

# Youth for Territories of Life of the ICCA Consortium

## Guidelines and Procedures

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“Youth for Territories of Life” (hereafter, the Youth Group) was created on 1 January 2020, following the recommendation of the [ICCA Consortium XVth General Assembly](#) and the first meeting of the Council after the General Assembly. This document outlines the objectives of the Youth Group as well as guidelines on its membership, leadership and communication procedures.

### Objectives of the Youth Group

The objectives of “Youth for Territories of Life” are to:

- Institutionalise and sustain a common platform for youth involved in the ICCA Consortium membership.
- Strengthen the movement for ICCAs—territories of life by contributing to the work and functioning of the ICCA Consortium at local, national, regional and global levels.
- Foster young people’s engagement and inter-generational partnership in the ICCA Consortium.
- Ensure that young people’s voices, compelling stories, issues and roles are appreciated and recognised throughout the ICCA Consortium’s work.
- Explore opportunities for young people’s capacity building and leadership towards self-strengthening ICCAs—territories of life.

### Who are the Members?

The Youth Group is composed of **youth who are 35 years and under** who represent or are from territories of life, or who are actively supporting and working toward appropriate recognition and support for territories of life. Members of the group are **either youth representatives of the ICCA Consortium’s Members, or Honorary members themselves.**

Everybody who meets these criteria is welcome. There is no limit to the number of youth representatives of each ICCA Consortium Member, though they would be expected to coordinate with each other if they are representing the views of the Member organisation.

Where there is an opportunity or request for youth representatives to participate in ICCA Consortium activities or other events, priority will be given to young representatives or members of territories of life. Emphasis will also be placed on ensuring participation of people with diverse origins, genders, regions, ages and areas of experience across different events.

Youth can join the Group by contacting the Membership Engagement Coordinator (Emma Courtine: [emma@iccaconsortium.org](mailto:emma@iccaconsortium.org)) and either of the Co-chairs (Josefa Tauli: [josefa.tauli@gmail.com](mailto:josefa.tauli@gmail.com) and Lucas Quintupuray: [lucasquintupuray@gmail.com](mailto:lucasquintupuray@gmail.com)). They must explain their current affiliation with the ICCA Consortium and provide a short bio. The Membership Engagement Coordinator will then add the person to the mailing list and their bio to [the shared bio document](#).

Once a member is 36 years old, they can remain in the list-serve and group if they wish, but they will be asked to limit themselves to providing support and advice where needed or requested, while the main discussions, actions and decisions will remain under the leadership of those who are 35 years and under.

## Leadership and procedures of the Youth Group

All of the goals, tasks and action plans of the Youth Group are discussed, reflected and decided upon by its youth members, with guidance and support from the Global Coordinator and Policy and Programme Committee.

The Youth Group receives the support of one youth member of the Secretariat (currently the Membership Engagement Coordinator).

To establish the Youth Group, two Indigenous youths who are actively engaged in territories of life were nominated to co-chair. The procedures for nomination, selection and other matters will be further elaborated by the Youth Group once operational and discussed jointly with the Global Coordinator and Policy and Programme Committee to ensure coherence with the Consortium's organisational documents. In general, a co-chair's term is three years and may be re-appointed once where appropriate, provided they will be 35 years or under for the duration of their term(s). At any one time and over successive terms, the co-chairs should be from a diversity of regions, genders, origins and areas of expertise.

Intergenerational learning and partnerships are also essential to the ICCA Consortium and will be encouraged as part of the Youth Group's work in order to support and harmonise the Group's plans and actions within the Consortium as a whole.

## Communication

Communication within the Youth Group takes place mainly by tri-lingual emails on a google list-serve [[Youth-ICCA@googlegroups.com](mailto:Youth-ICCA@googlegroups.com)] and occasional online meetings. A dedicated [Google Drive folder](#) is used to share important and non-confidential documents for collaborative work. **All participants must ensure that no sensitive information is posted in these shared documents in case it places others at risk.**

The Youth Group shall meet in person where possible, including during Regional and General Assemblies, regional exchanges and other meetings and activities of the ICCA Consortium.