

Mission Statement Climate Change

Preamble

FIMCAP recognises the impact of man-made climate change in the world.

As an organisation based on christian values, FIMCAP sees men and women as co-creators and shepherds of creation.

Representing children and young people, FIMCAP acts responsibly towards every living creature for future generations.

FIMCAP is addressing challenges created by the tension among development, environment and economy. As a worldwide federation FIMCAP is aware that there exist different realities and needs in the various countries of its member organisations. Having both producers and victims of climate change among its member organisations, FIMCAP feels highly responsible to fight thereby existing and upcoming injustice.

With solidarity as one of its most important values, FIMCAP takes on the challenges brought about by climate change through commitments according to the individual capabilities of each member organisation.

The 23rd General Assembly of FIMCAP 2010 in Munich worked on the following topics and declares:

Water

Taking into account that about 884 million people lack access to safe water supplies and that children and young people are especially vulnerable (United Nations, Human Development Report 2006), FIMCAP wants to raise awareness among its members, most importantly the children and young people, about the different water and sanitation situations and realities in the different countries.

FIMCAP's aim is to create sensitivity to the problems and responsible use of water. FIMCAP and its member organisations use concepts like "virtual water" which help to show the complexity of water and climate change, bearing in mind the problems within the countries like desertification, rise of the sea level, flooding or drought and scarcity of food due to lack of water supply.

FIMCAP aims at educating children and young people to conserve water and to highlight the importance of water to people, considering gender perspective since in most cases women have to take care of the water supply of their family.

Nutrition

FIMCAP and its member organisations recognise the human right to adequate food

and raise awareness towards **the fact that** climate change **leads to changes in the weather patterns and desertification causing food shortage**. They support food production in a **sustainable** manner and combat deforestation and soil erosion.

On the other hand, nutrition and consumption often have a negative impact on climate change. Therefore FIMCAP and its member organisations promote a sustainable lifestyle of nutrition and consumption.

Mobility

Mobility is crucial for FIMCAP as an international organisation. So FIMCAP and its member organisations are concerned by the various problems caused by means of transport in the different countries and **need to be up to date** with the local situations.

FIMCAP is an active voice in the campaign against harmful emissions arising from mobility. Whenever possible, FIMCAP endeavours to reduce its own harmful emissions.

Energy

FIMCAP promotes the responsible consumption of energy and the increased use of renewable energy. Meanwhile FIMCAP is aware that a sufficient supply of energy cannot be taken for granted anywhere in the world. Nonetheless FIMCAP aims to educate its members to use energy in a responsible and efficient way. **FIMCAP organizations want to be a role model in the local communities regarding the critical consumption of energy.**

FIMCAP evaluates its own use of energy and reduces the consumption whenever possible.

Non-Formal Education

FIMCAP acknowledges the lack of information and awareness about the reasons and consequences of climate change. There also exists lack of access to information in the different countries where its member organisations are located.

FIMCAP understands the importance to acquire information, and thus responds to the needs of its member organisations and the particular situations in their countries. FIMCAP provides sharing of information and activities which organisations can adapt in accordance to their realities. Thereby FIMCAP organisations instigate a responsible sustainable lifestyle and advocate for active citizenship.

Final Remark

In order to fulfil the above mentioned tasks, FIMCAP intends to strengthen its internal network. FIMCAP will extend its cooperation towards new and existing partners like

European Youth Forum, **Euro-Med Youth Platform**, Pan-African Youth Union, Latin American Youth Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean (FLAJ), Asian Youth Council (AYC), Asian & Pacific Students in Asia (ASA), **(CIDSE)**, NGOs, UN, universities, development organisations in order to get political and financial support as well as to expand knowledge and competencies.