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The five projects labeled under CiMates’ Advocacy are focusing on raising the voice and promoting the role of youth in spreading environmentally responsible and socially important ideas, across a diverse range of topics and in fora at both the national and international level. Parallel to the lobbying work accomplished by the CliMates’ delegations to the COPs and intercessional meetings, the Negotiations Tracking team follows and analyzes international climate negotiations and contributes actively to the non-party stakeholder submissions process, while organizing training workshops on a regular basis. Since 2012, CliMates has been working closely with the French delegation in the design and recruitment process of the French Youth Delegate Programme.

Our members based in France have also recently begun actively lobbying for a constitutional reform that would include the respect of “planetary boundaries” and the "non-regression" principle, as part of lawmakers’ constitutional imperatives. 2018 has seen the launch of two new advocacy projects related to Climate Justice and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Members of the Climate Justice project conduct comparative environmental law research and documentary analysis. Partner with organizations leading climate justice lawsuits, the team is developing a Moot Court programme focusing on legal approaches to intergenerational justice. The SDGs team is involved in tracking the implementation of the SDGs, especially as they relate to climate action on a local and regional levels, as well as in the conception of education and training tools aimed at empowering youth to understand the linkages between the SDGs and climate action.
NegoTracking

The Negotiations Tracking team follows and analyzes international climate negotiations as well as reports on issues and outcomes. The team is composed of young people from across the world who work together on capacity-building and lobbying initiatives, with the aim of building youth expertise on international climate negotiations.

NegoTrackers attend United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) conferences; collaboratively produce blog articles on key topics about international climate policies; and host training workshops to empower young people engaging with climate politics.

NegoTracking works frequently with other youth empowerment and civil society organizations and networks worldwide.

CliMates is an active member of YOUNGO youth climate observer constituency, and many NegoTracking members work within YOUNGO working groups to prepare submissions to the United Nations (UN).

Moreover, NegoTracking often co-writes policy position statements with other youth climate networks.

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COP 21 Statement
In the run-up to COP21, NegoTracking was in charge or writing CliMates official position in the negotiations.

Submissions to UNFCCC
CliMates submitted several inputs on different topics such as: Common Time Frames for NDCs and Education. Currently, the team is collecting mates’ point of views to feed the Talanoa Dialogue Platform.

Climate Chance Summit
During the latest Summit in Abidjan, as co-pilot of the Education Coalition, CliMates organized a participative workshop on the three Talanoa Dialogue Questions: Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get there?

COY & COP
NegoTracking has a strong presence at COY (the Conference of Youth) and COP. During the last Intersession, CliMates organized a side-event on climate justice: the role of civil society in promoting national legislation reform.
By promoting the integration of long-term interests into legislative and political decision-making processes, the French NGO Foundation for Nature and Mankind (Fondation pour la Nature et l'Homme - FNH) inspired the Ecological Constitution Project. In July 2017, when the French President, Emmanuel Macron, announced a reform of the French Constitution, several Mates started thinking and reconsidering the legitimacy and relevance of the current Constitution. Indeed, the stake attached to this government-led reform is important. The latter planned to include the term “climate” into the French Constitution. Very quickly, CliMates committed to take part in this political debate by making this reform as ambitious as possible, along with other civil society organizations and politicians.

Since the beginning of 2018, we chose to work both on a political-level lobbying, ensured mainly by our main partner, the French Environmental Law organization Notre Affaire A Tous (NAAT), and on a citizen-level lobbying entirely designed by the continuously growing CliMates team. Supported by environmental and constitutional law specialists, the working group is now promoting the introduction of two crucial changes: the respect of "planetary boundaries" and the principle of non-retrogression into the Constitution’s Article 1. CliMates’ current advocacy strategy revolves around the fostering of a wide coalition linking other NGOs and civil society members willing to support the government in preserving our natural environment.
As of September 2018, the Call for an Ecological Constitution, launched together with NAAT, the French Network of Students for Sustainable Development (REFEDD) and the movement We Are Ready Now (WARN!), has gathered more than 15,000 signatures from citizens and organizations such as the GoodPlanet Foundation, the Political Ecology Foundation, Momentum, 350.org or IBoycott, as well as Cyril Dion, producer of the movie “Tomorrow”, Julien Vidal, founder of “Ça commence par moi”, Max Havelaar and other influencers. The project is also receiving support from Ben & Jerry’s and Place to B within their common campaign on Climate Justice.

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Climate Justice

The Climate Justice project aims to educate youth, to advocate for climate justice and to support efforts both inside and outside the UNFCCC to accelerate energy transitions and prioritize equity through legal action.

This project has been created in recognition of the growing wave of climate change litigation worldwide and efforts to expand the realm of climate politics beyond the UNFCCC process.

Much of our focus is on climate change law and litigation in a range of jurisdictions around the world. The team conducts comparative law research, documentary analysis, and strives to form partnerships with organizations taking climate justice action.

In order to add an awareness-raising component to the project, Climates Justice would like to create a Moot Court, namely a climate tribunal program focusing on legal approaches to intergenerational justice.

Both the Moot Court and the legal research/advocacy activities will rely on partnerships with climate justice experts.

The project’s goals are to engage in climate justice education as well as advocacy efforts.

In parallel to the activities mentioned above, the project aims at drawing attention to climate justice within the broader work of CliMates through a series of blog posts focusing on climate justice topics, perspectives, and frameworks. Finally, the team aspires to have an active role in supporting ongoing legal action for climate justice through research and partnerships worldwide, such as our support to the People’s Climate Case, a litigation action initiated by 10 European families taking the EU institutions to court to protect their fundamental rights and to prevent dangerous climate change.

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French Youth Delegate Program

The Youth Delegate Program is a UN program that promotes the integration of youth within the UNFCCC climate regime. In 2015, 26 countries officially sent youth representatives integrated in their official delegations to COP 21, with the aim of giving youth a voice in global climate negotiations. The role of the youth delegate is to follow the negotiations and defend the interest of youth, explaining their priorities and expectations.

The French Youth Delegate Program was developed by the youth organizations REFEDD and CliMates. These organizations work with the French delegation to the UNFCCC in the selection and training of the delegates.

During the negotiations, youth delegates work within the French delegation and the YOUNGO constituency. Outside negotiations, youth delegates share their experience by organizing meetings, conferences and debates with French youth to engage a collective dialogue and mobilization on climate issues.

This CliMates project sets three main goals:

• First, to train future experts on international climate negotiations, with the expectation that their newly acquired expertise as “climate ambassadors” will have a multiplier effect on French youth;
• Second, to raise awareness and promote concrete action among French youth with regards to climate action through a democratic process;
• Third, to develop the youth community as a strategic force for participative democracy in the long run, on climate issues and beyond.

Together, the French delegation, CliMates and REFEDD have implemented a junior-senior youth delegate system to facilitate the transmission of knowledge between incoming and outgoing youth delegates.

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Placing the individual as a leading power of its environment has been a key idea in CliMates’ discourse. Indeed, CliMates has been a leader in creating innovative tools to tackle climate change, such as COP in MyCity, Heat Wave in MyCity or Innov’City. Through interactive and participatory events, these projects aim to inform, sensitize and mobilize on diversified topics, such as solidarity, gender or even sustainable cities, to raise awareness on climate change issues and to be a catalyst for young people to commit and take actions at their own level.

COP in MyCity

The project “COP in MyCity” (CiMC) is one of CliMates’ key projects. It is widely used in the world, and quoted by the UN as a key innovative tool tackling climate change.

COP in MyCity was designed as a simple and efficient tool to communicate on the stakes of phasing out fossil fuels and achieving the Paris Agreement’s goals through international negotiations. It is fun, interactive, and provides both participants and organizers with valuable knowledge on international climate negotiations and means of action.

It relies on a software designed by a team of MIT economic researchers called “C-ROADS”. This software is free and very easy to handle. It enables simulating the world global carbon pathway given individual trajectories for either three or six groups of countries.

The participants are gathered in groups of countries and civil society influencers. They defend the interest of their own coalition while trying to achieve the Paris Agreement. The simulation can be adapted to a wide range of audiences depending on their age and knowledge about climate change, lasting from 2h to several days, and requires between 12 and 60 players.
COP in My City is composed of different stages:

• **STAGE 1 –**
  Training: introductive data and figures (striking if possible!) about climate change, the role of international negotiations to mitigate and adapt to climate change, as well as finance climate action. It can include a presentation of CliMates;

• **STAGE 2 –**
  Simulation: interactive serious game placing all participants in a role-play, for them to imagine and understand the stakes of representation at UN climate negotiations.

• **STAGE 3 –**
  Mobilization: participative action targeting citizens and young people in cities and communities for meaningful activism. CiMC gives perspectives about local projects and participation in decision-making processes on climate through youth NGOs. That is the moment where we eventually bridge the gap between COPs and civil society.

The technical and emotional debrief, as a final stage, is extremely important, as people may want to share personal experiences and transitions, or their visions of how to best act to collectively reduce our emissions and adapt to climate change.
Heatwave in MyCity

This project was created in 2014 during the CliMates’ 2nd International Summit in New York City. Heat Wave in MyCity aims at raising awareness on local consequences of climate change in today’s and tomorrow's societies, while helping to grasp the complex aspects of climate crisis management and consensus building. Most of all, this CliMates’ project intends to bring forward innovative solutions and local policies that lead to more resilient cities.

In a prospective scenario depicting a global city facing a heat wave by mid-century, this project puts the participants into the shoes of various local actors: doctors, farmers, activists or firemen. The rising occurrences of extreme weather events, together with unprecedented urbanization, make cities increasingly vulnerable to climate risks. What if a major heat wave was striking your city? Participants have to negotiate, to defend their interests and to deal with urgent matters. Eventually, their inputs foster the emergence of a comprehensive public policy for the affected city.

CliMates already held Heat wave simulations in New York, Paris, Buenos Aires, Marrakech, Cairo, Vienna... where’s next?

"What I liked immediately about Heatwave in My City, except the very motivated team of course, is that it makes us think about issues we do not usually consider. How do you allocate scarce water or electricity in case of a dramatic heat wave? How do you collaboratively define priorities? Most of all, to avoid having to make these hard choices, we realize the importance of taking preventive actions from now on."

Join the team!

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Innov’ City

This project results from two statements: on one hand, environmental changes are impacting our lives and triggering ecological, economic and social crisis; on the other hand, there are plenty of organizations, start-ups, citizens who are launching concrete projects in response to these changes.

An Innov’City event is a thematic conference bringing together several changemakers, so that they can present in a challenging time frame their innovative and local initiative, as an organization, a start-up, a collective, or as individuals. Besides a time planned for a Q&A exchange participants can also continue sharing their project and reflections with the public in a friendly and informal moment included in the event.

- Present innovative and local initiatives for a more sustainable society
- Create the link between changemakers and people willing to volunteer
- Raise awareness on the large amount of local organizations and people that are already engaged for a more ecological way of life

Innov’City already organized diverse simulations, mainly in Paris, on various thematics: energy, agriculture, democracy, consumption, solidarity, etc. Innov’City is trying to expand to our international branches, and to more people over the world.

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CliMates has a strong story of developing research projects to educate on climate-related topics. Through multiple projects going from climate migration to climate finance or waste management, we aim to produce quality content with the help of our partners (like the Institute for Research and Development and international universities), in order to raise awareness via conferences, social media, and our blog.

4Sea

The ocean and its role in the global climate system have just recently become one of the top priorities in the climate change discussion. The ocean is not only affected by climate change but affecting climate itself. It saves up carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, thereby slowing down climate change. Climate change slowly acidifies the ocean, which leads to killing marine organisms.

We are currently working on a website gathering all ocean-related issues together on one interactive map, so everyone can watch informative videos on different subjects and read follow-up articles. Last year, the team organized workshops and raised awareness during COY13 and COP 23 in Bonn, Germany.

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The impacts of climate change are not gender-neutral. Women are more vulnerable to these effects due to existing gender inequalities. Yet, women can (and do) play a critical role in responding to climate change due to their local knowledge and leadership. As a research project in CliMates, Gender & Climate Change aims to raise awareness about this crosscutting issue.

The team historically partnered with the Gender section of the Italian Climate Network. In 2018, we aim to formalize a partnership with WECAN and WECF.

GCC aims to reveal hidden connections between gender norms and climate-related issues and shed light on inspiring female-led initiatives to tackle climate change. Our internationally based members collect pictures and testimonies from women and men vulnerable to climate-induced events because of gender norms. We also conduct further research to support each portrait and thematic approached by macro-scale statistics and national trends. We showcase our work, values and cause thanks to the organization of advocacy events.

Last year, GCC organized a photo exhibition at La Recylerie as well as a documentary projection, and participated to the Climate Chance Summit in Morocco, the intercessional and the COP in Germany.

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The Collectif Démarqué project was founded by Erasmus+, Globelink and CliMates. First through the Secret CoöPeration project, a French team gathered around the idea of investigating the textile industry. From there, the Collectif Démarqué was born. Since the end of 2016, members of the team work to raise awareness on sustainable fashion to a wide audience.

Globelink is the leader association in this project, directly in contact with Erasmus+, the financial sponsor of the project. A German association, Steinfurt Youth, has signed the partner agreement but has not had an active role in the project.

The main goal of the French part of the project is to raise awareness on the textile industry and its social and environmental consequences. The team works through social media but also with concrete actions (bearers of word initiative, pop-quiz, further awareness initiative to be coming), and spreading knowledge about the fashion industry.

Gathering data on textile consumption habits and knowledge about the fashion industry and their perception by the general public, the publication of the survey’s results report has been an important milestone. Receiving more than 900 replies on the survey was also a tremendous achievement.

In terms of communication and access to information, the Facebook page, the Twitter and Instagram accounts have been launched last year. The blog, under the name Collectif Démarqué, is the 2017 landmark.

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Environmental Security

This project was created because of several Mates’ interest to study environmental impacts through the prism of human security. Environmental security is an environment’s ability to provide for human life, with regards to environmental degradation and environmentally caused conflicts among other topics.

It aims to offer a space of research and action in the broad field of environmental security. The focus is different depending on each person’s interest, diving into case studies of human security in relation to water, urbanism, territories, endangered species, agriculture, etc.

We have not put into place many partnerships so far but our ultimate goal is to develop and strengthen existing workshops, research and actions with multiple actors: engineers, public actors, companies, etc.

The main aim is to raise the awareness of different demographics to known and unknown environmental security issues through communication to the general public and events on specific topics.

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Climate Finance

Created to respond to the growing demand for reliable and comprehensive information about climate finance, the Climate Finance project was launched. Mainstreaming climate finance, by strengthening our understanding of tools, concepts and actors, is now one of the core aspects to further enhance climate action towards a low-carbon climate-resilient (LCCR) economy.

The Climate Finance project works mainly with the Institute for Climate Economics (I4CE) as a collaborator for their recognized expertise in the field. The team is organized around different thematics: analyzing the need for climate finance, the state of the art and trends in the field and finally economic and policy instruments that can be implemented.

This project aims to help future economic and political stakeholders understand some of the key issues regarding climate finance by producing two page long thematic briefing sheets on climate finance related issues, with a total number of about 16 briefing sheets being produced by largely France-based members. The target audience being students (especially in economics, finance and business, often at a graduate level), policy-makers and economic stakeholders. These briefing sheets will focus on climate change’s financial impact, carbon risks, international financial institutions, capital markets’ climate-related investments, international financial governance institutions, fiscal and monetary climate policies, carbon pricing policies, or monitoring systems for assessing climate-compatible investments.

We are currently finalizing the layout of the first publishable briefing sheets and they will be online soon!

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Waste Management

Sparked from pressing questions like: How do we urge people to sort their waste? How can we develop a waste sorting culture?; the Waste Management team was founded shortly after the COP22 in Marrakech. Often partnering with Rabat University while conducting the survey and for future implementation of waste sorting systems, the team has developed a research-based approach.

We hope to contact some young leaders interested in improving waste management and create a partnership to spread their ideas and implement them.

This project aims to highlight the place of youth in the Mediterranean in improving waste management in their countries. Focused on Morocco, we want to demonstrate that on this topic, mentalities are evolving, especially among youth. Concrete actions will be reported as good practices to inspire and spread change.

To raise awareness on this issue, a survey was conducted to gauge interest and knowledge among youth on the topic of waste sorting and management and will be released soon.

Project members have recently joined from other regions in the world like South America and Asia and this will surely broaden our research horizon.

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Youth on the Move

The Youth on the Move project was born from a complex assessment: youth are very affected by climate migration, because of their position in societies and their particular vulnerability, but they are also a legitimate actor and proposing force in this discussion. We aim to raise awareness on the link between youth and climate migration and show the importance of carrying solutions in this context.

Working with world-renowned researchers in the field such as Francois Gemenne and the Environmental Future Initiatives of Georgetown University, as well as youth organizations such as the Youth Environment and Social Development Society in Bangladesh, we hope to bridge the gap between research and action.

Youth on the Move has two goals: an educational one and a collaborative one. We raise awareness on climate migration, with a specific focus on youth, through social media communication and visual content such as portrait videos, photography and a web-series documentary. We also ambition to create a global network of knowledge exchange through research work and interactive content. We promote solutions, existing and possible, facing the climate migrations challenge, both carried by experts and empowered youth.

Over the past few years we have financed the first two episodes of the web-series in Bangladesh through crowdfunding, we have also won the GRDR Prize on Youth and migration, as well as a grant with “Génération Climat” to pursue the web series in Senegal.

We have participated in the International Climate Chance Summit in Agadir, intervened during an Innov’City event, been featured in a panel at the French Environmental Ministry and presented our work at several high-level forums or French festivals.

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