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Yukon selects youth ambassador for Morocco climate change conference

WHITEHORSE—Annina Altherr will represent the Government of Yukon at the annual United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP22) in Marrakesh, Morocco, Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko announced today.

"The Government of Yukon understands the value of investing in our future leaders and is committed to broadening our understanding of climate related issues," Istchenko said. "The Yukon youth ambassador will have the opportunity to deepen her knowledge of climate change issues, especially related to international negotiations, and share this knowledge with Yukoners when she returns."

Now in its fourth year, the youth ambassador program is an opportunity for Yukoners aged 19 to 23 to meet people from other countries who are involved in climate change, including elected leaders, government officials, researchers and other youth. Altherr, who has lived in Yukon since 2000, is a fourth year geography and environmental studies student at the University of Victoria.

"I see climate change as one of the biggest issues of our time but also as an opportunity to work together as a global community to develop creative strategies," Altherr said. "I am excited and honoured to represent Yukon in Morocco and to share ideas and knowledge with other delegates."

Altherr will accompany Government of Yukon staff for part of the international conference, which runs from November 7 to 18. The Conference of the Parties (COP) is an annual summit that sets the global direction in response to climate change. The Yukon group will attend as part of the Government of Canada delegation.

The Climate Change Youth Ambassador program is part of the Yukon government's ongoing commitment to educate youth and further enable their development as active citizens in addressing climate change.

Learn more:

Climate Change Youth Ambassador

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