Program Introduction

During the DCNA convention held in October 2019 on Bonaire there was special attention placed on listening to the conservation voices for the youth of the six Dutch Caribbean islands. Young participants from all six Dutch Caribbean islands were given the opportunity to gain a greater understanding and share ideas with not only their peers but also with decision-makers and government officials in the Dutch Caribbean. The young nature ambassadors have taken this knowledge and experience with them and have spread that knowledge on all six islands with the support of the local nature management organizations. Youth participation has become a permanent part of the annual DCNA program for the six islands.

Program

Welcome
Dahlia Hassell
Projects Officer DCNA, Moderator

Keynote Speaker
Sietske van der Wal
Conservation and Education Manager & Interim Marine Park Manager
Aruba National Parks Foundation

Putting the Parks Nature Education Programs in the Spotlight

Topics:
• Opportunities and Challenges in Nature Education
• Investment in Nature Education for Youth shows Future Gains

Keynote Conversation:
20 Years Ahead in Dutch Caribbean Nature
Student Panel Discussion

Questions and Answer Session

Closure

During this 2021 DCNA Convention on Curacao, Youth will again be engaged to share their ideas and discuss matters related to nature conservation, climate change and the impact this has and will have on their lives as Dutch Caribbean and Global Citizens. This will allow participants to discuss their various opinions on issues affecting their nature education and environment along with expert support. It will also allow for the students to interact with the audience and to commonly make recommendations to policy-makers regarding the youth's vision for nature conservation.