COP12 Pyeongchang, South Korea

Report of Participation

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During the last Conference of Parties of the Convention in Biological Diversity I was part of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, which is the official voice of youth among this process. It was truly a life changing experience and the knowledge I acquired there is starting to be implemented in Barranquilla+20 the youth led organization I created and lead.

Some of the learning I got from my participation are going to be materialized in the next year local youth forum whose topic will be Biodiversity and youth. Also our project Los Katios es Mio has now the objective of creating a digital toolkit about the biodiversity of that world heritage site, inspiration I got after attending COP.

Activities

Participation in the coordination of the onsite GYBN campaign "Speaking For" whose purpose was to engage negotiators and leaders in the protection of species and plants, promoting its defense and conservation in the COP's decision making procedure.



I contributed to the selection of the endangered and not endangered species and plants located in different parts of the world.

Presentation of the Barranquilla+20 contributions to Aichi target #1 in the GYBN side event



GYBN held a side event where the experiences of youth mainstreaming biodiversity were presented. I had the opportunity to present Barranquilla+20 work in biodiversity education in children and youth in our country.

Meetings



Latin-American youth and the CBD Executive Secretary, Mr Dias.



GYBN Steering Committee and me! Meeting with the Mexico's delegation in the road to COP13.

Social Media Outreach

- Shared in Facebook and promoted the fan page to reach a wider audience.
- Community management of the GYBN Twitter account during and after the COP meeting.



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Jóvenes Iberoamericanos ¡2ue inspiran! - Google Hangout with the Iberoamerican Youth organization (Organización Jóvenes Iberoamericanos)

Link to the video here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K PEr63mP8mo

Media

In October 9, 2014 the most important newspaper in the Colombian Caribbean region published an article about green entrepreneurship showcasing my local organization and also they published about my participation in the CBD COP 12.

http://revistas.elheraldo.co/hey/portada/ecoemprendedores-132227



Projects

Speaking For as a social campaign!!

Due to my participation in the COP, the organization World Merit called me as "agent of the week" and for that I wrote a blog about youth and biodiversity education/awareness with a call to action.



#SpeakingFor is a campaign that the Global Youth Biodiversity network created to engage stakeholders and negotiators in the conservation of species and plants presented in the COP 12 I joined in Pyeongchang, South Korea last month. The idea is to choose a native species or plant of your city or country (endangered or not) and promote its conservation using a picture of it and spread it trough your social media channels. We can make a collection of the species and plants you are speaking for and together collaborate to stop the loss of biodiversity in the world!

It's easy. So go and let's make a start at stopping the loss of biodiversity!" Published here: http://www.worldmerit.org/blog/xiomys-call-to-action.aspx

These are some of the activities in which I am/ was fully involved due to my work in COP12 as youth representative. I thank to the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Convention in Biological Diversity and the Global Youth Biodiversity Network for making all this possible and allowing youth to represent and contribute to one of the most pressing issues in our times: protecting biodiversity!