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Guide to Organizing Youth Consultations on Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans

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The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) is an international organization that promotes adaptation to the impacts of climate change. It works to climate-proof development by instigating policy reforms and influencing investments made by international financial institutions and the private sector. The organization's goal is to bring climate adaptation to the forefront of the global fight against climate change and ensure that it remains prominent.

The Youth Leadership and Education program connects and empowers young people to create a climate resilient future, while spotlighting African youth leadership around the globe. The mission of GCA's Youth Leadership & Education Program is to mobilize the next generation of adaptation leaders around the world, empowering young people to make the case for adaptation on the global stage and make their communities more climate resilient.

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Click here to find the Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day portal



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Foreword from the President and CEO of GCA

This is a decisive decade for our planet. Climate impacts are intensifying, with communities in Africa and other vulnerable regions experiencing the harshest consequences. But this is also a decade of opportunity. Around the world, nations are revising and strengthening their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs); the backbone of global climate action. These plans must do more than reduce emissions; they must deliver real, inclusive solutions that protect lives, livelihoods, and ecosystems. For that to happen, the voices and leadership of young people must be at the center.

That is why **Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day 2025** is so crucial.

On the 12th of October 2025, young people everywhere will once again come together for the world's largest youth-led event on climate adaptation. Building on the success of the 2024 edition, with more than **365** events across **73 countries**, this year's focus brings something new and critical: a spotlight on the link between youth engagement, adaptation, NDCs and NAPs.

This **Guide to Organizing Youth Consultations on Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans** is your roadmap to impact. It has been carefully designed to equip you; young leaders, student networks, youth-led

organizations, and grassroots groups, with the tools to lead. With practical steps, guiding questions, and adaptable agendas, this guide empowers you to shape conversations that matter. These consultations are platforms for influence, blueprints for action, and catalysts for change. These conversations will generate ideas, build leadership, and connect your voices to the national and global climate agenda.

By organizing a youth consultation, you are claiming your seat at the table. You are helping ensure that adaptation priorities reflect the needs and visions of the generations that will live with the consequences. You are showing the world that young people are not waiting to be invited into the process, they are already shaping it.

Now is the time to act. Use this guide. Take initiative. Bring your community together. Ask bold questions. Share your stories. And above all, make sure your voice helps shape the future of climate adaptation, starting with your country's NDC and NAP.

Let Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day 2025 be a turning point. Let it be the moment young people everywhere step forward not just as advocates, but as architects of a climate-resilient world.

Professor Patrick V. Verkooijen

President & CEO,
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What?



The **Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day**, organized by the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) on the 12th of October 2025, is the **largest-running annual youth adaptation event**, taking place in over 100 countries around the world.

This year, GCA is calling on you and other young people to organize consultations on **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)** and **National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)**. The consultations will present you with an opportunity to convene with peers, learn more about **NDCs** and **NAPs**, influence policy-making, and drive implementation on youth-led adaptation initiatives at a critical time.

Who?



With 1.21 billion people on the planet aged between 15 and 24, the current generation of young people is the largest in its history.¹ Approximately **87% of these young people live in developing countries² most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change**. This means that young people such as yourself are at the core of building resilient futures. As the leaders of youth organizations, student networks, and grassroots groups, **you are uniquely positioned** to mobilize your peers and work towards implementing youth-led adaptation plans as a primary contribution to your countries' NDC and NAP.

Why?



The key messages of each youth consultation will be sent to the GCA for consolidation. In this way, all consultations, and their common messages, will form an overarching report of the **largest simultaneous youth consultation on adaptation policy to-date**. The GCA will support youth to present the top messages and the report to the international community at COP30 in Belém, Brazil. Participating youth and partner organizations can further amplify the impact and awareness of these activities through active communication around Youth Adaptation Action Day and its related activities over social media, the internet and other public communication means, always using **#Youth4AdaptationActionDay**. This all ensures that **youth voices are amplified at the highest levels** to ensure the highest chance of their integration into ongoing global climate negotiations.

Further Opportunity to Amplify



The Day is closely linked with GCA's **The Heat Is On** main campaign for COP30, giving young people the chance to be part of a global movement that seeks to make adaptation impossible to ignore. By joining, youth voices and solutions are amplified, helping to lift adaptation as a priority at COP30.

You can:

- a Learn more** about the campaign: the-heat-is-on.org
- b Inspire others:** Share our campaign toolkit with ready-made social media posts and encourage your peers to act.
- c Use your platform:** Write about your experience with extreme heat, record a short video about how it affects you, or showcase an adaptation solution from your community—using the hashtag **#HeatIsOn**.

¹ UN. 2020. World Youth Report. ² Ibid.



Why NDCs and NAPs?



What are Nationally Determined Contributions?

Under the [Paris Agreement](#), each country must submit their national climate action plans, called [Nationally Determined Contributions](#), or NDCs, which outline how they plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to help meet the global goal of limiting temperature rise to 1.5°C and adapt to the impacts of climate change. NDCs must be updated every five years with increasingly higher ambition, taking into consideration each country's capacity.³

The UNFCCC notes that “after the original NDCs in 2015, and the second round in 2020/2021, the third round of NDCs are due in 2025 and will detail countries’ intended climate actions through 2035.”⁴ This third round of NDCs in 2025 presents a pivotal opportunity where your participation is vital to ensure these commitments address the needs of your generation. Including young people such as yourself in the design, monitoring, and evaluation of adaptation policies is critical to ensure just and sustainable adaptation.

Inclusive national policies and investments in local youth initiatives can further enhance youth participation and accelerate adaptation action.⁵ With adequate skills, employment opportunities, and supportive policies, young people can accelerate adaptation by developing innovative solutions in their communities.

What is the Paris Agreement?

According to the UNFCCC, “The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 195 Parties at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, France, on 12 December 2015. The Paris Agreement is a landmark in the multilateral climate change process because, for the first time, a binding agreement brings all nations together to combat climate change and adapt to its effects.”⁶



What are National Adaptation Plans?

According to the UNFCCC, the Conference of Parties (COP) at its sixteenth session established the process to formulate and implement [NAPs](#) to enable the Least Developed Country Parties to formulate and implement NAPs with a view to identifying medium- and long-term adaptation needs and developing and implementing strategies and programmes to address those needs; and invited other developing country Parties to employ the modalities formulated to support NAPs (see [decision 1/CP.16](#), paragraphs 15-18).⁷

The objectives of the NAP process are (decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 1):

- a To reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change, by building adaptive capacity and resilience;⁸
- b To facilitate the integration of climate change adaptation, in a coherent manner, into relevant new and existing policies, programmes and activities, in particular development planning processes and strategies, within all relevant sectors and at different levels, as appropriate.⁹



³ UNFCCC. All about the NDCs. ⁴ Ibid. ⁵ GCA. 2021. Young People and Barriers and Drivers to Climate Adaptation Action. ⁶ UNFCCC. The Paris Agreement. ⁷ UNFCCC. National Adaptation Plans. ⁸ UNFCCC. Overview - National Adaptation Plans ⁹ Ibid.

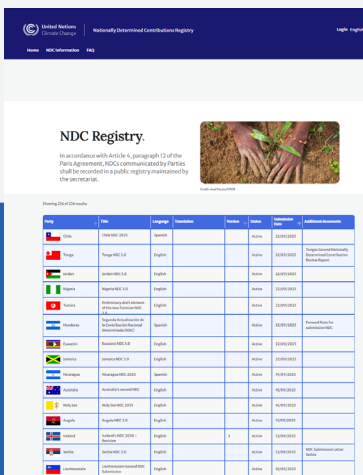


Learn More About NDCs and NAPs

UNFCCC NDC Registry

The NDC Registry is a public registry maintained by the secretariate where you can find each country's latest NDC.

[Read more here](#)



Country	Region	Language	Version	Submission Date	Update Date
Algeria	AFRICA	English	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Angola	AFRICA	English	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Argentina	AMERICAS	Spanish	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Australia	AMERICAS	English	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Bahrain	ASIA	English	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Bangladesh	ASIA	English	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Barbados	AMERICAS	English	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Belize	AMERICAS	English	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Bhutan	ASIA	English	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Bolivia	AMERICAS	Spanish	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Brazil	AMERICAS	Portuguese	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
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Canada	AMERICAS	English	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
Chad	AFRICA	English	1.0	10/10/2015	10/10/2015
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NDC Partnership

The NDC Partnership is a global coalition, bringing together more than 250 members, including 140 countries, developed and developing, and more than 110 institutions to deliver on ambitious, transformational climate action that helps achieve the Paris Agreement and drive sustainable development.

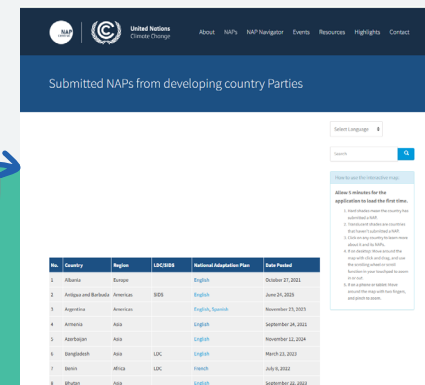
[Read more here](#)



NAP Central

Access the **UNFCCC NAP Central portal** to see if your country has submitted their latest NAP.

[Read more here](#)

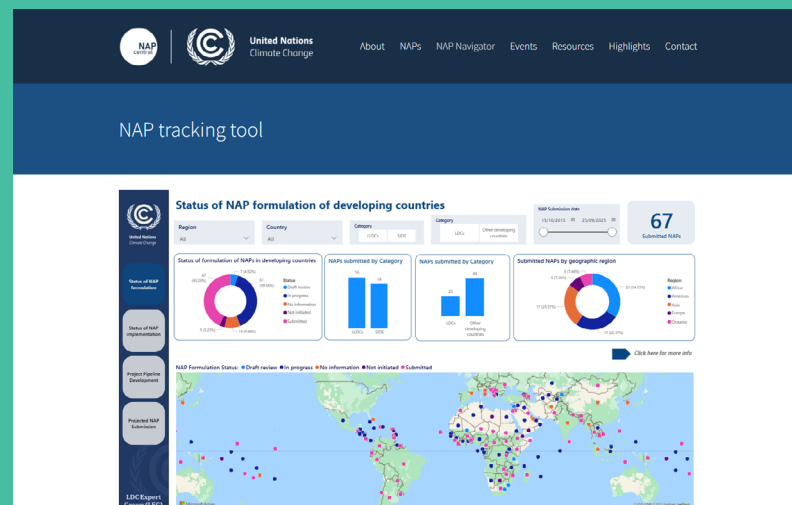


No.	Country	Region	UNFCCC	Submitted Adaptation Plan	Last Update
1.	Algeria	AFRICA	English	November 21, 2015	
2.	Antigua and Barbuda	AMERICAS	English	June 24, 2015	
3.	Argentina	AMERICAS	Spanish	November 21, 2015	
4.	Armenia	ASIA	English	September 24, 2015	
5.	Azerbaijan	ASIA	English	November 21, 2015	
6.	Bangladesh	ASIA	English	March 23, 2015	
7.	Belize	AMERICAS	English	July 16, 2015	
8.	Bhutan	ASIA	English	September 24, 2015	

NAP Tracking Tool

Check the status of the formulation or updating of your country's NAP with the UNFCCC's tracking tool.

[Read more here](#)



How?

The [Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day](#) provides a powerful platform for young voices to be heard and ideas to be shared, all united under the common goal of:



- 1 Building** the youth adaptation movement with schools, universities, and youth organizations.

- 2 Raising awareness** and increase the knowledge of young people on climate adaptation.



- 3 Driving knowledge sharing** for youth-led adaptation actions in Africa and around the world.

Inside this guide, you will find planning tips and resources, including GCA's [Toolkit for Youth on Adaptation and Leadership](#), available in English, French and Arabic, to develop your youth consultation on Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans. The outcomes of these youth consultations will be presented at COP30 in Belém, Brazil.



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What are Youth Consultations?



A youth consultation is when young people are asked to share their views and ideas about a specific issue, in this case the NDCs and NAPs, in an environment that is comfortable, safe and structured. These ideas are recorded and combined into an informative and accessible format that is given to those involved in the decision-making process of the issue at hand.

What are the objectives of youth consultations?



- ➔ **Learn** what NDCs and NAPs are, and why they are important for your country.
- ➔ **Understand** what your country has done to include young people and adaptation in its NDC and NAP.
- ➔ **Identify** what needs young people have to effectively contribute to and influence your country's NDC and NAP.
- ➔ **Explore** existing opportunities to strengthen the involvement of young people in shaping your country's NDC and NAP.
- ➔ **Develop** a written impact report on best practices, lessons learnt, and opportunities on NDCs and NAPs.



Checklist to help me organize the consultation



- ☐ **Build your youth consultation:** Utilize GCA's detailed guide to design your own youth consultation.
- ☐ **Register your youth consultation:** Make sure your event is officially on the map by registering on the Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day's GCA Youth Portal.
- ☐ **Spread the word:** Use GCA's social media package [here](#) to promote your event before, during, and after. Remember to use the hashtag #Youth4AdaptationActionDay.
- ☐ **Host your youth consultation:** Bring your youth consultation to on 12th of October, or any day between 10th and 14th October 2025.
- ☐ **Capture the highlights:** Capture the occasion by snapping a family photo with the [#Youth4AdaptationActionDay](#) letters or a 60 second video showcasing your consultation.
- ☐ **Show your impact:** Submit your impact report on the Youth Day GCA Youth Portal by 15th October 2025 to showcase the incredible impact your event made.

[Click here](#) to find GCA's social media package



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Build Your Youth Consultation

1 Highlight your objectives

- Outline your key objectives for the engagement in a structured and simple manner. Clear expectations will allow you and your peers to engage in a constructive consultation.

2 Form an event committee

- Bring together a small team of committed peers to share responsibilities.
- Where possible, seek to involve members from different backgrounds to ensure a rich variety of perspectives.

3 Design the agenda template

- Organize your consultation around your objectives.
- Keep sessions interactive and engaging with plenty of breaks for participants to reflect on the discussions.
- Utilize GCA's Agenda Template.

4 Develop a budget

- Identify any potential costs.
- Consider partnering with organizations, schools, or businesses to reduce costs and gain access to free venues.

5 Identify focal points and speakers

- Speakers: Invite a mix of youth leaders and local experts (teachers, community leaders, local officials) to provide key insights into NDCs and NAPs. Keep talks short and interactive to leave space for youth voices.

6 Select the venue

- Select an adequate setting for your consultation and make sure it is accessible and safe for all attendants.
- Consider online and hybrid settings to increase accessibility and reach.

7 Gather materials

- Identify learning resources on [NDCs](#) and [NAPs](#) (coordinate with speakers and utilize GCA's [social media toolkit on Trello](#)).

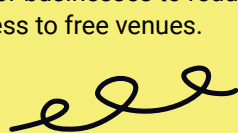
- Check if you can use digital resources or if participants may require printed copies.
- Source notepads and pens for participants to capture ideas and note down key conclusions for the impact report.

8 Recruit volunteers

- Identify key partners that can support you with the execution of the consultation.
- Provide them with designated roles and responsibilities.

9 Send invitations

- Select effective communication channels to notify your peers (WhatsApp, social media, email, etc.).
- Identify youth organizations, student associations, etc., to circulate invitations to larger groups and attract wider attention.



"Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day 2025 is your moment to lead! We invite young people from around the world to organize youth consultations on NDCs and NAPs, connect with peers, build intergenerational partnerships, and bridge international climate policies with local action. Your creativity and innovative adaptation solutions can accelerate the implementation of national policies, transforming resilience into wellbeing, jobs, and prosperity for all."

Adriana Valenzuela, Youth Leadership & Education Lead, Global Center on Adaptation





Suggested Agenda Template

The following template is to be used as a reference but can be customized according to your organization needs and abilities.

Suggested Agenda	
30min	Registration and Social Media Moments
Opening Ceremony - Welcoming Remarks	
30min	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening by organizers Recognition of distinguished guests. Such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-Country Focal Point of the African Youth Adaptation Network in (add the country, if applicable) University representatives Partners Organizations Video message from GCA
	What is the Youth Adaptation Action Day 2025? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction on what is Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day, by the organizer or the In-Country Focal Point of the African Youth Adaptation Network in (add the country)
30min	Keynote presentation or a panel with experts on Setting the scene- Overview on NDCs and NAPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are NDCs and NAPs and why do they matter? The role of young people in driving climate adaptation Key insights from expert contributors. Such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative from the Ministry of Environment or any governmental Agency Academic or policy expert on climate adaptation Youth advocate with experience in adaptation initiatives
Youth Consultation: Working Groups	
1.5hr	Guiding questions on Nationally Determined Contributions, and National Adaptation Plans (see GCA's guiding questions below)
Plenary Session	
1hr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of Youth Consultation results Joint review and collection of feedback Submission up of the report to GCA Youth Portal Family Photo with #Youth4AdaptationActionDay and the country flag

Where can I organize a Youth Consultation? Here are some examples.

- 1 Individual/ Small Scale**
 - Dinner table discussion (home)
 - Consultation with friends at a park or café
 - Online group call (WhatsApp, Zoom)
- 2 Community Level**
 - Youth Consultations at school or faith centers (classroom, church hall)
 - Neighborhood gathering (community field, basketball court)
 - Community centers or local library
- 3 School / University / Youth Organizations**
 - Campus classroom, student lounge
 - Town hall or university auditoriums, community theatres
 - Youth Consultation at NGO office or youth hub
- 4 Larger Scale**
 - Municipal halls, civic centers
 - Universities, cultural centers
 - Conference centers



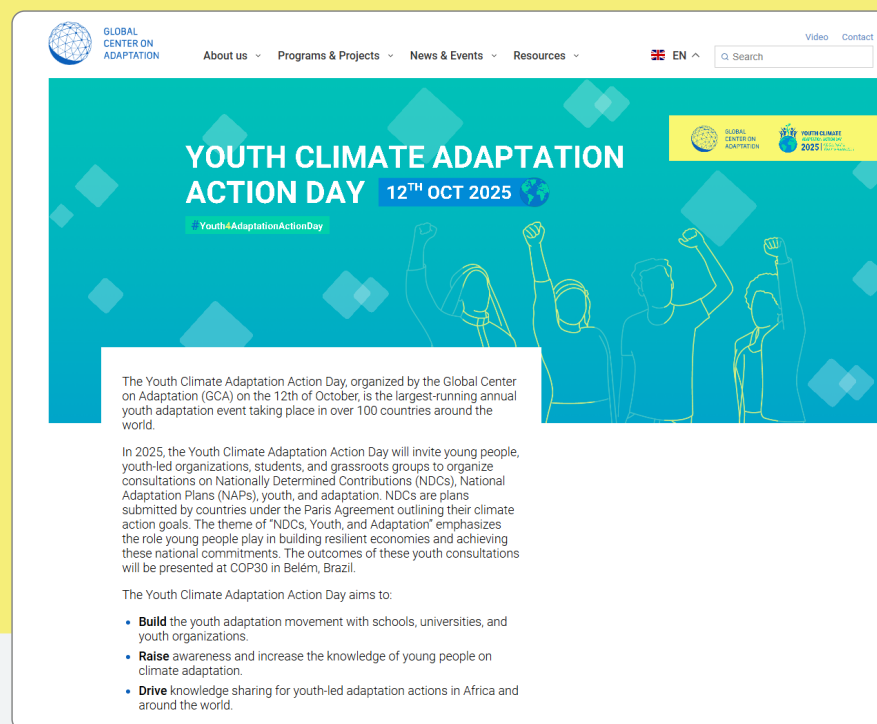
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Register Your Youth Consultation

Make sure your event is officially recognized and connected to the global movement by registering on the [Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day's GCA Youth Portal](#) by the 9th of October 2025.



Registration ensures your consultation is highlighted alongside other youth-led consultations held in over 100 countries across the globe.



Put your Youth Adaptation Lighthouse Event on the interactive map in 6 steps:

- 1 Access the online GCA Youth Portal
- 2 Start your registration
- 3 Provide event details
- 4 Add participant information
- 5 Review and confirm
- 6 Submit your registration

Congratulations! Check your email to ensure that your youth consultations event is registered and ready to shine.



5

Spread the Word



Promoting your consultation is essential to its success. By highlighting your event online, you can actively raise awareness of youth-led adaptation initiatives. Use [GCA's social media package](#) to promote your consultation before, during, and after. Remember to use the hashtag **#Youth4AdaptationActionDay**.



Together, we can make **#Youth4AdaptationActionDay** a huge success!

Before the consultation:

1 Announce the event

Social media: Post eye-catching announcements with the hashtag **#Youth4AdaptationActionDay**.

Email or WhatsApp: Get people excited by sending invites early and encourage them to follow your social media for updates.

2 Partner up: Team up with partner organizations to spread the word. Share GCA's promotional materials from Trello with them and co-host engaging sessions.

3 Build enthusiasm: Share behind-the-scenes content such as team preparations and details on speakers to get everyone excited.



During the consultation:

1 Live updates on social media:

Post real-time updates, photos, and videos. Use Instagram, TikTok, X, Telegram, Snapchat, Facebook, and other channels to bring the event to life. USE **#Youth4AdaptationActionDay** to show other young people what you're doing for Youth Adaptation Action Day.

After the consultation:

1 Use social media: Share highlight reels and thank-you posts. Tag participants and partners.



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GCA SOCIAL
MEDIA PACKAGE

PHOTO AND VIDEO
TEMPLATE



6

Host Your Youth Consultation



Bring your Youth Consultation to life on 12th October, or any day between 10th and 14th October 2025.

Tips



Before the event

- Do a final walkthrough of the venue to ensure everything is in place.
- For virtual events, test the sound and video quality to avoid any technical glitches.
- Check-in with your event committee and volunteers to run through the final checklists.
- Print resources and set out materials for participants.

Find your country's NDC Here

UNFCCC NDC
Registry

NAP Central
Database

During the event

- **Launch the program:** Start with an introduction to the objectives of the consultation, the Paris Agreement, NDCs, and NAPs. This is a great opportunity to invite a knowledgeable youth leader, PhD student, representative from the Ministry of Environment, or other expert guest to share insights and engage participants in capacity building. Present the latest version of your country's NDC and NAP and explain how participants will review it using [GCA's Guiding Questions](#) below. Emphasize key areas such as youth participation and climate adaptation initiatives.
- **Engage with participants:** Employ tools like Mentimeter, polls, or breakout discussions to encourage participation from all attendants.
- **Facilitate NDC and NAP review:** Guide participants to employ [GCA's Guiding Questions](#) to analyze the contents, gaps, and opportunities within the NDC and NAP, particularly regarding youth engagement and adaptation actions. Make sure to remind participants to document recommendations for policy influence or community-level implementation in preparation for the submission of your impact report.
- **Capture highlights:** Record a short video and take photos to highlight the key moments of your event.
- **Showcase your success:** Encourage participants to share their experiences on social media throughout the event using #Youth4AdaptationActionDay. This will help others around the world discover your event and join the conversation.

End of event

- In closing, take a moment to give a heartfelt thank you to your participants, speakers, event committee and volunteers.
- Gather valuable participant insights and feedback utilizing Google Forms or short survey. This will be essential for compiling a comprehensive impact report.
- Celebrate your event's success by taking a group photo with participants holding up letters spelling out your country's name (check out our example below).





Guiding Questions



Section A: Adaptation in my country's NDCs

1. Do you think adaptation is well reflected in your country's NDC?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Why? _____

2. What sectors does my country's NDC address in terms of adaptation?

- ☐ Food and Agriculture
- ☐ Water management
- ☐ Energy
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Coastal & marine ecosystems
- ☐ Forests & biodiversity
- ☐ Infrastructure & urban planning
- ☐ Disaster risk management
- ☐ Other: _____

3. What is strong or positive about adaptation in my country's NDC?

- ☐ Clear goals & targets (i.e. are they measurable, concrete, with timeframes, roles, or costs)

- ☐ Inclusive planning (i.e., in the design, implementation, or measurement of the goals)
- ☐ Funding allocated for adaptation
- ☐ Youth involvement (i.e., through consultations, a specific section, or targeted adaptation goals)
- ☐ Evidence-based strategies (i.e., through consultation, based on observed and projected climate impacts)
- ☐ Sector-specific policies
- ☐ Monitoring and evaluation system for adaptation
- ☐ Other: _____

4. What is missing or weak in my country's NDC regarding adaptation?

- ☐ Lack of funding
- ☐ Lack of actionable goals
- ☐ Limited youth participation
- ☐ Weak sector coverage
- ☐ Insufficient data or research
- ☐ Lack of monitoring & evaluation
- ☐ Policy coordination and alignment gaps
- ☐ Other: _____

Section B: Youth Participation in NDCs and NAPs

5. How do my country's NDC and/or NAP address youth?

- ☐ Youth consulted during drafting
- ☐ Youth included in implementation
- ☐ Youth mentioned in policy objectives and actions
- ☐ Youth excluded / not mentioned
- ☐ Youth targeted through specific adaptation goals or actions (For eg, X amount of youth will be trained in climate-resilient agricultural practices by 2030)
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Do youth feel represented in my country's NDC and/or NAP?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Partially
- ☐ No

7. What barriers prevent youth engagement in NDC and/or NAP?

- ☐ Lack of awareness, knowledge and skills on adaptation
- ☐ Lack of information on the consultations channels for NDC and/or NAPs



Guiding Questions



- ☐ Limited resources / funding
- ☐ No consultation mechanisms
- ☐ Lack of mechanisms to enhance implementation
- ☐ Lack of institutional support
- ☐ Other: _____

8. Recommendations to improve youth participation in my country's NDC and/or NAP (Concrete Actions)?

- ☐ Establish youth advisory groups
- ☐ Include youth in decision-making & leadership roles
- ☐ Provide training, workshops, and mentorship
- ☐ Create youth-specific funding or grants
- ☐ Awareness campaigns & outreach
- ☐ Networking & partnerships with institutions
- ☐ Recognition & incentives for youth initiatives
- ☐ Monitoring & feedback mechanisms
- ☐ Other: _____

Section C: Recommendations

9. Actions needed to strengthen adaptation in my country's NDC and/or NAP

- ☐ Better sector integration
- ☐ Stronger monitoring & evaluation
- ☐ More funding & investment adaptation projects

- ☐ Dedicated climate policies supporting implementation
- ☐ Community and youth-led adaptation projects
- ☐ Other: _____

10. How can youth be meaningfully included and what support/resources do they need to engage with NDC and/or NAP?

- ☐ Consultation during policy-making
- ☐ Leadership roles in projects
- ☐ Education & training opportunities
- ☐ Awareness campaigns
- ☐ Financial support / grants
- ☐ Technical guidance
- ☐ Mentorship & coaching
- ☐ Access to data & research
- ☐ Networking opportunities
- ☐ Other: _____

Notes / Additional Comments:

11. Based on the content of your Nationally Determined Contribution, what would you expect to see in a National Adaptation Plan? How can they be stronger?

Comments:



7

Capture the Highlights



Share a family photo using the **#Youth4AdaptationActionDay** letters or a 60-second video.



Submit these and your impact report on the [Portal](#) by 15th October to showcase the incredible impact of your consultation.



Make sure to use **#Youth4AdaptationActionDay**



Taking a family photo:

- Print or paint the letters **#Youth4Adaptation**, these can be downloaded [here](#), as well as the letters of your country.
- Take a family photo with everyone who attended the consultation.
- Share the family photo on the Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day Portal.
- Share the family photo on social media.

Filming the impact:

- Remember to capture the highlights of the consultation using your phone.
- In a 60 second video, put together all the highlights of the consultation.
- Share the highlight video on the Youth Climate Adaptation Action Day Portal.
- Share the highlight video on social media.

GCA Branding Guidelines 

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Showcase Your Impact in the Report

Once your youth consultation has taken place, fill in the short reporting template to share the outcomes and impact of your consultation by the **15th of October 2025 at 23:59 CET** at the latest.



Your submission will display the results of your consultation, highlight lessons learned, and demonstrate the collective contribution of youth to climate adaptation initiatives worldwide.

The insights and recommendations of these consultations will be presented at COP30 in Belém, Brazil, providing youth with a platform to share their perspectives, ideas, and suggestions with leaders and decision-makers. This presents a unique opportunity for you and your peers to shape policy and highlight youth action.

[Click Here for the Impact Reporting Template](#)



Annex 1: Stories and Examples to Kick-Start Your Consultation



Examples of youth-led climate adaptation and education in action

Youth-led climate adaptation is happening in communities around the world, everyday. The following section illustrates examples from different NDCs around the world. These stories show us the importance of youth-inclusive NDCs as well as the connection between policy and on the ground adaptation action.



***Climate-resilient:** means being able to cope with and recover from the effects of climate change—like stronger storms, floods, or droughts—without being badly harmed. A climate-resilient person, community, or system is prepared for these challenges and can bounce back and keep going.



Climate change is making extreme weather events, like droughts, more frequent and severe.



Country example: In Ethiopia, droughts are now more frequent than they were 20 years ago, and there is less rainfall overall.



Problem 1: Farmers need the right amount of rain and the right temperatures to grow their crops. But with less rain and rising temperatures, it is getting harder to grow enough food.



Problem 2: Young farmers and youth entrepreneurs seeking to develop solutions may lack the necessary tools to produce climate-resilient food.

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Adaptation planned action 1: Ethiopia plans to use improved types of crops that can survive tough conditions like heat and drought.¹⁰

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Adaptation planned action 2: Capacity-building workshops made for young farmers and entrepreneurs can help them understand the adaptation solutions needed to produce climate-resilient food.

Expected outcome: Climate-adapted crops will still grow even when the weather is difficult, helping young farmers continue to earn a living and ensuring people have enough food to eat.

¹⁰ Updated Nationally Determined Contribution of Ethiopia: Climate-Smart Agriculture Roadmap (2021).
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Climate change is making extreme weather events, like storms, more frequent and severe.



Country example: Vanuatu, a small island nation in the South Pacific, is already experiencing the devastating effects of climate change. Over 600 million USD (more than 60% of the money Vanuatu generates in a year) was lost due to a single storm, Cyclone Harold, in 2020.¹¹

Problem: Extreme weather events severely damage school buildings, making them unsafe and preventing students from attending school for long periods.



1

Adaptation planned action 1: To address these challenges, Vanuatu has committed that 100% of schools will create emergency plans by 2030 so they can respond quickly to any climate emergency.

2

Adaptation planned action 2: To ensure students don't miss out on learning when schools are closed, Vanuatu also commits that every child—regardless of climate or disaster circumstances—must be able to access the education system. This could include offering temporary online classes.

Expected outcome: Schools will be able to respond faster to climate impacts, protecting learning materials, and the government will ensure students can continue learning even if schools must close.



Young people have a crucial role to play in fighting climate change, but they often face barriers that prevent them from getting involved.



Country example: In Costa Rica, many young people care deeply about the environment but are not always included in climate decision-making. This lack of youth participation is mainly due to a lack of opportunities and spaces where they can speak up and be heard.¹²

Problem: Without opportunities to get involved, young people cannot fully contribute to climate action or help shape their future.



1

Adaptation planned action 1: Costa Rica is including climate change in school curricula for students to learn about the issue early on and understand how they can make a difference.

2

Adaptation planned action 2: The country is also working to create more spaces where young people can share their voices and contribute to climate solutions.

Expected outcome: Young people feel more empowered, informed, and involved. They become leaders in their communities and active participants in building a climate-resilient future.



***Empowerment:** means giving people the confidence, knowledge, and tools they need to take action and make their own decisions. When someone is empowered, they feel strong, capable, and heard.

¹¹ Vanuatu's Revised and Enhanced 1st Nationally Determined Contribution (2022). <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/NDC/2022-08/Vanuatu%20NDC%20Revised%20and%20Enhanced.pdf>

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Toolkit for Youth on Adaptation and Leadership

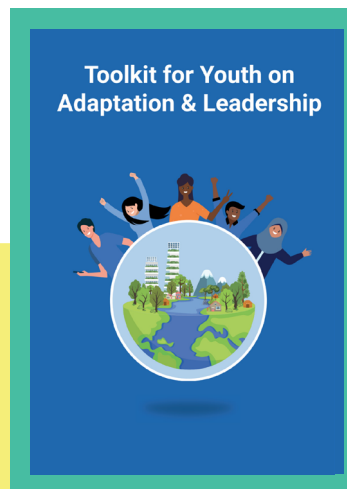
Find out more about the Toolkit for Youth on Adaptation and Leadership. The toolkit aims to equip young people with the knowledge and skills to engage in climate adaptation policy, advocacy and action.



Available in
English, French
and Arabic

Find out more here

EXPLORE THE TOOLKIT



<p>Module 1</p> <p>Understand: Climate Change</p> 	<p>Module 2</p> <p>Understand: The basics of vulnerability and climate change adaptation</p> 	<p>Module 3</p> <p>Understand: Vulnerable groups and climate adaptation planning</p> 	<p>Module 4</p> <p>Learn: Youth-led climate adaptation solutions: African case studies</p> 
<p>Module 5</p> <p>Develop: Soft skills for youth leadership in adaptation</p> 	<p>Module 6</p> <p>Engage: Climate adaptation policies: local, national, and international</p> 	<p>Module 7</p> <p>Design: Adaptation advocacy strategy</p> 	<p>Module 8</p> <p>Design: Adaptation Action</p> 

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Resources

Acronyms

ACE	Action for Climate Empowerment
CO₂	Carbon Dioxide
COP	Conference of the Parties
GCA	Global Center on Adaptation
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
LDC	Least Developed Country
LEG	Least Developed Country Expert Group
NAP	National Adaptation Plan
NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
YAN	Youth Adaptation Network

Definitions

Youth: Every person between the ages of 15 and 35. (African Union, 2006)

Climate change: The IPCC defines climate change as “any change in climate over time, whether due to natural variability or as a result of human activity.” (IPCC, 2014)

Climate adaptation: The IPCC defines it as “the process of adjustment to actual or expected climate and its effects. In human systems, adaptation seeks to moderate or avoid harm or exploit beneficial opportunities. In some natural systems, human intervention may facilitate adjustment to expected climate and its effects”. (IPCC, 2014)

Climate mitigation: The UN defines as “any action taken by governments, businesses or people to reduce or prevent greenhouse gases, or to enhance carbon sinks that remove them from the atmosphere.” (UNDP, 2024,)





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