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Working towards sustainable development to overcome child poverty
In the world there are 1,800 million boys and girls between 10 and 24 years old, approximately a quarter of the world population, with massive potential to benefit their societies politically, culturally and economically. Promoting their participation is a fundamental human right that helps them realize their rights and prepares them to play an active role in society. CONCAUSA is a space developed for and with teenagers where they enhance their skills that invite them to change the world around them; a movement in which teenagers’ voices are empowered and heard throughout the American continent to address the challenges present in the 2030 Agenda; a platform that calls on United Nations authorities and international representatives to be part of the audience of the new generations of youth leaders; and a platform of influence and empowerment where young people use their power of social transformation to become agents of change and rebels Concausa (With a cause).
CONCAUSA aims to empower, connect and mobilize adolescents on the continent around a network that contributes to sustainable development and overcoming child poverty. The “CONCAUSA Generation” enherents the challenge of putting the 2030 Agenda into practice through a social model that focuses on inclusive and equitable development with youth leadership to generate sustainable social change. The main objectives of the project are divided into 4 pillars:
1. Educated youth about the Sustainable Development Goals and empower them as protagonists of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

2. Strengthen project management skills among young people, both for the development of innovative and collaborative solutions, and to mobilize future leaders of the continent.

3. Empower adolescents and allows them to disseminate and spread models of sustainable social change in their communities.

4. Create a network of teenage agents of transformation, who are aware of their rights and promote them in their communities.
STAGES OF THE INITIATIVE

1. Sighting the problem in the local community

2. Detecting an opportunity to work and give a solution

3. Impulse of a project related to the SDG

4. Postulation of projects to Concausa
Local interventions to involve more young people in Concausa's formative process.

Promoting networking between teenagers and with diverse stakeholders from the continent.

Final evaluation: selection of 17 projects from all over the continent.

Final Seminary in ECLAC (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean).

Formation Week in Santiago de Chile.

Best Projects Selection per Country.
The regional meeting consists of a week of activities and workshops for adolescents in which the following topics are covered:

- Vocerías for change and incidence
- Management of social projects
- Collaborative work
- Leadership for sustainable development
- Identity and interculturality

The week ends with a seminar in which participants present their projects to their peers and regional authorities at ECLAC facilities.
Francisco was the youngest member of the international event “Young people towards 2030: Innovation for transformation”, winning the first place in the category “Best practices”. Francisco points out that the knowledge and the discursive skills developed in the CONCAUSA training week allowed him to strengthen his project and perform better in this scenario.
After participating in CONCAUSA, Francisco continued working together with his colleagues to improve their project and expand its impact. At the age of 18, he applied to the International Meeting “Young people towards 2030: Innovation for transformation”, held in September 2018 in Acapulco, Mexico, being the youngest participant of the event. Thanks to “Unidos por la Inclusión Social” and its performance in that space, it was awarded with the first place in the “Best Practices” category.

Francisco points out that the knowledge and the discursive skills developed in the CONCAUSA training week allowed him to strengthen his project and perform better in this scenario. Currently he continues to be trained as a Latin American youth leader, noting: “now my dream is to be able to return to ECLAC, not only as a young CONCAUSA, but representing Mexico as a diplomat. I know it’s not an easy way and what happens in the movies, but it is not so far since I was already there. I am working to return”. 
“(Our project) is a tool and an opportunity for many more young people than those attending the CONCAUSA, where we learn and accompany us in initiatives to change the world. But it has also become a space where young people can grow up and be a family, that teaches us about values, and many ways to open our eyes and find solutions.”

María Esperanza de la Cruz
CONCAUSA Movement
Ecuador
Generation 2016
In Ecuador, a local CONCAUSA movement has been built by participants from previous years. Santa Helena is the city that currently brings together the assembly that is working on the development and strengthening of an agenda of public and political advocacy, which places the participation and voices of young people as the protagonists of their territory. This movement has been able to add projects of young people who have nominated CONCAUSA and have not been selected, together with involving more young people to transform their environment in a sustainable way.

“We were active in our projects and locations, but we wanted to get together with other generations to carry out joint activities from our own initiatives and put together a common agenda of activities,” says Maria Esperanza, adding: “we want it to be a movement that starts transforming minds, from very small territories to big cities.”
Guillermo Passeggi
Closing Gaps
Uruguay
Generation 2017

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Back in Uruguay, CONCAUSA gave Guille and his group the motivation to think about how to transform their project “Closing Gaps” into an NGO. With desire to continue growing, they have now incorporated volunteers who have trained themselves through the knowledge obtained in CONCAUSA 2017. He highlights the formative value of the experience, stating: “I want to use it as a tool and means to improve the lives of people, use alternative educational processes in different contexts. We learned a lot in a week in Concausa, which shows how an alternative education can transform lives, and that is the path I want to follow.”

In Uruguay, a large national network is also taking shape, with a focus on rural areas, in which Concausa adolescents themselves have carried out workshops and collaborated in the realization of a camp that replicates some elements of the Concausa training week on a local level, from which more and more young people form and train their own Guillermo Passeggi peers and add them to the regional network.
Teenagers postulated their projects from 17 countries.

690 teenagers, 230 projects, 17 countries from the continent.

It is expected in the future to hold local summits in each country, these aim to develop skills and empowerment by increasing the scope of participation and the involvement of more young people to the initiative.
We are fresh eyes to see the reality, we understand the world with a place that need us we are action people. We believe in being charge where the problems happen we assume that we have to work for the world we want AND NOBODY IS GIVING US THE FUTURE THAT WE DREAM we are inquisitive research is our duty inform and manage data IS NECESSARY We are capable of understanding the reality of OUR AMERICA policy
We assume the responsibility of OURS PROJECTS.
We come from different places of America: from the highlands and the jungle, from the countryside and the city, of all our America.
We are young with dreams, with an open mind and heart,
we have learned to know each other and love us all together.
From our diverse worlds
From our diverse worlds
We can change our reality.
As inhabitants of this world,

We have the enthusiasm to create and apply solutions with others.
We give the same value to each of your voices.
We are sure that we will always have the support of the other.
We are all a block of this great strong and growing construction.
This is the identity of the Concausa generation.
WE ARE GENERATION CONCAUSA
Rebel Concausa
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Rebel that follows
Rebel that advances
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