

ENGAGE YOUTH IN NATIONAL CLIMATE PLANS

to reveal youth demands
SWIPE



Structural barriers prevent youth from participating

Youth rarely know *where* or *how* to engage in national climate plans (NDCs) processes. They are often consulted too late and without being allowed real influence.



Policy recommendation

Institutionalize youth participation. Set up youth advisory councils, include youth in NDC committees and delegations, and ensure continuous engagement.

Why it matters

Including youth builds accountability, continuity and innovation - turning consultation into true collaboration.



Capacity gaps on both sides



NDCs are often technical, published in inaccessible language and centralized in capital cities. Both youth and institutions lack tools for effective collaboration.

Policy recommendation

Build capacity and climate literacy for all. Integrate climate literacy into schools. Train both youth and officials. Make NDC information available in youth-friendly, local-language formats.

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Financial and logistical constraints

Youth are expected to volunteer their time and self-fund travel, connectivity, and participation costs. This excludes many from engagement.

Policy recommendation

Fund youth engagement. Allocate dedicated budgets and direct grants for youth- and community-led initiatives.



Why it matters

When participation is funded, it becomes equitable. Sustainable financing ensures that all young people can shape national climate action.



Youth engagement lacks feedback and accountability

Youth share ideas but rarely see how their input shapes policy - causing frustration and disengagement.



Policy recommendation

Make engagement transparent and results-oriented. Develop public trackers and youth-led monitoring systems to show how inputs shape NDC commitments.

Why it matters

Transparency builds trust and leads to sustained, more impactful engagement.



Many youth voices remain unheard

Young people who are from rural regions, Indigenous, who identify as LGBTQI+ or have disabilities face exclusion, and their knowledge is often missing from NDCs.



Policy recommendation

Localize engagement and broaden inclusion. Hold community consultations, support local youth and include Indigenous and traditional knowledge in national climate strategies.

Why it matters

Inclusive NDCs are stronger, locally grounded, culturally appropriate, and just.



Youth are ready to contribute to climate action

Young people bring
expertise, innovation, and
lived experience.

GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION

Institutionalize

Fund

Educate

Include

Build trust

Partner for impact



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