** National Societies! Together they contributed to Summit's plenary sessions and created **12** breakout sessions

from

97

National
Societies

6 VOLUNTEERS IN TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION TASKS

"Keep being innovative and working to find creative solutions to all humanitarian challenges we are facing. Keep working and being leaders in Red Cross Red Crescent. Be sure that I am and will be ready to support you."

-IFRC President Francesco Rocca

PASSING THE MIC TO OUR RCRC FRIENDS AT THE SUMMIT



Picture: Players in Waste Mai Waste - game session at the Summit

"I will make every little action count, no matter if it is a tree or a forest."

"The innovative ways that youth in their national societies are taking action against climate change - very inspiring!"

"Desearía que las personas entiendan que pueden ser parte de algo más grande y que sus contribuciones suman."

"I wish everyone starts to act upon the matters that mostly affected are the underrepresented and marginalized."

"Words and promises of change will have no power unless we act onto it"

"Climate change is as important as the corona pandemic, except that there is no vaccine for it."

"I want to be able to raise awareness among the youth population to create a significant change including myself"

"Red Cross Red Crescent can help in turning ambitions into actions!"

AMAZING CONTENT OF THE SUMMIT

This first summit showcased some amazing examples of youth-led innovations such as the [Disasterous Dinner](#) concept from Australian Red Cross and [Waste Mai Waste](#) project from Thailand. Both innovations combine technology and building communities' preparedness, resilience and climate change knowledge

The summit showed the strength of young people during difficult times and the power of team work.

During COVID-19, young people in Cambodian Red Cross society started successful [tree planting project](#) and Timor-Leste Red Cross spread positivity by reusing materials and [turning them to beautiful and useful items](#). [Jamaica Red Cross](#), Costa Rican Red Cross, Colombian Red Cross Society provided inspirational session of young people working for the adaptation in challenging circumstances.

Our movement's young people brought practical tools to the summit: [Uganda Red Cross Society](#) has helped their community to adapt their living environment to new climate extremes, for instance, by building flood resistant huts. They also educated us about climate smart agriculture and backyard gardening.

At the summit, we saw how young adults are supporting younger generation in climate awareness by rolling out the Y-Adapt programme; [Uganda Red Cross society](#) shared their success story of Y-Adapt and [British Red Cross](#) shared their success story of adapting the Y-Adapt programme to be COVID-safe.

The summit made clear how young people can make changes in their national societies and communities by creating spaces for dialogues and ensuring a seat at the table where adaptation decisions are being made; [Pakistan Red Crescent](#), [Maldivian Red Crescent](#) and [Bangladesh Red Crescent Society](#) brought great examples of their inclusive advocacy work.

We enjoyed the sessions run by climate experts that aimed to improve our climate change awareness! We learnt about [health](#) and [social protection](#), [protecting children in climate change related disasters](#), climate change adaptation from a climate justice lens and Conferences of the Parties (COP).

This summit was part of [the Red Cross Red Crescent Strategy on Youth-led Climate Action](#). The IFRC Youth Commission and RCRC Climate Centre organize these annual Climate & YOUTH summits to create a platform for sharing experiences and strengthening the network of young RC members that are passionate about taking climate action.

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