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## **Government names youth ambassador to climate change conference**

WHITEHORSE—A youth ambassador will again join the Yukon government delegation to the annual United Nations conference on climate change to be held in Peru this fall, Minister of Environment Currie Dixon announced today.

"Providing talented young people with first-hand experience of this magnitude is an investment in Yukon's ability to make wise climate change decisions in future," Dixon said. "The Yukon government recognizes the importance of youth involvement in climate change issues."

Whitehorse resident Aletta Leitch, 23, was selected from among 10 candidates who applied to be the second Climate Change Youth Ambassador for Yukon. This is an extraordinary opportunity for Yukoners aged 19 to 23 to meet interesting and engaged people from other countries who are involved in climate change, including youth with very different experiences.

"I am very interested in deepening my knowledge about climate change and learning more about the world of international relations," Leitch said. "By exploring climate change issues through an international lens, I hope to gain new insight into possible career directions as well as create opportunities to be active in the climate change arena."

Leitch will accompany two Yukon government staff attending COP20 in Lima, which runs December 1 through 12. The Conference of the Parties (COP) is an annual summit which sets out new direction in response to global 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 government's ongoing commitment to educate and help youth take action on climate change. This year the Climate Change Secretariat hosted a Youth Climate Change Conversation on July 17 and co-delivered a climate change education session to Vanier Secondary School students in their Social Justice class.

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