



myclimate
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presents

Youth Encounter on Sustainability (YES)

Naivasha - Kenya
28th January – 14th February 2014

ACTIS/YES is a myclimate initiative dedicated to build a network of young leaders around the world in order to advance sustainability in all countries and professional fields.

Join us for a once in a lifetime experience in Eastern Africa.

More information on YES under www.actis-education.ch and www.myclimate.org/yes

Application open: YES Course Kenya 2014



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Application Deadline: 10th November 2013

The Youth Encounter on Sustainability (YES) is an intensive international 15-18 days course on human well-being within the boundaries of our planet. YES is directed to students and young professionals from all around the world, offering a multidisciplinary and transcultural learning experience. Our participants say YES is a unique, motivating and inspiring experience, offering a lasting impact on the professional, academic and personal development, and creating a network of friends and contacts for life.

The YES course

The way towards a sustainable society is a **global challenge**. In all countries and professional fields, change-makers are needed who are able to deal with complex and dynamic questions arising in our world society today.

With the YES courses, myclimate offers a **15-18 day intensive learning program**: exploring environmental, economic, social, and technological complexities; providing a deeper understanding of multidisciplinary and transcultural perspectives in addressing these challenges; and combining the scientific state-of-the-art with active entrepreneuring knowledge.

Since its inception in 2000, 41 basic and special YES courses in 12 different international locations were conducted. Over **1500 students** from 400 educational institutions in **140 countries** have participated. The faculty included experts i.e. from ETH Zürich, Harvard, Stanford, MIT, University of Tokyo, Chalmers, Humboldt Berlin.

Why apply?

- **YES Course:** Learning across disciplines and cultures in a unique and inspiring setting. Sustainability science meets entrepreneurs.
- **YES Alumni Network:** Access to a global professional and academic network with 1500+ alumni from 140+ countries.
- **YES Special Courses:** Access to specialized courses in the future, i.e. on smart energy systems, agriculture, entrepreneurship.

Who should apply?

The YES course is designed for upper level undergraduate (3rd year minimum) and graduate (Masters and PhD) **students and young professionals from all regions and disciplines**. Participants from any country and any field of study should demonstrate a high dedication to sustainability. The full program will be conducted in **English** and applicants must have a working proficiency in the language. Participants should **not be below 21 or above 33 years**.

A typical YES course brings together around 30 students and young professionals from 25 different countries and a large number of different disciplines.

Many of the YES alumni have established programs and organizations dealing with sustainable development, climate change, agriculture, community services, and education. 43% of the YES alumni are in **leadership positions** (YES alumni survey 2012).

Course content and activities



Issues covered: Natural resources, energy systems, land use and climate change; food security and sustainable agriculture; water security, sanitation and health; urbanization and mobility; cultural and social systems; economy, governance, development.

From knowledge to action: What is the role of business, governments, non-governmental organizations and civil society? How can we change or improve education, policies and technology? How can we design and start a business or an organization for positive change?

Holistic approach, diverse methods: Based on discussions, lectures, workshops, excursions and creative activities. Each course involves social, cultural and outdoor activities, offering a unique opportunity to learn about diverse perspectives and the course country.

Participant-led learning: YES is an opportunity to meet like-minded people, to get inspired and make friends. Everyone is encouraged to bring in experiences and approaches. The rich picture of the complex issues humanity faces today provides insights which go beyond traditional university education.

Participation Fee

myclimate and ACTIS raise funds to significantly subsidize the cost of the course. Participants are encouraged, if needed, to seek support for their expenses from universities, foundations, corporations or professional associations. In the past most participants have had success securing the necessary funding.

Participation fee

USD 300 for students from any African country

USD 550 for students from non-OECD countries and YES Alumni

USD 950 for students from OECD countries

USD 1250 for young professionals from any country (studies terminated / on job)

Covered by the fee

Accommodation with full board, tea and coffee breaks for the full course time

All local transportation services, excursions, cultural activities and field trips during the course

A high quality academic program with renewed faculty and experts – materials included

Not covered by the fee

International transportation to Nairobi, Kenya

Health and travel insurance (which is mandatory to participate in the course)

Possible visa costs

Any additional activities outside of the course program

Apply now for YES Kenya 2014!



Apply now! Complete the application form (www.myclimate.org/yes) and return it via email with the requested attachments to:

Dominik Mösching, myclimate education: yes@myclimate.org

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Early registration before 20th October 2013 with 10% discount!

Please enclose the following documents with the application form:

1. Your CV / Resume (max 3 pages)
2. A statement of motivation to attend the course (max. 400 words)
3. A letter of recommendation from your organization or a professor