

girls worldwide say  
“we can save our planet”

*“One thing I have carried with me and treasured most is the learning of leadership skills. As patron of the Girl Guides Association of Zambia, I pledge to do my best in upholding its values and principles. This will ensure the creation of an environment that will foster the full development of girls and young women in Zambia to enable them to become responsible citizens”.*

The Zambian First Lady, Mrs Thandiwe Banda, Patron of the Girl Guides Association of Zambia, October 2009.

*Our partnership with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has enabled the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization to reach young people with its messages on food, security, hunger and the environment. Through our successful joint initiatives, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide have taken positive action in the fight against hunger.”*

Alexander Mueller, Assistant Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)

*“Without a doubt, I owe my success to the education, training and support I received from the Girl Guides, particularly the courageous Guiding women who, while black people were being controlled and repressed, encouraged and helped me to be strong and assertive, inspired me to help others and gave me the courage to overcome all obstacles to triumph in the end.”*

Isabel Direko, former Premier of the Free State Province, South Africa

*“The impact of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting on a girl’s life cannot be underestimated. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has achieved so much but there will always be more to be done to develop and promote young women in society.”*

Cherie Booth, QC

**Women** are the most affected by climate change. It is girls’ futures that are at stake because of climate change. Policies, programmes and treaties to combat climate change will be more successful if girls and young women are at their heart.

**Yet** less than half a cent of every US dollar spent on international assistance programmes is invested directly in girls and the UNFCCC does not mention girls or even gender.



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## World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Environment Programme

- **Raises awareness and mobilizes action** amongst WAGGGS ten million members and their 50million strong communities, to contribute to the development of a sustainable future
- **Develops and implements community projects** that contribute to combating climate change and conserving the environment
- **Ensures the girl voice** contributes to the environmental debate and young women are empowered to influence the environmental agenda
- **Actively contributes** to environmental campaigns and partnerships to ensure the broadest possible engagement on environmental issues
- **Ensures that broad development issues**, such as education and equality, are at the heart of environmental frameworks and programmes

## Environmental education and advocacy campaign for 10million girls and young women

- Global Action Theme (GAT) badge curriculum on the MDGs
- Our World, Our Climate, Our Food badge curriculum (with FAO)
- Climate Change: Take Action Now publication for youth with special emphasis on girls and young women (with UNICEF)
- WAGGGS Leadership Development Programme (WLDP) rolls out advocacy training in five regions and our four World Centres
- Youth delegations at international advocacy events such as COP 15, UNGA and the World Youth Conference

## Working together to save our planet

- **FAO** – Food security and climate change badge curriculum
- **UNICEF** – Unite4Climate, an online space for youth working on climate change
- **Alliance of Youth CEOs and UNICEF** – Climate Change: take action now! A guide to supporting the local actions of children and youth with special emphasis on girls and young women
- **WWF** – Educational programme on climate change and COP 15 awareness campaign
- **UNEP** – WAGGGS is NGO supporter of TUNZA, the youth UNEP youth programme and supports the seal the deal and plant for the planet campaign.
- **Mobilizing WAGGGS 10million members** in 145 countries to join up to campaigns such as TckTckTck, Seal the Deal, Earth Hour, Paint the Planet and the Youth Climate Debates

## Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world say to leaders at COP 15 and beyond:

- Girls and young women need to be at the heart of all efforts to combat climate change
- Intergenerational equity is paramount
- Governments need to take action now and reach a fair, ambitious and binding deal
- The new climate deal must commit to the 350ppm target
- Developed countries must pay for their climate debt, climate justice is essential for a global solution