

YOUTH TOPIA YOUNITE

TO DO LIST

SDG 15



This to-do list for SDG 15: Life on Land was created by youth from around the world in consultation with YOUTHTOPIA's Circle of Youth members throughout multiple meetings, research sessions and debates. This is a call to action from young people on the frontlines to government, corporates and individuals like you!

Government:

- 1) Establish policies that uphold the protection and restoration of land and soil. By managing forests and combating desertification.

Example: The establishment of protected areas (PAs), which serve as a vital role to global efforts in collaborating to conserve biodiversity and ecosystems. Studies show that a PA of at least 10m² affects land productivity in their immediate surroundings.

- 2) Avoid fortress conservation as it comes at the cost of displacing indigenous peoples.

- 3) Support and apply landscape approaches based on multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaborative action.

And Create new soil , Compost!

- 4) Finance the restoration of degraded land for production or conservation.

Example: Youth Engaged in Wetlands (YEW), an organisation founded by Circle of Youth member Gab Mejia that promotes conservation, protection and wise use of wetlands.

Corporations:

- 1) Measure, manage and mitigate the impacts on ecosystems and natural resources.

Example: Syngenta, a company that promotes conservation practices based on minimum soil disturbance, crop rotation, and biodiversity enhancing landscape management.

- 2) Implement responsible sourcing-practices beyond compliance for raw materials and commodities.

Example: Pirelli, a company that sources rubber in Indonesia through a partnership with Kirana Megatara and supports suppliers through training and investment in infrastructure to improve farmers' earnings and prevent deforestation.

- 3) Collaborate with other actors and corporations and hold each other accountable.

- 4) Invest in change and scale up best practices for land use planning and management.

- 5) Invest and foster product and technology innovation to optimise resource efficiency, reduce impacts on ecosystems and lower carbon emissions.

Example: Organiko, a skincare brand founded by Circle of Youth member Pooja Kaul that uses donkey's milk as a sustainable milk alternative.