

EMPOWERING YOUTH VOICES IN ARAB CLIMATE POLICY

KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE POLICY REPORT



INTRODUCTION



Context: Urgent need for climate action in the Arab region.

Purpose: Harness youth energy and innovation in climate policy.

Background:

- Independent Technical Review of LCOYs/RCOYs in the Arab States
- Builds on the groundwork of youth climate movements.



***Disclaimer:** This presentation is based on the policy report «Empowering Youth Voices in Arab Climate Policy» and is intended to complement, not replace, official YOUNGO guidelines. For all LCOY-related processes, please refer to YOUNGO resources.*

OBJECTIVES OF THE REPORT

- Amplify youth voices and impact
- Empower Arab youth in climate policy-making
- Strengthen climate strategies through youth integration
- Bridge youth initiatives with national priorities

WHICH OBJECTIVE RESONATES MOST WITH YOU?



LCOYS & RCOYS

KEY FORMS OF YOUTH CLIMATE ADVOCACY



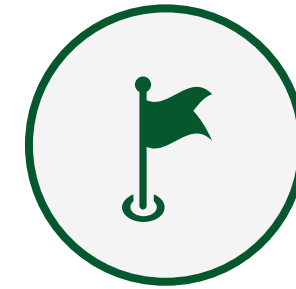
Definitions

- Local and Regional Youth Conferences
- Established platforms for structured youth advocacy in climate policy



Purpose

- Primary mechanisms for youth engagement in climate action
- Critical bridges between grassroots youth advocacy and formal policy-making processes



Key Milestones

- 2019:** First LCOY in Egypt
- 2022:** First RCOY in UAE
- 2024:** 20 LCOYs approved by YOUNGO in the region



Potential Impacts

- Policy input, capacity building, awareness raising, Innovative grassroots initiatives and solutions



NOTE: FOR OFFICIAL GUIDELINES ON ORGANIZING LCOYS AND RCOYS, PLEASE REFER TO YOUNGO RESOURCES.

CURRENT YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Case Studies: Potential Impacts of Youth Engagement

Syria



Youth input led to proposed policy for civil society involvement in NDCs

Lebanon



Direct youth engagement influenced NDC reviews

Jordan



LCOY involved children, leading to hosting its inaugural RCOY MENA

Yemen



LCOY success led to Climate Youth Negotiator Program

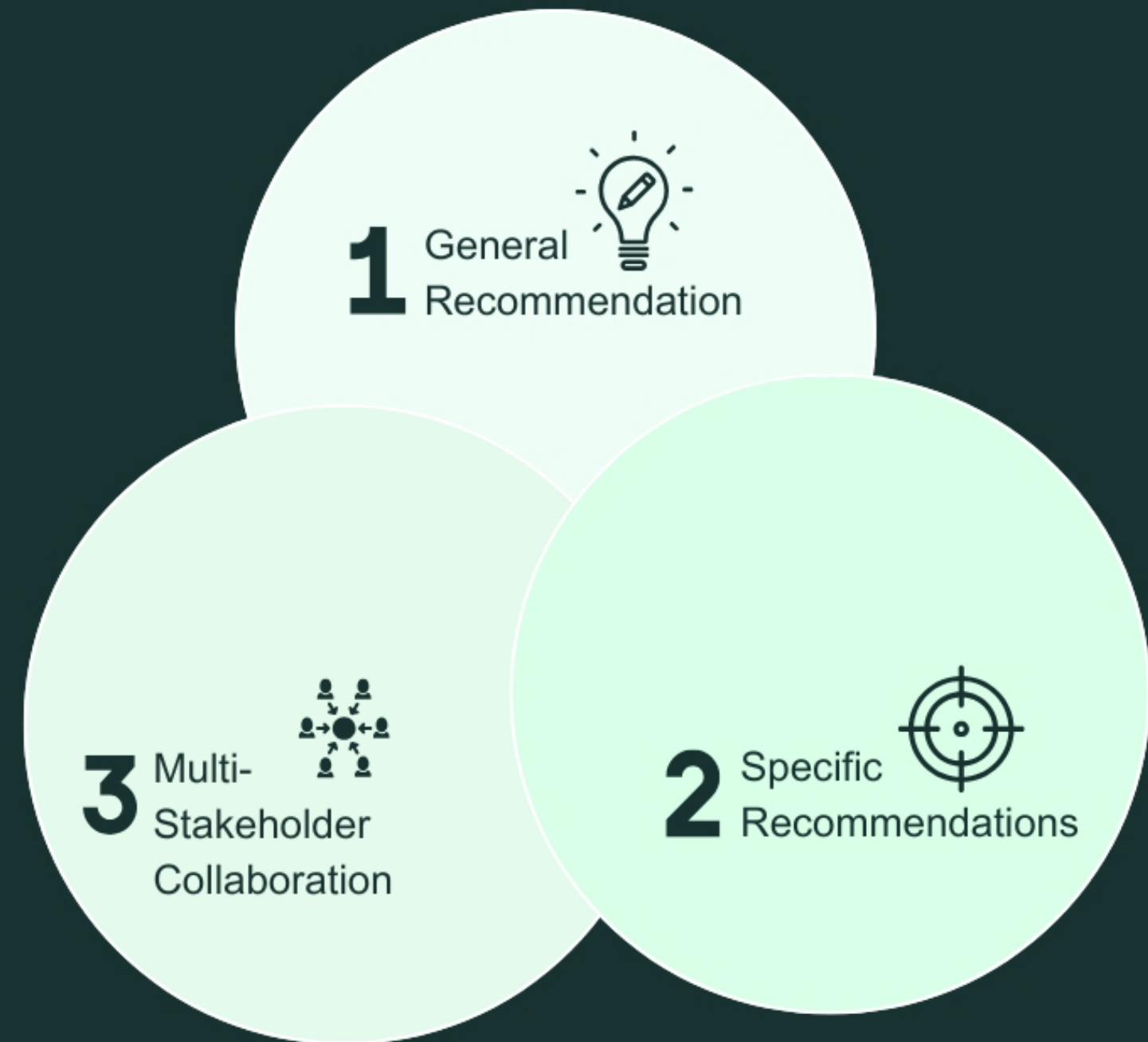
Oman



LCOY success led to Omani Youth for Climate Change Group.



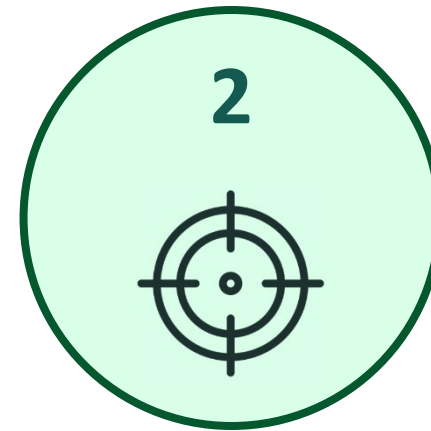
INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK FOR YOUTH-LED CLIMATE ACTION





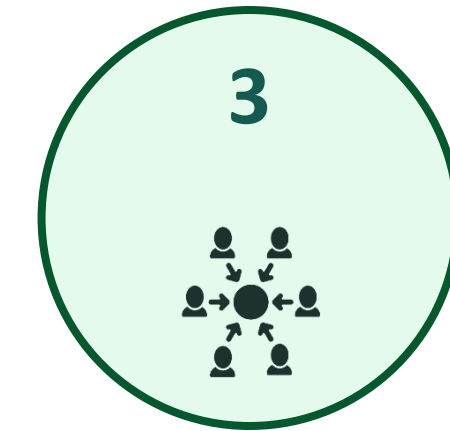
General Recommendations

- Formal recognition of youth platforms
- Structured youth representation
- Integration of youth-led initiatives
- Legislative support
- Enhancing transparency
- Capacity building programs



Specific Recommendations

- Strengthening regional-local collaboration
- Using UNFCCC language
- Creating sustainable funding mechanisms
- Aligning themes with NDCs
- Enhanced reporting mechanisms



Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration

- Civil Society and NGOs
- Government Agencies
- Private Sector
- Universities
- UN Organizations



APPLYING THE POLICY REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

LCOY Organizers

- Policy analysis (e.g., reviewing NDCs)
- Strategic planning (e.g., aligning LCOY themes with national priorities)
- Capacity building (e.g., UNFCCC language workshops)
- Stakeholder engagement (e.g., partnering with local NGOs)

LCOY Organizers

- Knowledge acquisition
- Project development
- Advocacy skills
- Policy engagement:
 - Developing concrete policy recommendations
 - Contributing to local youth statements
 - Identifying integration points with national climate policies

INSPIRATIONAL PRACTICES



Evidence-based advocacy

Tip: Use data and case studies to strengthen your arguments.



Strategic communication

Tip: Develop clear, concise messaging that articulates youth climate priorities effectively.



Collaborative approach

Tip: Form coalitions with other youth groups and like-minded organizations.



Continuous engagement

Tip: Participate actively in both formal and informal policy consultation processes.



Capacity enhancement

Tip: Develop expertise in specific areas of climate action that align with your interests and your region's needs.



Monitoring and evaluation

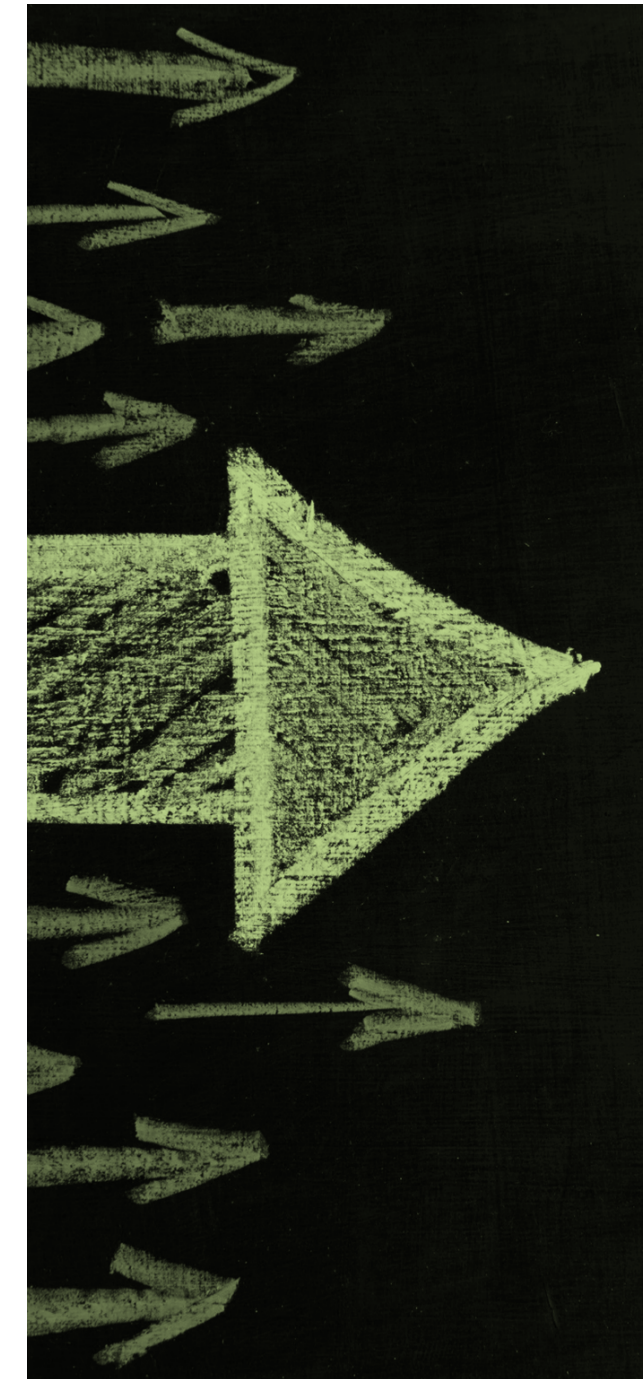
Tip: Regularly assess the impact of youth contributions to policy processes to understand what's working and what isn't.



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Youth voices are crucial in shaping climate policies
 - LCOYs/RCOYs are vital platforms for youth engagement
 - Alignment with national priorities increases impact
 - Multi-stakeholder collaboration is key
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What is your key
takeaway?



CALL TO ACTION



- Engage with your local LCOY
- Align initiatives with national climate goals
- Build partnerships for greater impact
- Continuously enhance your climate knowledge and skills
- Remember: Your individual action contributes to collective impact!
- Remember to align these actions with YOUNGO processes for maximum impact.



Q & A



Enhancing LCOYs to
Align with National
Climate Goals Survey



Measuring &
Reporting the Impact
of LCOYs Survey



Policy Report



Capacity-Building
Module Handbook
(Coming Soon)



THANK YOU FOR ALL

