

The Special Rapporteur on climate change consulted children!

On the 5th October 2024, Elisa Morgera, the Special Rapporteur on climate change consulted children from different countries about the priorities of her mandate and ways for continuous dialogue with children.



The group proposed the following priorities:

- 1 Implementation of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child General Comment No. 26. on children's rights and environment
- 2 The impact of climate change on children's rights to health, food and good standard of life (also covering hunger and poverty)
- 3 Safe participation of children in climate policy-making, advocacy and activism

Many children also stressed the need to focus on...

Climate education in schools, access to information and participation of children in innovative projects and climate research
Unequal access to new technologies and the energy transition
Discrimination in the context of climate change
The impact of climate change on children in vulnerable situations

How could the dialogue of the Special Rapporteur with children work? Ideas from the group



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When she is writing a report she can...



Consult children online
Share online surveys or call for feedback

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When she is visiting a country she can...



Meet the local Children's Parliament or Council
Consult children in their own spaces, for example in schools

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Once her report is published she can....



Prepare a child-friendly version of the report and encourage translation to different languages

Post a video message explaining the key messages of the report
Use social media to reach out to children



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She can furthermore...

Support the creation of a group or network of child and young climate change activists
Encourage safe spaces for children and young people to participate in climate change decision-making
Regularly share information with children!