

DAY 4&5 CLUSTER A&B

THU 22 & FRI 23 OCTOBER

ROMA

Policy,
Partnerships &
Global Leadership



Why **Roma?**

After travelling through different cities and thematic tracks, the full Youth4Climate cohort comes back together in Rome for the final stage of the journey.

As Italy's institutional and diplomatic capital, Rome is home to national ministries, embassies, international organisations, cultural institutions and major companies. This concentration of actors makes the city an ideal place for policy dialogue, international exchange and opportunities to bring youth-led solutions into conversations with institutions and organisations working at national and global levels.

The Rome programme is designed to reconnect participants after the thematic clusters and create space to share what they have learned, reflect on their experiences and look ahead. Discussions will connect their work with wider conversations around the road to COP31, food systems, mobility and private-sector engagement, while also bringing attention to the particular climate challenges and leadership of Small Island Developing States. Throughout the programme, participants will have opportunities to engage with different actors and consider how their solutions can connect with broader policy priorities, partnerships and international processes.

The event concludes with the Youth4Climate Awards Ceremony, offering a final moment to recognise this year's young innovators, celebrate their work and strengthen the connections built throughout the week.

DID YOU KNOW?

Some UN agencies **call Rome home.**

Rome is home to the UNDP Rome Centre, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The city is also set to strengthen its UN presence further, with the process underway to move UNCDF Headquarters management functions to Rome. Together, these organisations place the city at the centre of global conversations around climate, food security, agriculture, rural development and development finance.



Practical Information

- **Getting around:** Rome has metro, bus and tram services, although many central areas are best explored on foot. Comfortable shoes are recommended.
- **Weather:** October is generally mild, with warm periods during the day and cooler evenings. Rain is possible, so a light jacket and umbrella are useful.
- **Try while you're here:** Cacio e pepe - one of Rome's classic pasta dishes, made simply with pecorino romano and black pepper.
- **Don't miss:** Colosseum, Roman Forum, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, Trastevere, Villa Borghese.

Institutions and organisations to **discover.**



**Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.

Our goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. With 194 members - 193 countries and the European Union, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide.



Why we are part of Youth4Climate: Connecting Solutions

FAO's participation reflects our commitment to empowering the next generation of innovators driving climate and agrifood systems transformation. As achieving sustainable agrifood systems requires investing in young people and their ideas, the event provides a valuable platform to engage with promising youth-led climate solutions from around the world. It also offers an opportunity to connect these innovations with FAO's technical expertise and innovation ecosystem, while showcasing how innovation, entrepreneurship and partnerships can contribute to more sustainable, resilient and inclusive agrifood systems.

Participants will gain insights into some of the most promising innovations transforming agrifood systems and learn how innovation and the right tools can accelerate sustainable development outcomes. Through engagement with FAO, we hope young innovators will better understand the critical role of agrifood systems in addressing climate challenges and recognize the far-reaching social, economic and environmental benefits that can result from investing in their transformation.

Your Rome Challenge

- ☐ Think about one policy, regulation or public decision that could make it easier for your solution to succeed. Compare your answer with another awardee working in a different country.
- ☐ Before the journey ends, identify one person or organisation you want to stay in touch with after Rome. What could you realistically do together, and what is the first follow-up you will make?
- ☐ If you had 30 seconds to speak directly to climate decision-makers at COP31, what is the one thing you would want them to understand about young people building climate solutions on the ground?
- ☐ Look back at the week and identify one idea you want to apply, one connection you want to keep, one thing you will do differently when you return home.

Some of the best insights come from taking a moment to reflect. Use this space to record your thoughts, new connections and key takeaways as you travel through Italy's climate innovation ecosystem.