



Building Next Gen Climate Leaders

An initiative by a collective of 50+ partners of Youth4Water Plus

OCOY 3.0 2025

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From dialogue to action bringing together 150+ young changemakers to influence policy, share solutions, and drive climate impact in every corner of Odisha.



Aug 10th to 12th, 2025



ASBM University, Bhubaneswar

WHAT IS OCOY?

The Odisha Conference of Youth (OCOY) is the flagship event of the Youth4Water Plus campaign, a powerful collective led by UNICEF Odisha and strengthened by a robust network of over 50 partners, including civil society organizations, government bodies, and academic institutions across the state. This unique coalition reflects the strength and scale of Youth4Water Plus in mobilizing young people for global climate change dialogues. Now in its third edition, OCOY 3.0 goes beyond academic discussions it is a dynamic, youth-led platform driving leadership, simulating policy negotiations, and catalyzing real-world environmental projects and grassroots climate action.

Building on the legacy of OCOY 2023 & 2024, this edition aims to push the boundaries of youth participation by linking learning to action, equipping youth to design and implement projects that align with the global framework and targets like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Over 2 incredible years, OCOY has engaged

- 50+ experts and partners from Odisha, India & across the globe
- 40+ on-ground actions aligned to SDGs, leading to
- 16 youth-led projects on responsible consumption and green enterprise and
- 10 youth participation in UN Water Conference, FAO Conference, COP29, COP30 and SB60

OBJECTIVES OF OCOY 2025

- Empower Youth
- Influence Policy
- Promote Collaboration

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Youth statement with actionable recommendations
- Stronger youth networks driving WASH & climate action
- Strategic partnerships between youth, government, and civil society organisations
- Enhanced leadership & advocacy skills among youth changemakers

WHAT YOUTH WILL DO AT OCOY 2025?

At OCOY 2025, 150 youth (18-35 years of age) from diverse & inclusive backgrounds with special focus on tribal and youths with disabilities will participate in a three-day program featuring workshops, storytelling sessions, and cultural activities. This will be followed by field visits, collaborative team learning, and the formation of dedicated task forces. The event will conclude with a Youth Parliament and reading of a youth statement, guided by 15–20 Indian and international experts.

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THEME



Empowering Youth: Life Skills for Climate Action



Green Entrepreneurship: Nature-Based Solutions



Climate Education for a Sustainable Future



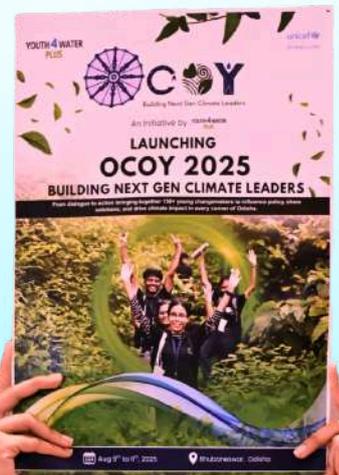
Climate Resilience: Securing Water & Nutrition for Communities

FACILITIES

1. A accommodation, meals, and local travel will be fully covered for all selected participants.
2. The event will take place at a well-equipped residential venue, ensuring logistical support and full security arrangements.
3. Participants will benefit from an interactive learning environment, including:
 - Expert-led sessions
 - Group activities
 - Field visits

VENUE PARTNER:

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PROPOSED AGENDA

Day	Time	Activity
Day 1	Morning	Inaugural Session – Opening ceremony with welcome addresses, keynote speeches, and program overview.
	Afternoon	Interactive Thematic Workshops – Engaging sessions on key issues related to water, climate change, and sustainability.
	Evening	Storytelling & Youth Presentations – Inspiring stories and impactful presentations by youth on local water and climate challenges.
Day 2	Morning	Field Visits – Exploration of ecological sites, local water issues, nature trails, and participation in nature-based solutions.
	Afternoon	Collaborative Learning Activities – Team-based competitions and simulations focused on climate and water themes.
	Evening	Taskforce Formation – Youth grouped into thematic taskforces to initiate action planning and future collaboration.
Day 3	Morning	Youth Parliament – Structured deliberations and negotiations on climate priorities and youth-led solutions for the state.
	Afternoon	Valedictory Session & Youth Statement Presentation – Concluding ceremony with formal release of the Youth Statement for Climate Action.

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