

2019 MAB YOUTH FORUM

2019 MAB Youth Action Plan

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INTRODUCTION

The 2019 MAB Youth Action Plan has been agreed upon by the participants of the 2019 MAB Youth Forum, with the aim to take concrete actions in line with the demands and commitments formulated in the 2019 MAB Youth Forum Final Declaration. In the course of its elaboration, the participants decided that referring to the the 5 UNESCO-MAB Regions would be more meaningful, more practical, and more efficient to further engage with the MAB Youth community on the ground. This would as well help overcome linguistic barriers while leveraging on regional and cultural specificities.

Working in regional groups, MAB Youth representatives established priority actions and a timeline for their implementation. They also elected Regional MAB Youth Focal Points, also taking into consideration a good distribution of representatives per sub-regions in their respective regions.

It is our hope that efforts will be spent now to establish more formal connections with the MAB Regional Networks in the framework of which MAB Youth would like to be more actively involved. With the Final Declaration of the 2019 edition of the MAB Youth Forum, and the present Action Plan, they confirm their will and commitment to be actors of change, particularly mobilized for climate actions and the conservation of biodiversity.



Africa MAB Youth Action Plan

“Creating a momentum for BRs in Africa for Youth by Youth”

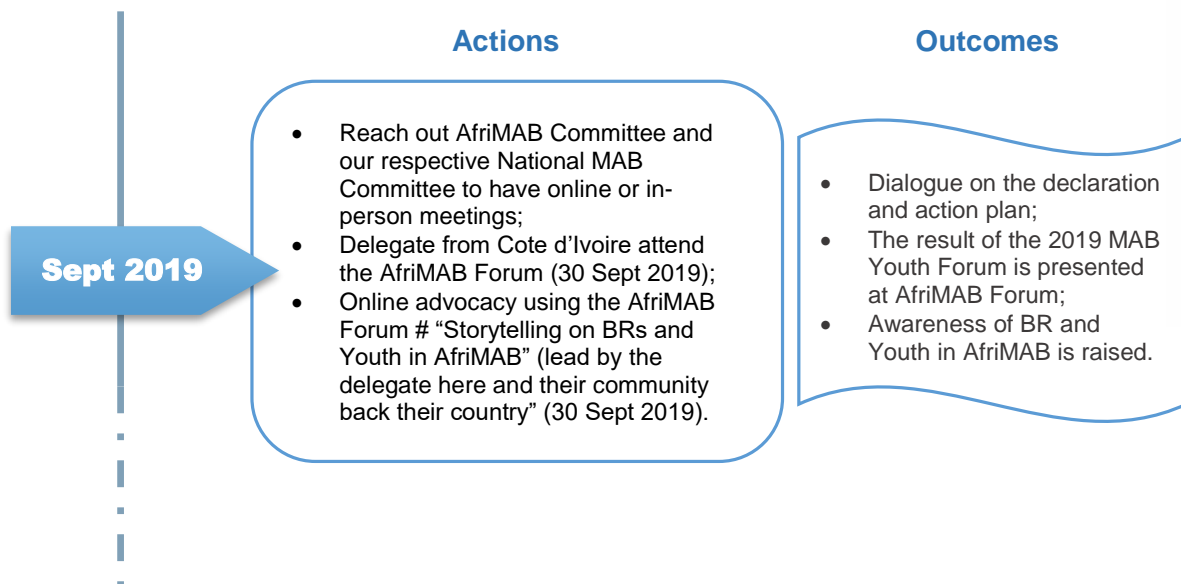
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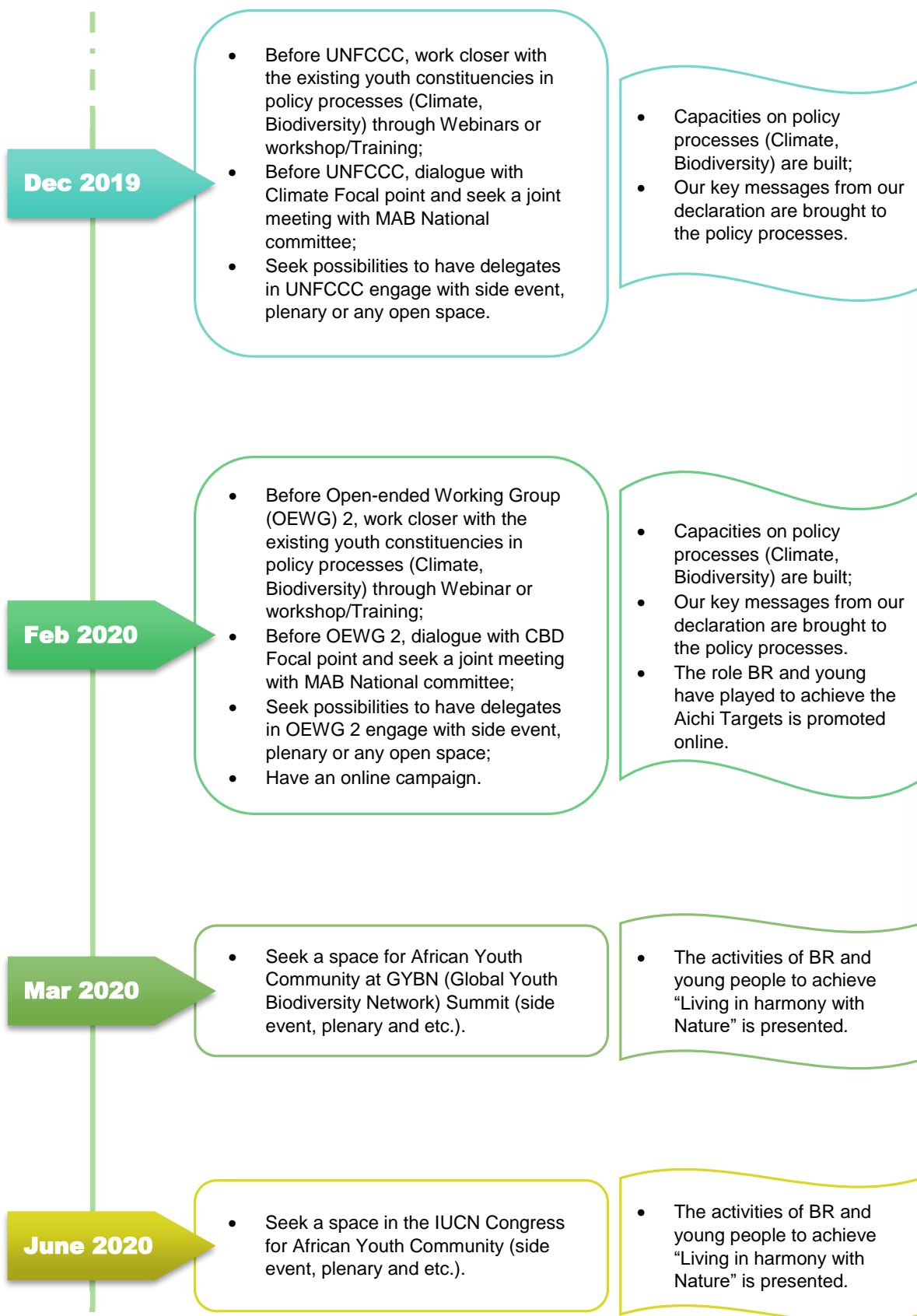
1. Dialogue with the MAB Committee (National and Regional) to share the declaration and the action plan;
2. Dialogue with CBD and Climate focal point to share our declaration and identify space for collaboration;
3. Raise-awareness on BR and role of youth community by engaging African Youth in different international processes (Biodiversity: OEWG2, OEWG3, COP15, COP25 (Climate Change) and others, e.g. IUCN Congress) using different platforms such as social media;
4. Build our capacities to get deeper understanding on the different international policy (such as CBD and UNFCCC and etc.) by collaborating with other constituencies within these conventions (GYBN, Youngo and etc.) to spread our BR concept.

Communications

Platforms of coordination are Facebook and Whatsapp.

Timeline and Actions





July 2020

- Before Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) 3, work closer with the existing youth constituencies in policy processes (Climate, Biodiversity) through Webinar or workshop/Training;
- Before OEWG 3, dialogue with CBD Focal point and seek a joint meeting with MAB National committee;
- Seek possibilities to have delegates in OEWG 3 engage with side event, plenary or any open space;
- Have an online campaign.

- Capacities on policy processes (Climate, Biodiversity) are built;
- Our key messages from our declaration are brought to the policy processes.
- The role BR and young have played to achieve the Aichi Targets is promoted online.

Oct 2020

- Work Closer with GYBN.

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Arab States MAB Youth Action Plan

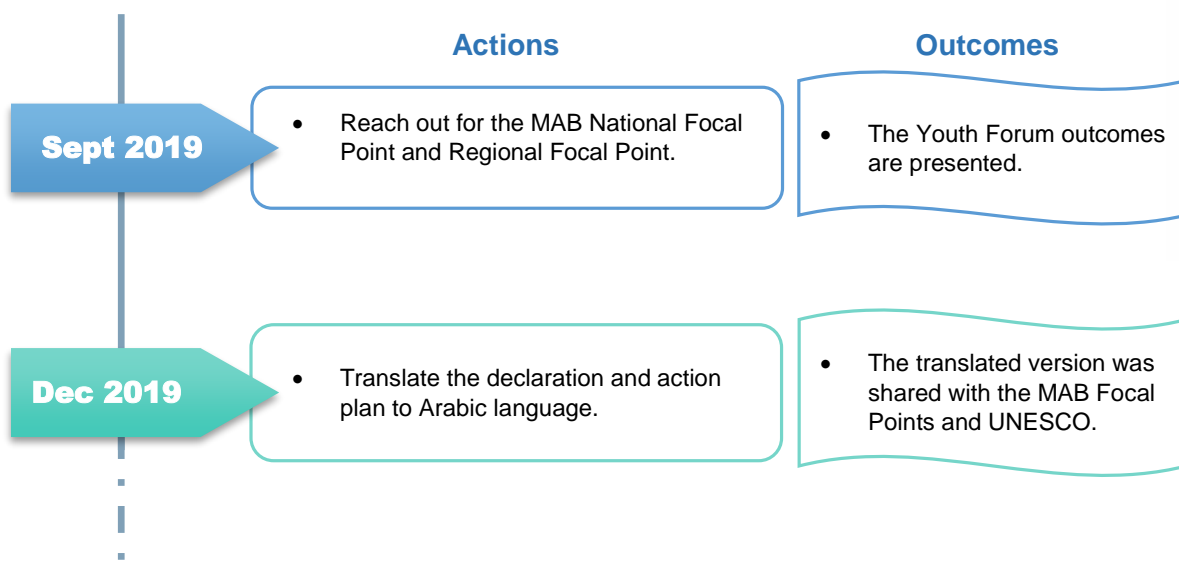
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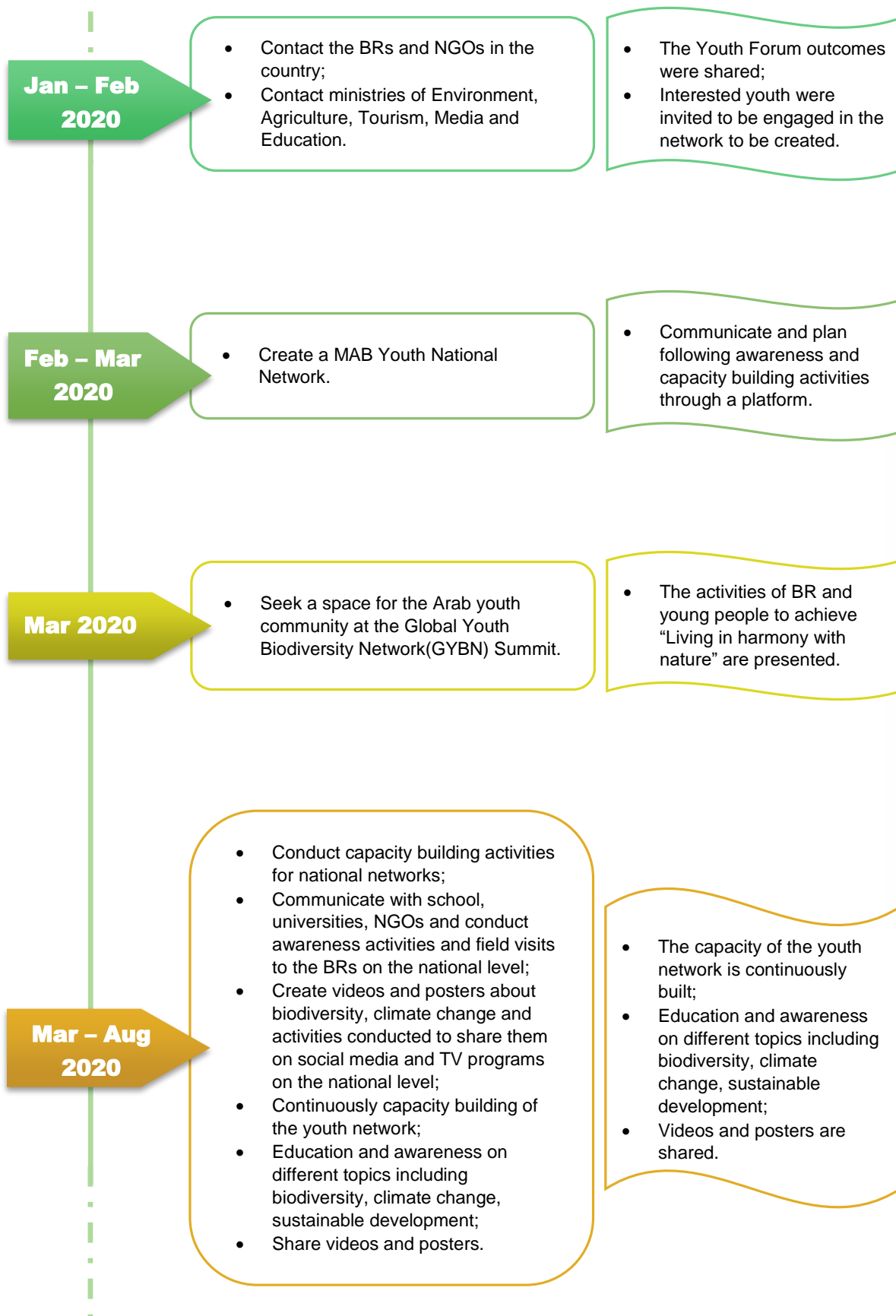
1. Establish MAB Youth Networks at the national level;
2. Build the capacities of the members of the networks on the UNESCO MAB Programme and on the different international agreements (Convention on Biological Diversity/CBD, Post 2020 Framework) on biodiversity conservation and climate change;
3. Organize meetings with youth from other Biosphere Reserves (BRs) and protected areas at the national level and share with them the MAB Youth Forum outcomes/declaration;
4. Connect with BRs and youth in other Arab countries, to share with them the declaration with the MAB youth community, and encourage them to start their own MAB Youth community if it doesn't exist;
5. Contact the ministries of Environment, Agriculture, Tourism, Media and Education to update them about the outcomes of the Forum, to engage them and ask for their support;
6. Contact the environmental NGOs, research centers, universities and schools to share with them the Forum outcomes and engage them.

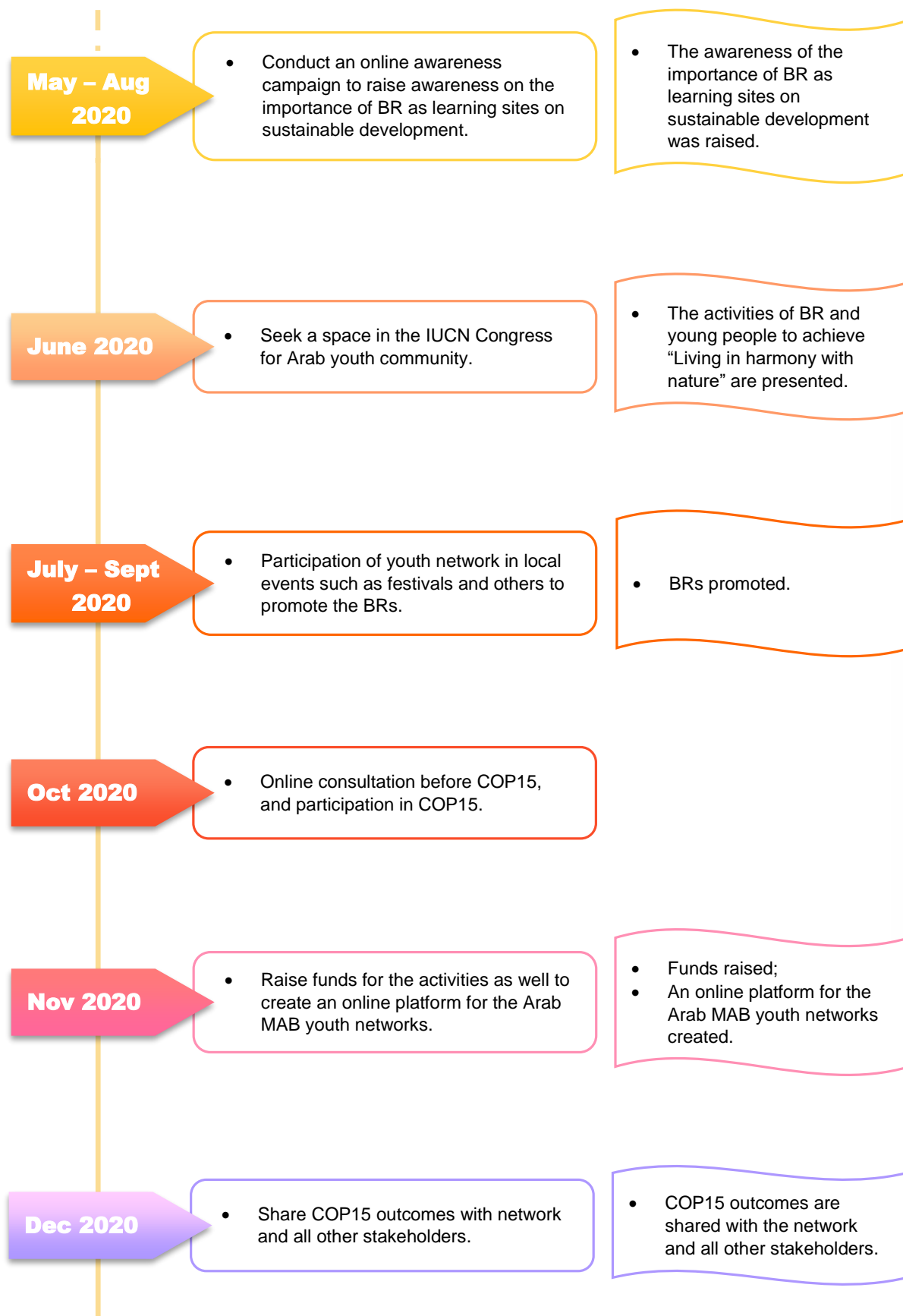
Communications

Platforms of coordination are Whatsapp and Facebook groups.

Timeline and Actions







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Asia and the Pacific MAB Youth Action Plan

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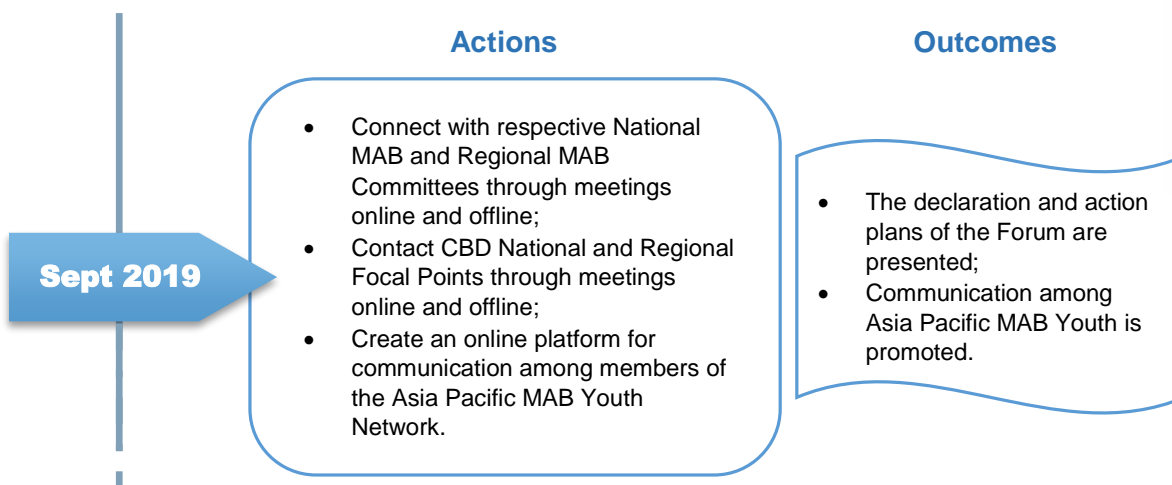
1. Establish MAB Youth Networks at the national level;
2. Build capacities of the members of the Asia Pacific MAB Youth Network on the UNESCO MAB Programme and on various international agreements and processes (Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Post 2020 Framework) on biodiversity conservation and climate change;
3. Connect with MAB National Committee and CBD National Focal Point to present the 2019 MAB Youth Forum Declaration and identify areas of collaboration;
4. Launch the database for Biosphere Reserves (BRs) research through active engagement with the academe;
5. Collaborate and partner with other regional MAB youth networks;
6. Raise awareness and promote programmes and activities of Asia Pacific MAB Youth through active social media campaign (Facebook and Instagram pages);
7. Establish an online platform for communication among the members of the Asia Pacific MAB Youth (Facebook Closed Group/WhatsApp).

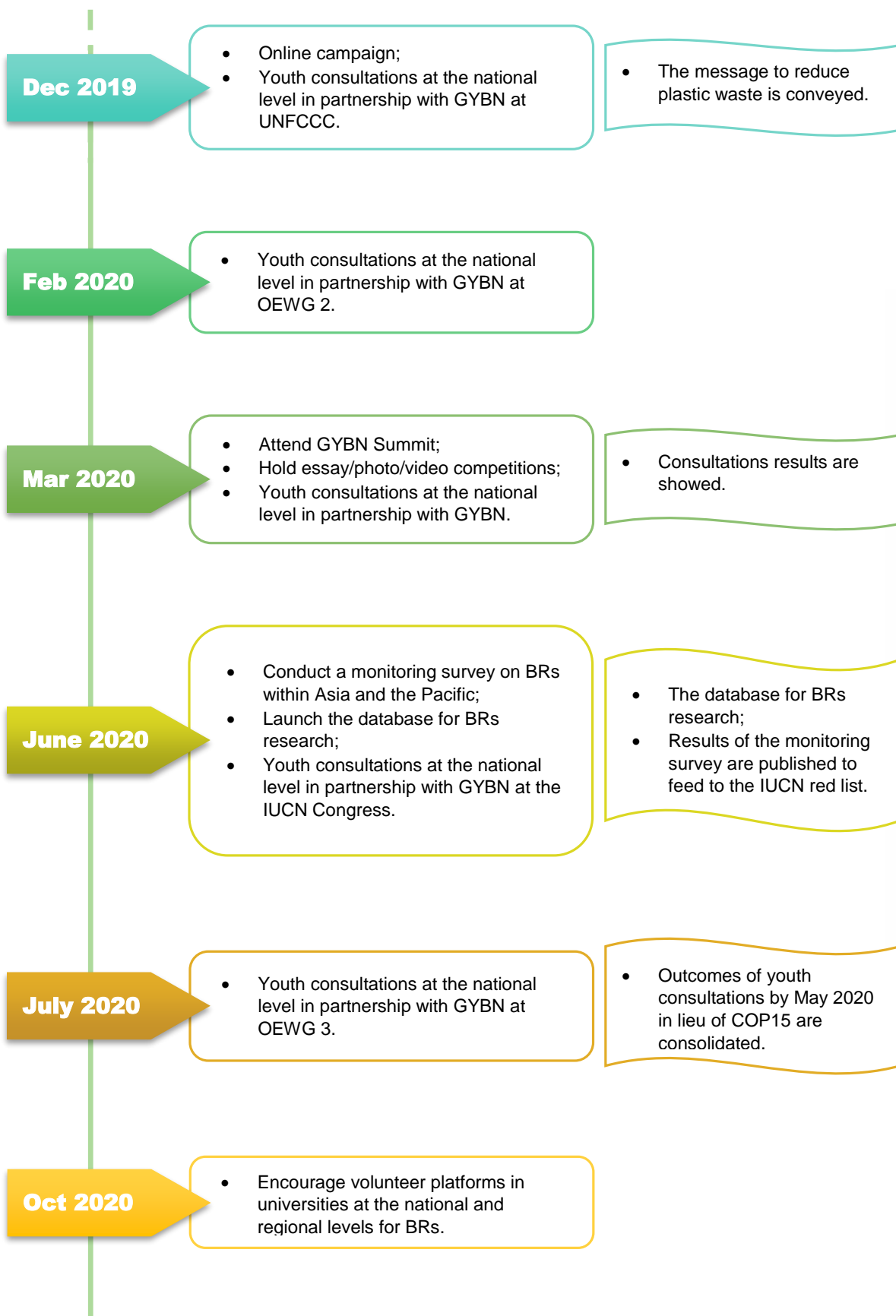
Communications

Social Media Managers/Moderators (FB/IG) are Yen Ha from Viet Nam), Tomonori Tasaki from Japan and Hima Nair from India.

Timeline and Actions

The network shall ensure its active participation in various international agreements and processes and lobby consultation results towards the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15):





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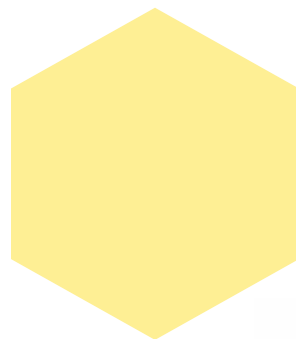


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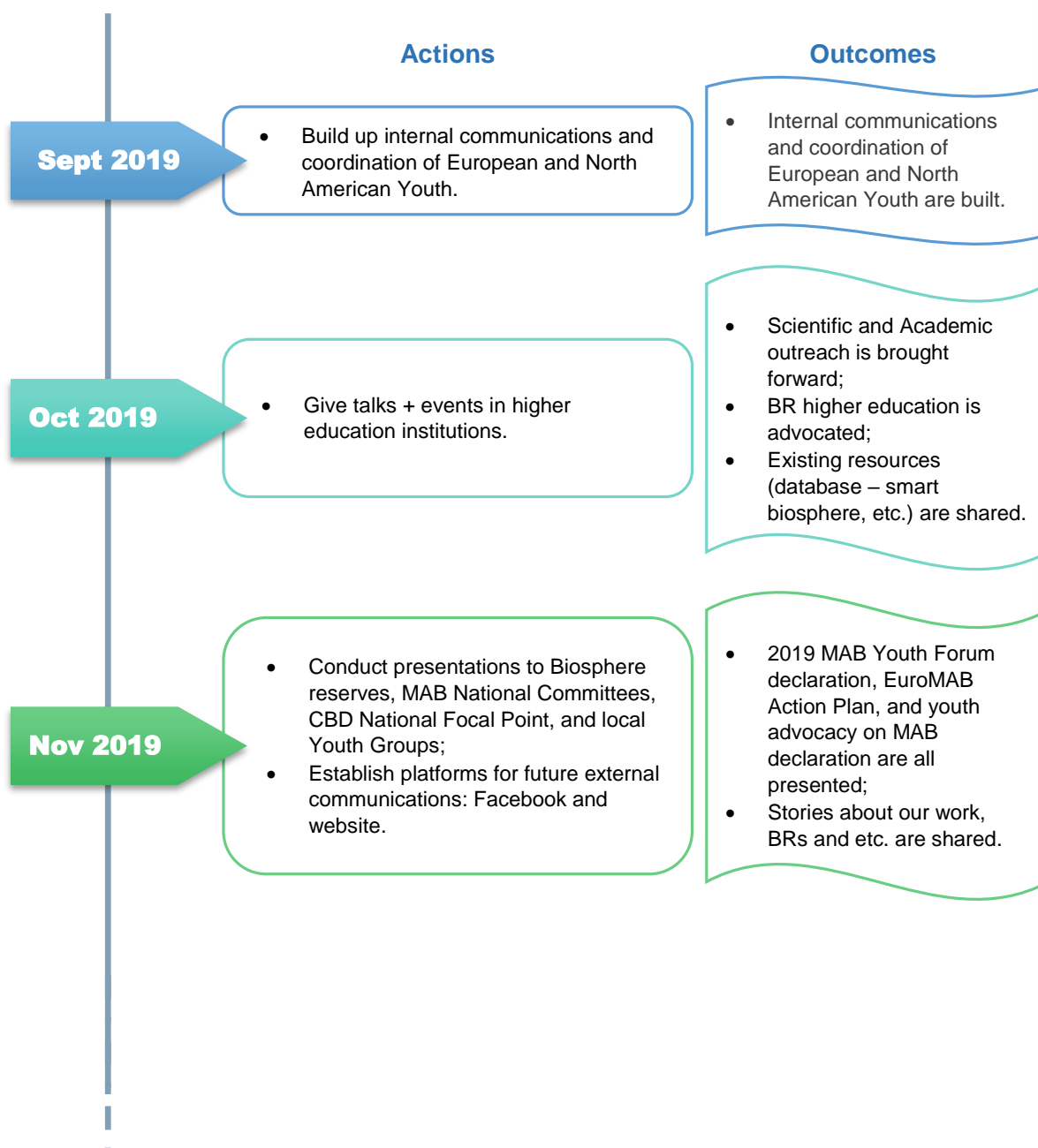


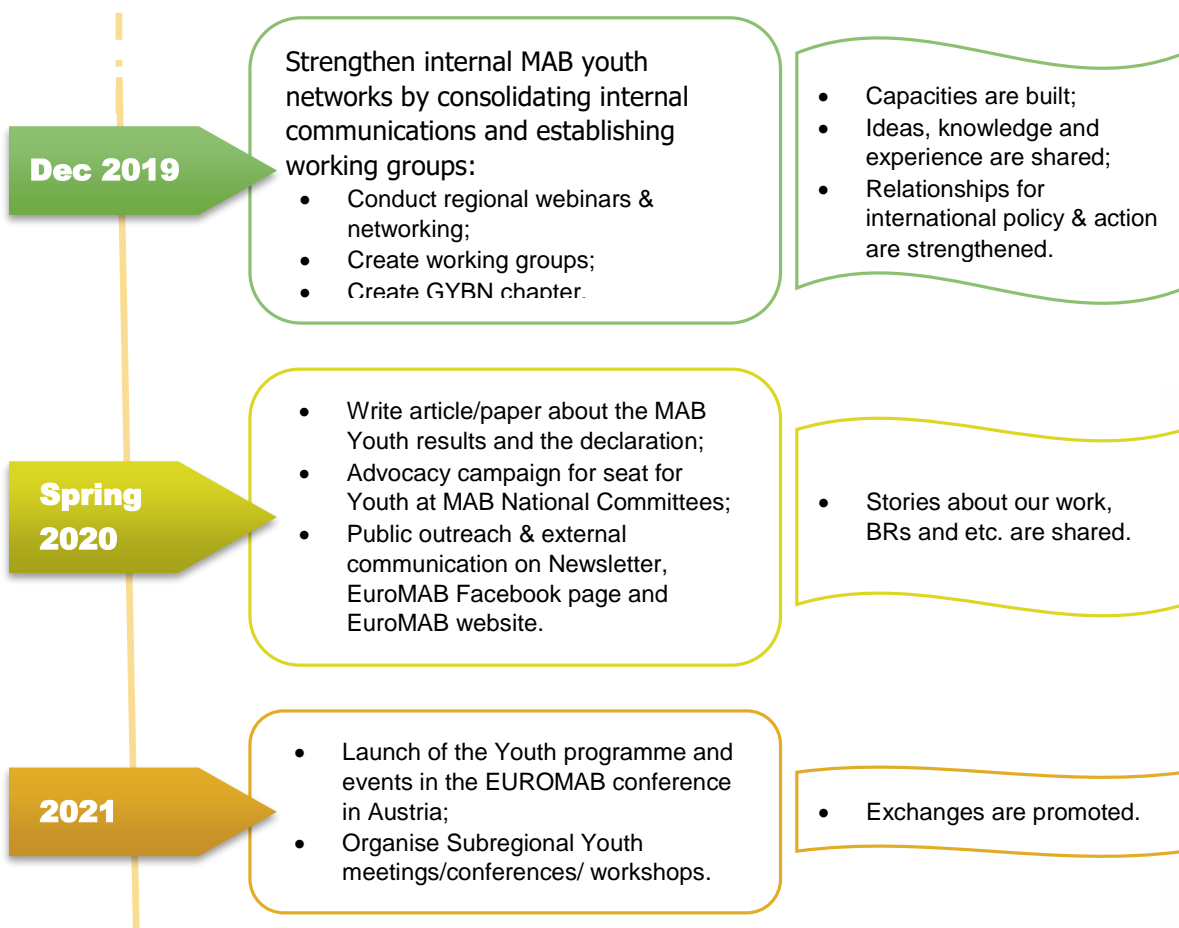
Europe and North America MAB Youth Action Plan

Communications

Platform of coordination is Whatsapp. Platform of sharing is Slack.
Meetings will be organized regularly, via skype.

Timeline and Actions





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Ibero-American and Caribbean MAB Youth Action Plan

Priority Actions

The IBEROMAB Youth Network was created during the development of the First IBEROMAB Youth Forum, where 89 young representatives of the Biosphere Reserve Network of Latin America and the Caribbean participated, taking place from December 5 to 8, 2018 at the Bosques de Paz Transboundary Biosphere Reserve in Ecuador. This event was a unique opportunity to discuss the role of the younger generations who work, study or live in the Biosphere Reserves of Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal. In this context our network proposes the following actions:

1. Fortify the Ibero-American and Caribbean Biosphere Reserves Youth Network;
2. Establish our action plan under regional, national and local levels relating the three functions of the Biosphere Reserves (conservation, development and logistic support) that are balanced in terms of interculturality and gender; strengthen the development of an effective agenda in the Biosphere Reserves;
3. Select in a democratic way and with parity criteria a youth representative from each Biosphere Reserve and one representative by country, to participate directly in the governance bodies of the Biosphere Reserves and the IberoMAB Network;
4. Promote the official presentation of our network in national and local MAB Focal Points;
5. Create a virtual platform for regional youth to include information on projects, financing, education opportunities, exchanges and research to address the challenges facing youth;
6. Promote the exchange of knowledge among young people through biennial participatory meetings and virtual seminars at all levels;
7. Contribute and promote the involvement of young people in the maintenance of ancestral and traditional ecological knowledge and good practices in Biosphere Reserves;
8. Be part of initiatives that promote the development of the Biosphere Reserve brand in the different countries that make up IberoMAB;
9. Influence institutions in the generation of employment opportunities and entrepreneurship for the youth of the IberoMAB Biosphere Reserves, which are in accordance with the values of the MAB Programme and the Sustainable Development Goals;
10. Support actions and initiatives that condemn crimes against the environment and the integrity of those who defend it; so as to ensure the protection of the natural resource;
11. Promote collaborative work with other networks of young people that are involved in environmental and conservation issues regarding sustainable development;
12. Work together with the Focal Point of the Convention on Biological Diversity of each country and with the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, for the implementation and fulfilment objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity.



Communications

Promote communication material and social media as empowerment mechanisms to transmit information about Biosphere Reserves and the contributions of youth.

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Social media community managers (Chile, El Salvador and St Kitts & Nevis) for Facebook Instagram and Gmail management.

Share Information: Application to network – Zapiens- 3 months try 7 countries Google Drive – Web Library – Format Uruguay.

News and Activities will be shared through the WhatsApp group, which is already created. Conferences and group calls will be announced through Zoom application.

Timeline and Actions

Regarding CBD and 2nd Youth IberoMAB Forum



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