
November 15, 2023

LWVUS UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER CORPS

Introduction to the UN Observers: Think Globally, Act Locally

*Looking at the Cycle of International Advocacy
at the League of Women Voters*

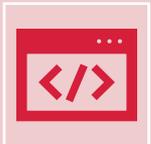
Reminders



Use the chat to ask questions. Staff is monitoring it and we will address as many as we are able to.



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AGENDA

- Welcome from Dr. Turner
- Meet the UN Observers
- Role of the UN Observer
- Overview of the SDGs: 5P's 3C's
- Current Issues
- Opportunities for LWVUS member participation
- UN Calendar of Events
- Questions?
- Share how your local league is achieving the SDGs
- Closing remarks

Dr. Deborah
Turner,
President of
the League
of Women
Voters

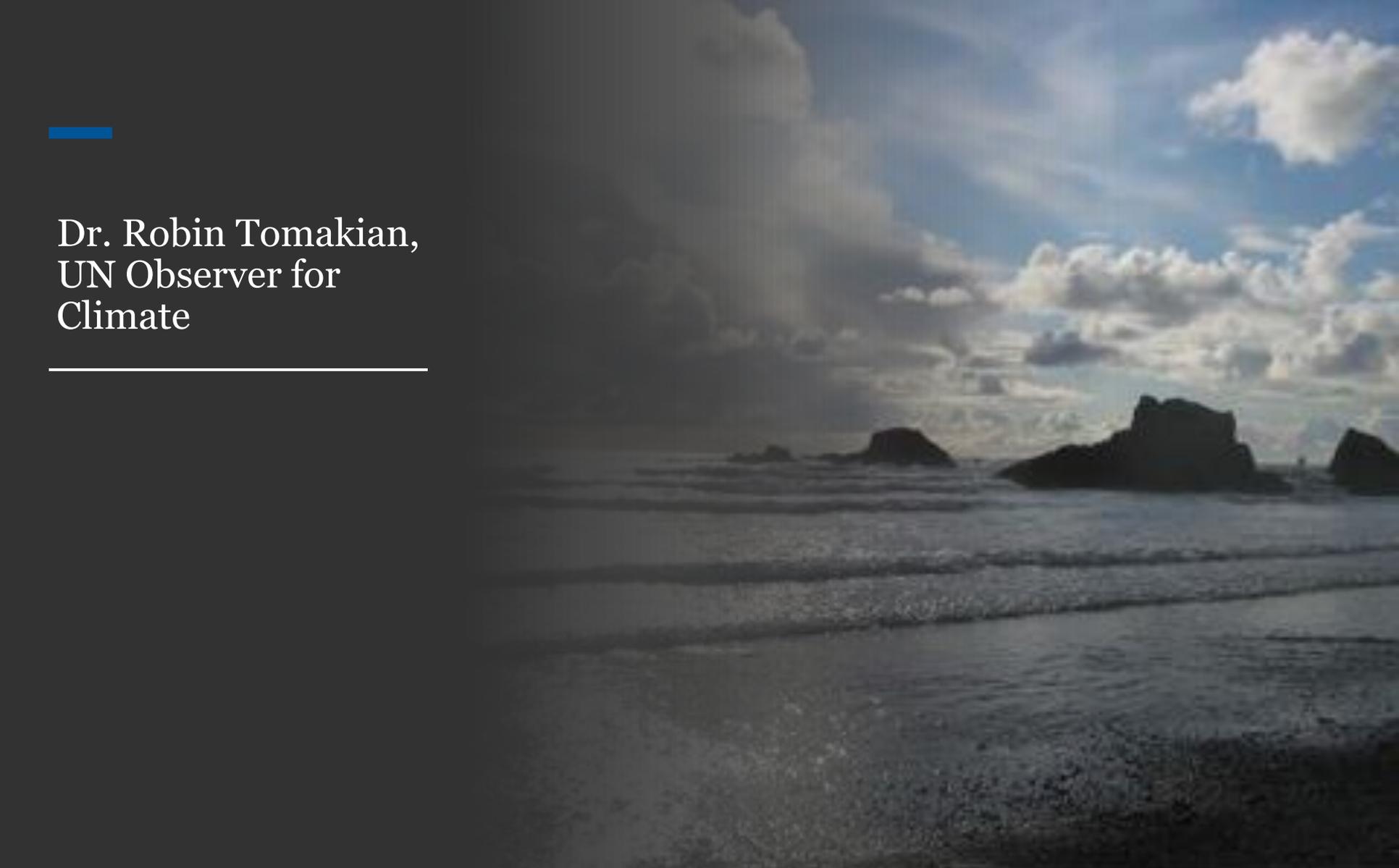




Dr. Connie
Sobon
Sensor,
Chief UN
Observer



Jane Colvin,
UN Observer

A photograph of a beach with waves and large rock formations under a cloudy sky. The image is in grayscale, with a blue horizontal bar at the top left. The text is white and positioned on the left side of the image.

Dr. Robin Tomakian,
UN Observer for
Climate

Olympic National Park, WA
(Photo by Herb Simmons)

LWVUS UN Observers

- Learn more about the [history of the League and the United Nations](#).
- Learn more about [the role of the UN Observer](#).
- Contact the UN Observers at UNObserver@lwv.org.
- Follow the Observers on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).
- Read our blog on 2022's [COP27](#)



Paulette Austin

Texas



SARAH HIRSCH

New York



DR. MADELINE MOTTA

Vermont



CHRIS SAGONA

New York

Role of UN Observers

Engagement and Communication

- Expanding awareness throughout the League of the intersectionality between the UN & shared priorities and activities with the League
- Enabling the participation & attendance of League delegates to conferences and programs to which the League has been invited & sponsored by the UN Agencies, member states and/or accredited NGOs
- Development of materials and programs that are in concert with the strategies and goals approved by LWVUS-UN Observer Corps

Preamble of the UN Charter

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINED

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

Four Pillars of the United Nations

- Peace and Security – Security Council
- Human Rights – Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) adopted by General Assembly 1948
- The Rule of Law – International Tribunals/Criminal Justice
- Development- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)/1986 Declaration on the Right to Development

<https://www.un.org/en/model-united-nations/4-pillars-united-nations>



Focus of the
Current Work of
the UN

3 C's

- Conflict
- Climate
- COVID 19

5 P's

- People
- Planet
- Prosperity
- Peace
- Partnerships

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

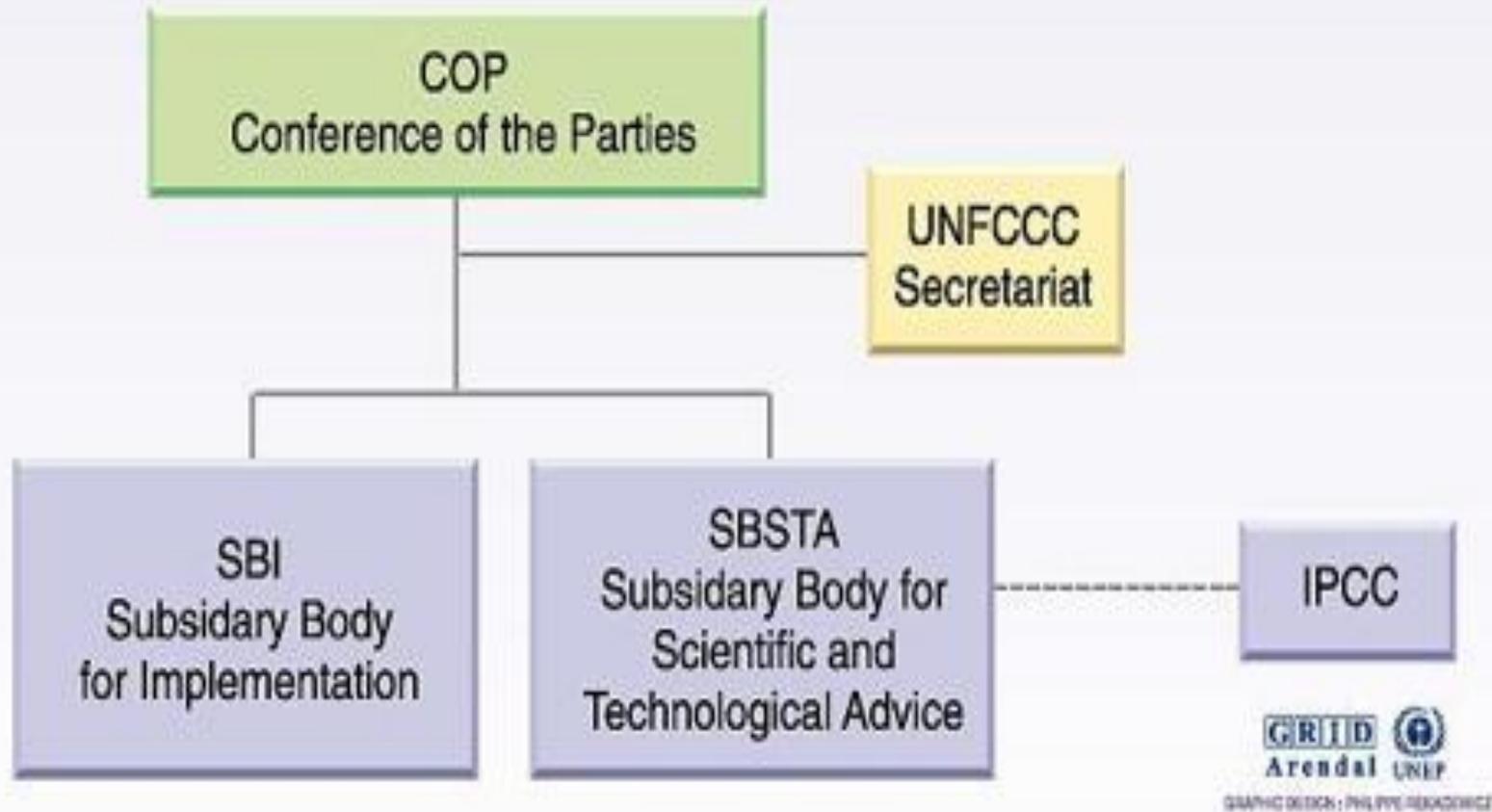
The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. Learn more and take action.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

The UN Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)



Source: United Nations framework convention on climate change (UNFCCC).



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Opportunities for Engagement



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Review of UN Calendar of Events

September - November

- Opening of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)
- COP Conference on Climate Action (not in NYC)

March – June

- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
- NGO Civil Society Conference (Nairobi, Kenya in May 2024)

Winter

Summer

Fall

Spring

December-February

- Commission on Social Development (CSocD)

July-August

- High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

Participate in **Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC) (COP29/2024)**

* Negotiations, side events, + interact with international climate activists

Contact Robin Tokmakian LWVUS UN Observer for Climate

Look for information beginning in March 2024

LWVUS is allowed 6 participants this year (at COP28)

Join LWVUS-UN google group - <https://groups.google.com/g/lwvus-un> and
<https://groups.google.com/g/lwvus-climate-change>

Watch webtv.un.org

“

The case for women is not that they are inherently better or more moral. It is that they are half of humanity and should have the same opportunities– and be judged by the same standards– as the other half.”

Chinamanda Ngozi Adichie

Author

LWV LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®



CSW 67 Delegates for LWVUS



The UN & You: What's Next?



Find the UN online:

- UN.org
- SDG.org (Learn about Sustainable Development Goals)
- [Climate Change](#)

Watch UN Events Live:

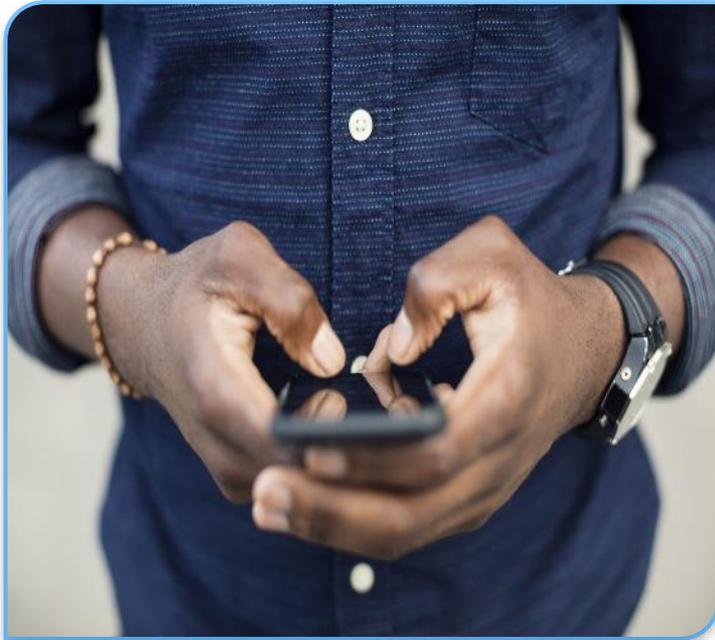
- [WebTV](#) (most briefings are archived for viewing at your convenience)

Examples and Ideas for Individuals & Communities to Achieve the SDGs:

- GLOBALCITIZEN.org

Apply to be a Delegate to CSW 68, COP 28 and future climate conferences.
Look for information coming soon.

Engage in UN Activities via Social Media



Follow the UN on Twitter X

- @UN
- @UN_Women
- @UNESCO
- @AntonioGuterres (UN Secretary General)
- @Phumzileunwomen (Executive Director of UN Women)
- @SDG2030

Other platforms for engagement

- sdgactioncampaign.org
- act4sdgs.org



Follow the UN OBSERVER Team



Facebook: LWVUS United Nations

Twitter X:

- @lwvusun
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LWVUS Webpage

LWVUS UN Google Group:

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LWVUS Climate Action Google Group

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Questions?
Examples to share?



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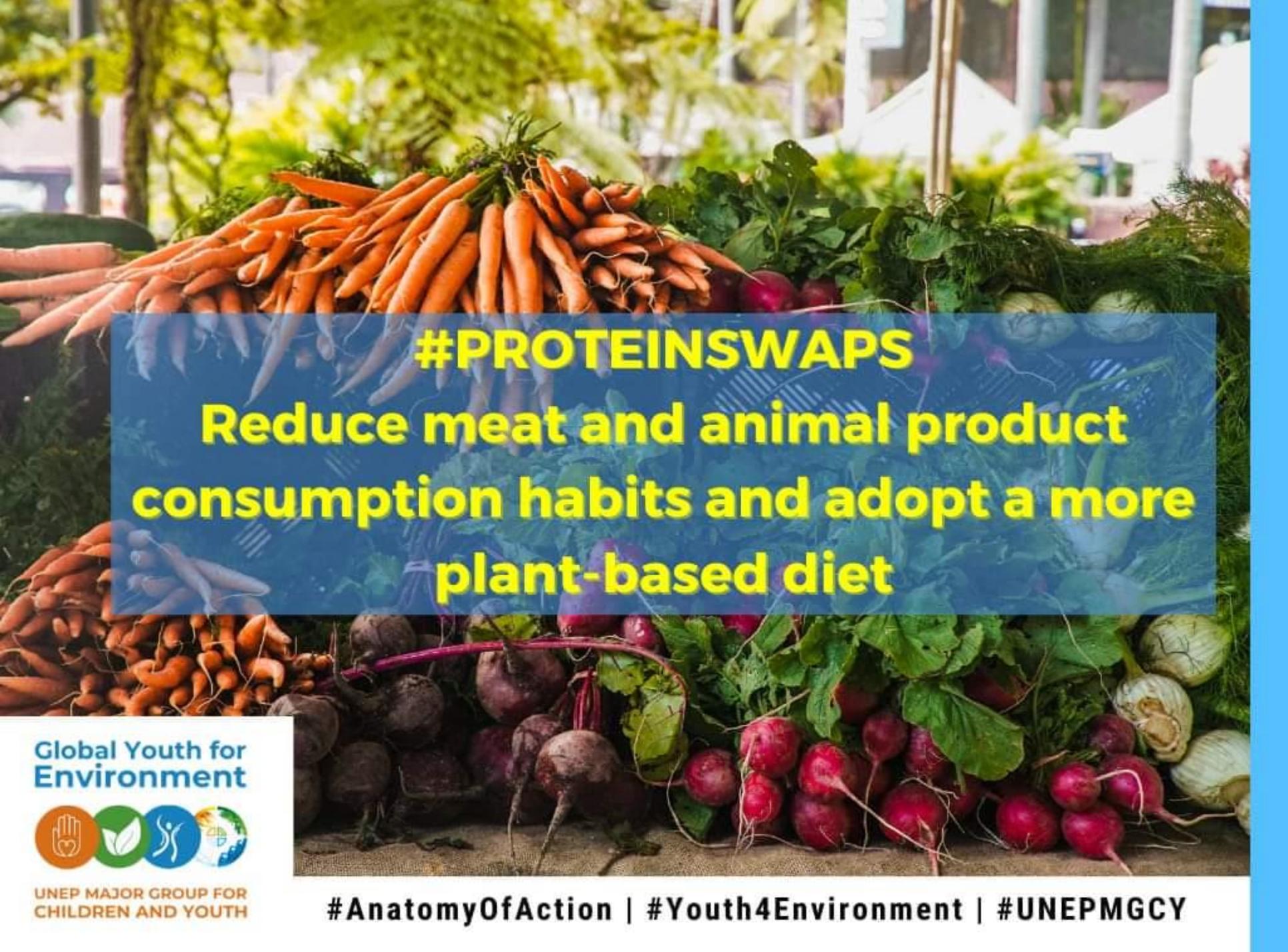
Refuse everyday products which cannot be reused

Global Youth for Environment



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#PROTEINSWAPS

Reduce meat and animal product consumption habits and adopt a more plant-based diet

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#GROWYOUROWN
Grow your own food and connect to where it comes from in order to save money and to reduce transport, packaging, and food waste

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#USEALLYOURFOOD

Get organic waste out of trash
heaps and landfills to reduce
methane, improve soil
fertility, and increase
equitable access to fresh food

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