

# EMPOWERING YOUTH VOICES IN ARAB CLIMATE POLICY

KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE POLICY REPORT



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# 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.*

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# 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



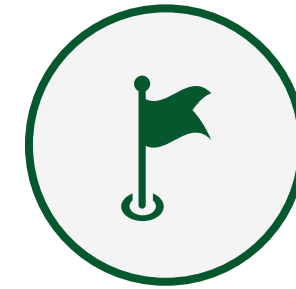
### Definitions

- 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

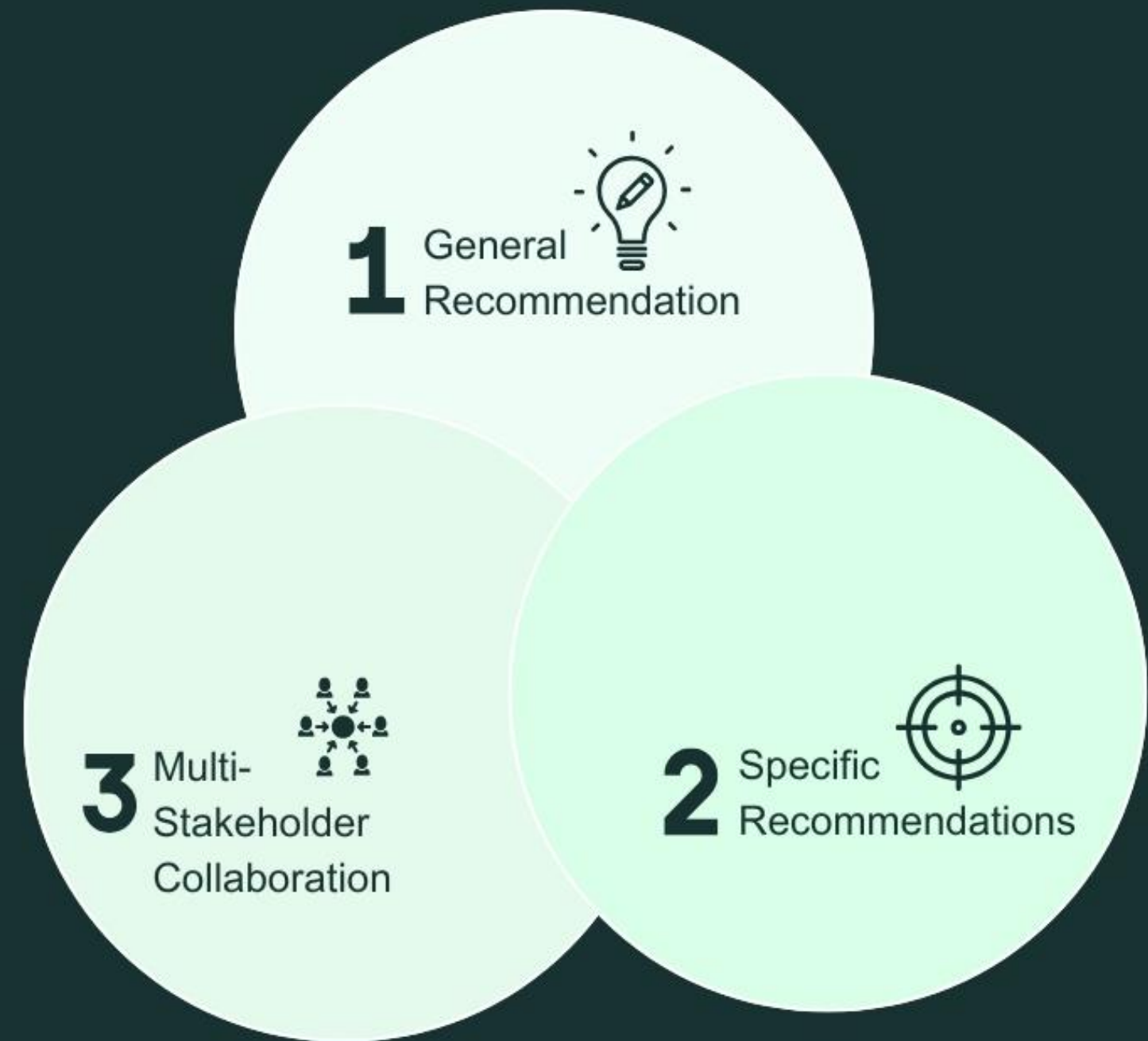


LCOY success led to Omani Youth for Climate Change Group.



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# INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK FOR YOUTH-LED CLIMATE ACTION

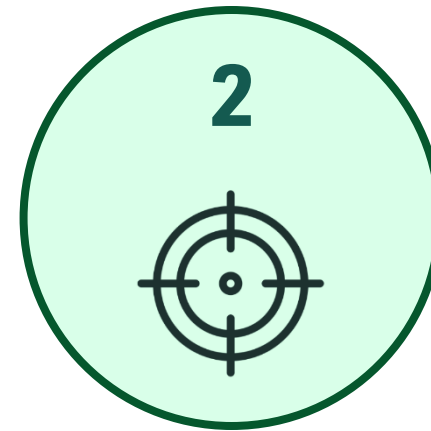




## General Recommendations

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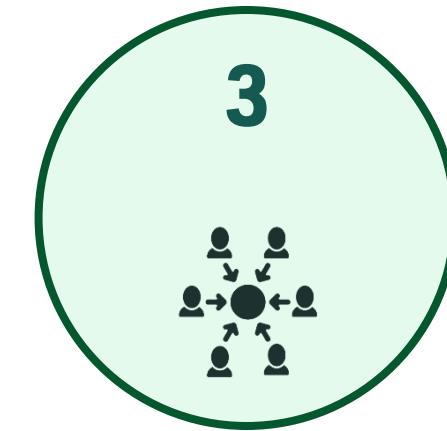
- Formal recognition of youth platforms
- Structured youth representation
- Integration of youth-led initiatives
- Legislative support
- Enhancing transparency
- Capacity building programs



## Specific Recommendations

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



## Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration

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

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



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# **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.

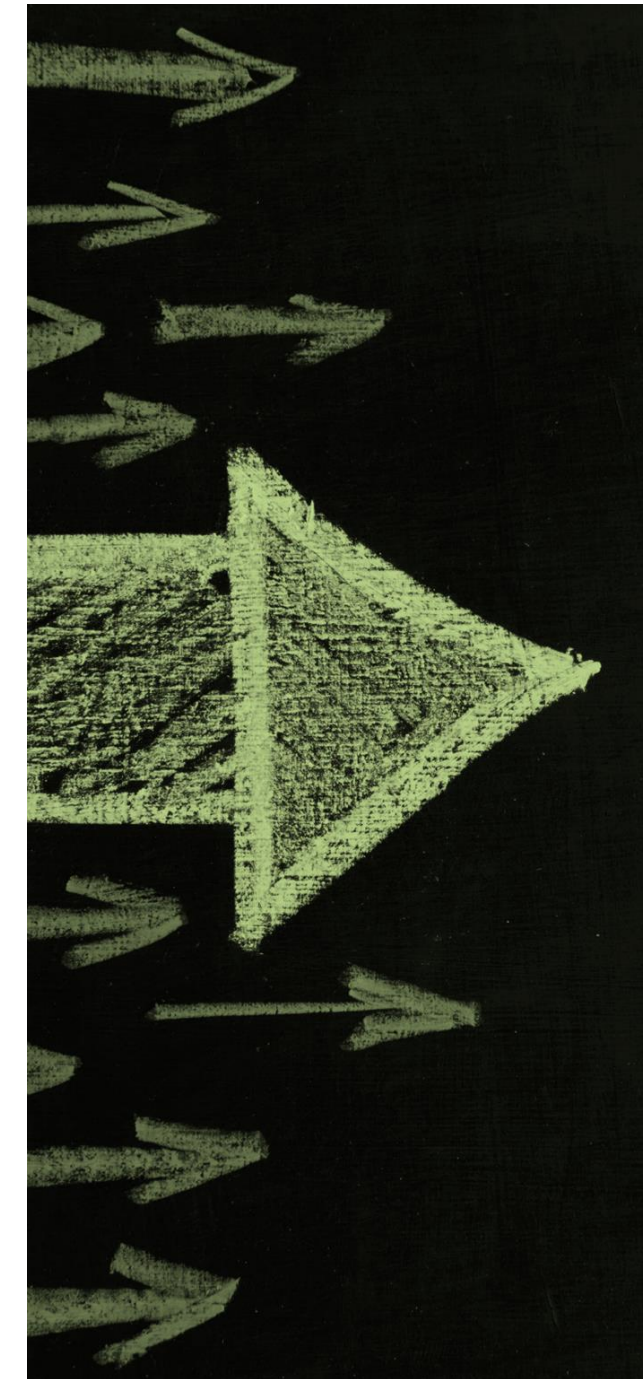


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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 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?



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# 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.



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# Q & A



Enhancing LCOYs to  
Align with National  
Climate Goals  
Survey



Measuring &  
Reporting the  
Impact of LCOYs  
Survey



Policy Report



Capacity-Building  
Module Handbook



# THANK YOU FOR ALL

