



GARN  
YOUTH HUB

## IUCN Global Youth Summit

April 7-9, 2021

### “Youth and the Rights of Nature Movement: shifting the paradigm for all future generations”

#### Objectives and Goals:

Our objectives with the declaration are threefold. To 1) galvanize youth around a common initiative; gain support and visibility of our declaration across the globe 2) push for our policy demands within the IUCN and other forums and institutions and 3) create a social media campaign around our commitments that raise awareness around Rights of Nature and future generations

#### About:

Earth Law Center in partnership with the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN) Youth Hub led two sessions on Rights of Nature and future generations during the first IUCN Global Youth Summit held virtually between the 6-16 of April, 2021. The first session provided an overview of the Rights of Nature movement and the different applications seen worldwide, including specific approaches from the USA, Colombia and India, and ending with an intersectionality section. During the first session, the audience was able to reflect through a miro board which was then used to guide the workshop during the second session. The workshop included a reflection on international convention statutes and a dialogue on pledges that youth can make to uphold the Rights of Nature values in their own circles. We also reflected on our tasks to the IUCN in terms of considering the Rights of Nature in their decision-making procedures. These sessions resulted in a declaration written in English and translated to Spanish, French Portuguese, German, Germanand Hindi.

#### LINKS TO DECLARATION:

English: <https://bit.ly/YouthandRoN>

Spanish: <http://bit.ly/YouthandRoNsp>

French: <http://bit.ly/YouthandRoNfr>

Portuguese: <http://bit.ly/YouthandRoNpt>

German: <https://bit.ly/YouthandRoNgm>

Hindi: <http://bit.ly/YouthandRoNhindi>

A blog with overview of the IUCN Summit and our declaration is available here:

<https://www.earthlawcenter.org/blog-entries/2021/4/elc-co-hosts-workshop-at-iucn-youth-summit>

#### **ACTION ITEMS and ways to contribute**

This declaration has been created to connect youth and start acting right away.

1. Help us build a social media campaign around our Declaration (#youth4ron)! We are asking you to make the commitments from the declaration with us. Tag us and let us know what commitment

you are focusing on or recommendation you think is most important. Sample posts for social media are below.

2. You can still submit the petition, or parts of it you see fit, through the IUCN Youth Speak page, <https://www.iucnyouthsummit.org/youthspeak>. Our goal is to get our recommendations and input incorporated into the final outcome statement, so the more people that share our declaration the better chance we have!
3. Share our petition with other youth and youth groups and invite them to collaborate with us to advance the recommendations in the petition through the IUCN and other international forums and institutions.
  - A. We have this excel sheet started with other youth groups; do you have time to reach out on the Hub's behalf? Do you have time to research and find others to share this with? Please feel free to add information directly to the sheet!  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1x97UjrwaWTule9uVLEHaRFrqEyGBU3Rcnefo bsn45jl/edit#gid=0>
  - B. **Email and Outreach Template (cc the youth hub email; [youthhub@garn.org](mailto:youthhub@garn.org) and [mbender@earthlaw.org](mailto:mbender@earthlaw.org)):**
    - a. I am reaching out on behalf of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN) Youth Hub in hopes of connecting with you/your group further on our shared interests and goals. We recently held a session at the Global Youth IUCN Summit, where we produced a [declaration](#) in collaboration with Earth Law Center and participants in our sessions on youth and the Rights of Nature. The declaration includes our shared commitments and policy demands to the IUCN on how to implement their support for Rights of Nature (and future generations). We are now creating a collaborative network of youth groups to push these demands forward in all international forums and institutions, in addition to the IUCN. We are hoping to speak with you if you have any interest in collaborating further on Rights of Nature or other projects. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.
3. Do you have other ideas for areas, places, institutions, governments etc. to advance the declaration? Let us know and we can help!

### **Social Media Posts:**

**Other Hashtags to use:** #youth4ron #rights4nature #IUCNcongress #NatureForAll #YouthSpeak #ForNature #YouthAction

### **Accounts to tag:**

IUCN Global Youth Summit; (@iucngys), Facebook (@youthforiucngys)  
GARN Youth Hub: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/314481479141527>,  
<https://www.instagram.com/garnyouthhub/>, <https://www.facebook.com/garnyouthhub/>  
ELC: <https://www.facebook.com/earthlawcenter>, <https://www.instagram.com/earthlawcenter/>,  
<https://twitter.com/EarthLawCenter>  
RORSA: <https://www.facebook.com/rorsouthasia>, <https://www.instagram.com/rorsouthasia/>,  
<https://www.instagram.com/rorsouthasia/>  
Waterkeeper Alliance: <https://www.facebook.com/Waterkeeper/>,  
<https://www.instagram.com/waterkeeperalliance/>, <https://twitter.com/Waterkeeper>  
GARN: <https://www.facebook.com/garnglobal>, <https://www.instagram.com/garnglobal/>,  
<https://twitter.com/garnglobal>

Others to consider: Mark Ruffalo and other RoN groups/partners, other IUCN accounts

### **Sample Facebook Posts**

*To be shared with a photo, and all link to the declaration and or blog*

- *Earth Law Center and the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature (GARN) Youth Hub led two sessions on the Rights for Nature and future Generations at the first IUCN Global Youth Summit - check out the declaration that came as a result of the RoN sessions in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German or Hindi!*
- *Youth Rights of Nature leaders from ELC and GARN co-drafted a declaration with input from participants at the first IUCN Global Youth Summit. The declaration calls on the IUCN to implement their commitment to Rights of Nature. Our groups will continue working towards putting the recommendations into action, and engaging a wider audience around advocating for the Rights of Nature internationally. Check out the declaration in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German or Hindi!*
- *We are looking to create a collaborative network around our 'Youth and the Rights of Nature' declaration. Would you consider sharing and presenting our demands in your advocacy spaces? Check out the declaration in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German or Hindi!*
- *What commitments are you willing to make on behalf of Youth and the Rights of Nature? Join us in creating action worldwide! Check out the declaration in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German or Hindi!*
- *We are asking the IUCN to implement their commitments to Rights of Nature, such as through creating a strategy for the Rights of Nature to be mainstreamed with IUCN commissions through cross-cutting and joint initiatives, events, discussions, or projects. Help support these initiatives by sharing the declaration and advocating for its policy demands in your work. Check out the declaration in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German or Hindi!*
- *I am committing to [the commitment within the declaration you resonate with]. Join ELC and the GARN Youth Hub in shifting the current anthropocentric paradigm towards one in which humans exist in harmony with the whole of the Earth community. Check out the declaration in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German or Hindi!*

### **Sample Twitter Posts - tag both @EarthLawCenter @garnglobal**

*To be shared with any photo*

- *@EarthLawCenter and the @garnglobal Youth Hub led two sessions at the IUCN Global Youth Summit - Check out the declaration that came as a result of the sessions in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German or Hindi!*
- *Youth Rights of Nature leaders from @EarthLawCenter and @garnglobal Youth Hub co-drafted a declaration with input from participants at the first IUCN Global Youth Summit. View here in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German or Hindi!*
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### **Sample Instagram Posts - tag both @garnyouthhub @earthlawcenter**

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**Sample designs (Feel free to share these alongside your posts!):**

- **Nature photo Youth Hub Logo and ELC Logo - text on top “Join us in sharing the Youth Declaration on the Rights of Nature and Future Generations”**
- **You can find these in better resolution [HERE](#). Photo credits to Galo Chiriboga**

