



Resource Brief

Youth Engagement

The [NDC Partnership Knowledge Portal](#) is a curated online platform which provides access to over 1000 knowledge resources across three platforms: the [Climate Toolbox](#), the [Good Practice Database](#), and the [Climate Finance Explorer](#). These resources include specific guidelines, tools, case studies, lessons learned, partner platforms, funding opportunities, and other resources that can assist countries in strengthening climate action across a variety of sectors and key topics. By using the Knowledge Portal’s search functions, users can identify a curated set of knowledge resources to fit their needs.

Together, 49 Knowledge Portal resources exist on the topic of Youth. This Resource Brief provides a short list of key resources relating specifically to advancing youth engagement and the rights of youth across a variety of climate-related sectors. Additional resources on the topic can be accessed through the search options on the NDC Partnership’s [Knowledge Portal](#).

RESOURCES

Youth		
Climate Toolbox		
Resource	Source	Description
Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy	African Development Bank (AfDB)	This is the resulting report from the Regional Ministerial Conferences on Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship in Africa 2017.
Children’s Rights and the Environment	CERI, Terre des hommes, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	This guidance seeks to provide a concise guide to reporting on children’s rights as they relate to environmental issues. It is primarily intended to assist civil society organizations from both the human rights and environmental fields.
Climate Generation Curriculum	Climate Generation	This is a suite of Grades 3-12 curriculum resources in the form of curriculum guides, as well as online modules that can be downloaded for free.
Green Jobs for Youth	Decent Jobs for Youth, United Nations	Green Jobs for Youth is a thematic plan for boosting decent jobs for young people and greening the economy.

Youth in Development: From Policy to Practice	Denmark	This Youth in Development Toolkit contains programme management tools and guidance notes for increased youth mainstreaming to be used as inspiration when designing, implementing and evaluating development engagements.
Our planet, our future: fighting climate change together	European Commission	This youth magazine outlines the science of climate change as well as personal actions that young people can take to make a difference.
Youth in motion for climate action!	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	This FAO guide is a compilation of youth initiatives in agriculture to address the impacts of climate change.
The Futuring Tool: A Toolkit for Responding to the Demands of the Fridays for Future Movement (for Governments)	Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)	The Futuring Tool is designed to help governments reflect on and reform their governance processes to better respond to the Fridays for Future movement, youth calls for climate justice, and concerns for the future and future generations.
Promoting green entrepreneurship among young women and men in Kenya	International Labour Organization (ILO)	This is a fact sheet describing best practices in promoting youth entrepreneurship in East Africa.
Act to Adapt: Program Overview	Plan International	This resource provides a short overview of the three components of Plan International's Child-Centered Climate Change Adaptation (4CA) program
Act to Adapt: The Next Generation Leads the Way! Child-Centered Climate Change Adaptation (4CA)	Plan International	This resource provides a detailed review of Plan International's Child-Centered Climate Change Adaptation (4CA) program.
Child-Centered Participatory Capacity and Vulnerability Assessment Guide	Plan International	This is a guide with templates for assessment of child-centered participatory capacity and vulnerability projects, with a case study carried out in the Philippines.
Guides for Facilitators: Climate Change Assessment & Adaptation Pattern Selection	Plan International	This guideline is developed to help facilitators gain information and introduce climate change to the community and children.
Y-Adapt	Red Cross/Red Crescent	Y-Adapt is a curriculum composed of games and activities for young people to better understand climate change and to take practical action to adapt to the changing climate in their community.

Meaningful Youth Engagement made simple: just hit the bullseye	Restless Development	Restless Development's Global Capacity Building Manager Rachel Walker outlines four common mistakes, five easy questions, and one handy bullseye for meaningful youth engagement.
Climate Change and Youth Employment	SNV Netherlands Development Organisation	This brief sets out SNV's approach to integrate youth employment and climate change solutions.
Meaningful Youth Participation towards 2030 and Beyond	The Danish Youth Council	Meaningful youth participation towards 2030 and Beyond identifies legitimate national youth councils as platforms for youth participation and facilitators of sustainable change
Climate Change: From Learning to Action	UN CC: Learn	The free online course helps participants understand what climate change is, how it affects communities, and what can be done to address it.
Exploring Youth Entrepreneurship	UN DESA	This report explores aspects of youth entrepreneurship as a mechanism to address development challenges and support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
Measuring Youth Development through the indicators of the SDGs and the WPAY	UN DESA	These infographics provide a compilation and comparison of the youth-related indicators pertaining to both the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY).
Climate Box: An interactive learning toolkit on climate change	UNDP	UNDP has developed a learning toolkit for school children with important information related to global climate change.
Advancing Youth Civic Engagement and Human Rights	UN Habitat	This is a guide to advancing youth civic engagement and human rights with young people.
Actions for Children and Youth Resilience: Guide for Governments	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	This publication provides guidance for Governments regarding the development and implementation of public policies for Disaster Risk Management.
Children's Participation in Climate Action	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	This document outlines UNICEF's key program strategies in children's participation in climate change in East Asia and the Pacific.
Climate Glossary for Young People	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	This is a glossary-style guide with concepts and definitions needed to understand if one is an activist and how to get started in climate activism. It includes essential concepts about climate change, climate action, instruments, and human rights.

Community Conversations for Climate Change	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	In this activity, students talk to members of their community about some of the environmental and climate change they have noticed since they were young.
Declaration on Children, Youth and Climate Action	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	The Intergovernmental Declaration on Children, Youth and Climate Action reflects priorities identified by children and youth throughout the world and was signed by a group of governments on December 9, 2019.
Engaged and Heard! Guidelines on Adolescent Participation and Civic Engagement	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	These guidelines are intended to support the design of meaningful and equitable adolescent participation and civic engagement across sectors.
Escazú Agreement for Young People	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	This document includes essential information about the Regional Agreement on access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, known as the Escazú Agreement. It outlines the agreement's its importance and its articles in youth-friendly language.
Guidance on Risk-Informed Programming	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	UNICEF presents this guidance on how to integrate an analysis of risk into child rights-focused planning and programming.
Making Climate and Environment Policies for & with Children and Young People	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	This discussion paper demonstrates a gap in child sensitivity of climate policies, explains the importance of including the needs and priorities of children and young people in policies and plans to benefit the whole of society, identifies best practices, and provides guidance for policymakers on how to meaningfully partner with children and young people as climate and environmental champions for a sustainable response. It contains an analysis of 103 submitted NDCs.
Paris Agreement for Young People	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	This document includes essential information about the Paris Agreement, its importance, and all its articles in youth-friendly language.
Risk-Informed Education Programming for Resilience	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	This guidance note identifies ways to increase the resilience of education systems and populations in the face of climate change.

<p>The Children's Climate Risk Index (CCRI) Interactive Atlas</p>	<p>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p>	<p>The UNICEF Children's Climate Risk Index (CCRI) provides the first comprehensive view of children's exposure and vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. The CCRI Interactive Atlas allows users to visualize the Index and its key components on a map. The Index ranks countries based on children's exposure to climate and environmental shocks, such as cyclones and heatwaves, as well as their vulnerability to those shocks, based on their access to essential services.</p>
<p>Tools for Climate Action</p>	<p>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p>	<p>This is a guide to understanding key tools for making progress towards the global climate action goals and the SDGs, including the Paris Agreement, Nationally Determined Contributions, and other tools.</p>
<p>UNICEF Climate and Environment Resource Hub</p>	<p>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p>	<p>UNICEF's Resource Hub for climate and environment resources offers access to featured publications, quick links, case studies, partners, and a database of our climate and environment related publications.</p>
<p>What is climate governance?</p>	<p>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p>	<p>This guide details climate governance and the decision-making process at the national and international levels, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, how it works and the mechanisms for participation.</p>
<p>Youth Climate Action in the time of COVID-19</p>	<p>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</p>	<p>Voices of Youth reflects on the ways that young people can continue to show their support for climate action during the time of COVID-19</p>
<p>Integrating action for climate empowerment into nationally determined contributions: a short guide for countries</p>	<p>United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)</p>	<p>This guide provides countries with advice on how to enhance ambition and address the six elements of "Action for Climate Empowerment," or ACE.</p>
<p>YouthXchange guidebook series: climate change and lifestyles</p>	<p>United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</p>	<p>This is a guide on how young people can create behavioral change to shift towards more sustainable lifestyles and consumption habits.</p>
<p>Youth in action on climate change: inspirations from around the world</p>	<p>United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)</p>	<p>This publication highlights concrete climate-related activities young people are leading around the world.</p>

Active Labor Market Programs for Youth: A Framework to Guide Youth Employment Interventions	World Bank	This note is a tool to provide policymakers and youth-serving organizations with a framework to better diagnose short- to medium-run constraints facing the stock of unemployed youth and to better design evidence-based youth employment interventions.
Open Learning Campus (OLC)	World Bank	The Open Learning Campus (OLC) accelerates development solutions by transforming global knowledge into actionable learning. The OLC is a destination for development learning that will build the leadership and technical capabilities of all development stakeholders: partners, practitioners, policymakers, staff, and the public.
Advocating for change for adolescents!	World Health Organization (WHO)	This is a practical toolkit for young people to advocate for improved adolescent health and well-being.
Good Practice Database – Case Studies		
Resource	Source	Case Summary
Building Resilience to Climate Change Locally: The Case of Valenzuela City, Metro Manila	Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)	The Partners for Resilience (PfR) program is designed to provide the resources and expertise to build resilient communities. The success of this program was enabled by PfR’s partnership with local organizations, such as the Win Youth Club, whose already-strong presence on the ground helped to disseminate information and materials.
Enabling Andean Communities to Adapt to Climate Change through the Management, Conservation, and Restoration of the Páramos Ecosystem (ACCRE)	Ecuador; Care Ecuador, CDKN	The ACCRE project aimed to reduce vulnerability to climate change by establishing a resilient model of family production while contributing to the conservation of the Andean páramos, which provide water for human consumption and irrigation. Project analysis found that a surge in the youth demographic could offer the opportunity to involve young people in making eco-friendly changes to life and work.
Bringing Climate Finance to the Local Level: Mali’s Climate Fund Decentralisation	Global Good Practice Analysis (GIZ UNDP)	The Decentralising Climate Funds programme sought to strengthen the resilience of communities in Mali and Senegal, particularly women and young people, by enabling them to prioritise investments in public goods that deliver a high socio-economic impact.
Energising Development (EnDev) Tanzania	SNV and Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)	The overarching goals of the EnDev programme in Tanzania, implemented by SNV, are to tackle energy poverty, increase access to cleaner energy sources for households, and increase the amount of sustainable income for women and men. Identify high-performing women who are willing to create mentorships with young women via the programme and/or document their stories, which can be shared more widely.

<p>Towards a More Equal City Johannesburg: Confronting Spatial Inequality</p>	<p>World Resources Institute (WRI), UK Aid</p>	<p>This case study examines transformative urban change in Johannesburg, South Africa through transit-oriented development (TOD). It reviews the evidence on whether Johannesburg's TOD strategy has helped reduce inequality in the city, and if so how. It includes consideration of youth constituencies, including young professionals who are already interested and willing to live near public transit.</p>
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