



# Youth Inclusion for Sustainable Peace

Strengthening youth inclusion in decision-making is crucial for peace and sustainable development in Arab countries. This presentation will delve into the challenges and solutions, emphasizing the emotional and factual narrative.

# Challenges Facing Arab Youth

## Educational Barriers

Limited access to quality education hinders active youth engagement in sustainable development initiatives.

## Economic Obstacles

Unemployment and financial instability among youth act as barriers to their active participation in sustainable development efforts.

## Environmental Concerns

Arab youth face a lack of awareness and resources for sustainable environmental development.

# Statistical Insights

Challenge	Data/Statistics
Limited Access to Education	According to UNESCO, the Arab region has the highest youth illiteracy rate in the world, with 15% of youth aged 15-24 unable to read or write.
High Unemployment Rates	The International Labour Organization (ILO) reports that Arab countries have the highest youth unemployment rates globally, with an average rate of 30.6% in 2020.
Lack of Political Representation	Arab youth are significantly underrepresented in political decision making. The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) states that only 2.7% of Arab parliamentarians are under the age of 30.
Limited Access to Information	The Arab Barometer Survey reveals that 33% of Arab youth feel that they have limited access to information, hindering their ability to engage in decision making processes.
Socio-cultural Barriers	Traditional norms and cultural expectations often limit the participation of Arab youth in decision making. For example, gender inequality and age hierarchies can restrict their involvement.

30%

## Limited Inclusion

Only 30% feel adequately represented in national decision-making bodies.

60%

## Desire to Participate

60% of Arab youth express a strong desire to contribute to policy-making.



# Challenges in Climate Change Negotiations

## 1 Limited Representation

Arab youth are poorly represented in climate change negotiations and discussions.

## 2 Knowledge Gaps

There is insufficient understanding of climate change issues and negotiation processes among Arab youth.

## 3 Financial Constraints

Limited access for youth to training and resources necessary for effective participation in climate change negotiations.



# Recommendations and Solutions

1

## Empowerment through Education

Integrate sustainable development and peacebuilding topics into educational curricula to build the capacities of young people.

2

## Youth Leadership Programs

Create leadership programs for youth to train them as negotiators in climate change issues and peace initiatives.

3

## Mentorship Opportunities

Provide mentorship programs to support youth in engaging in decision-making processes.

# Empowering Young Negotiators

1

## Training Programs

Implement targeted training to equip youth with negotiation skills for climate change discussions.

2

## COP Participation

Ensure youth representation at Conference of Parties (COP) to voice their perspectives.

3

## Policy Impact

Empower them to influence policies directly related to sustainability and peace.

# UN Youth Delegates and COP28 Youth delegates

## Global Platform

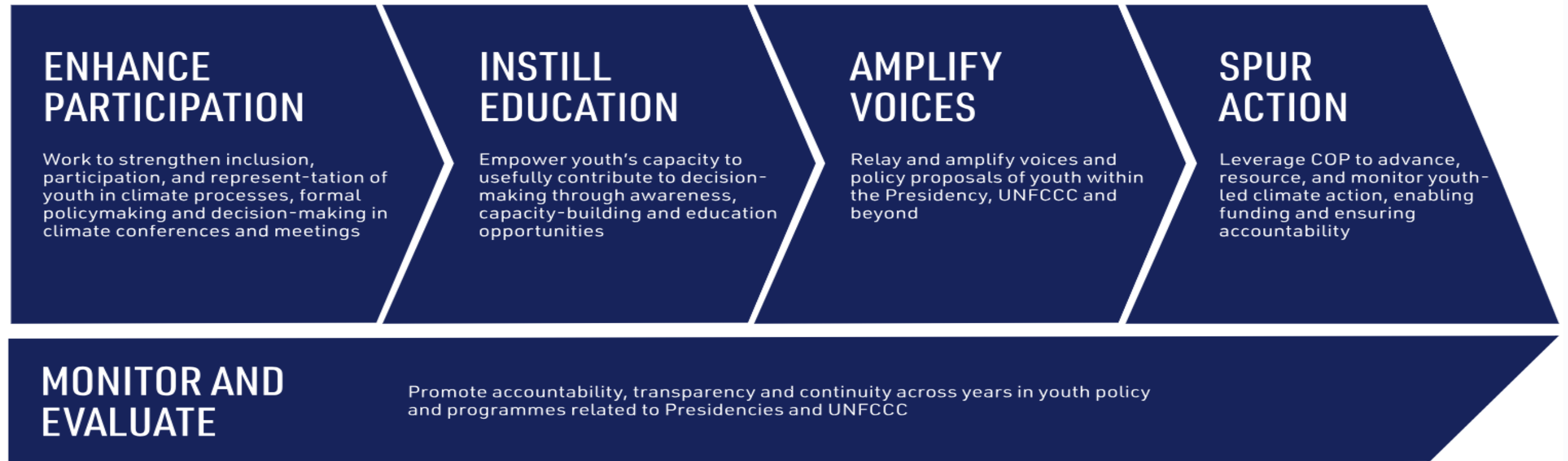
Nominating UN youth delegates provides a global platform for Arab youth voices.

## Policy Engagement

It facilitates direct engagement with international policy-making.

## Leadership Skills

This experience fosters leadership skills and international diplomacy.



# Promoting International Engagement

1

## UN Youth Delegates

Encourage Arab countries to nominate young delegates to the United Nations General Assembly to voice youth perspectives.

2

## COP Participation

Support and facilitate the participation of Arab youth in the Conference of the Parties for climate change negotiations.

3

## Collaboration with UNMGCY

Collaborate with the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth to amplify youth voices in international forums.



# Create Inclusive Platforms

## Youth Representation

Advocate for the inclusion of youth representatives in policy-making bodies and decision-making forums.

## Digital Interaction

Utilize digital platforms to provide spaces for youth to express their opinions and ideas.

## Community Engagement

Encourage community initiatives that involve youth in sustainable development efforts and peacebuilding.

# Pathways to Inclusion

1

## Identify Leaders

Spotlight emerging youth leaders with a passion for sustainability and peace.

2

## Build Networks

Build networks for knowledge exchange and support among young activists.

3

## Policy Forums

Create inclusive policy forums for youth to present their ideas and solutions.

# Call to Action



## Amplify Voices

It's time to amplify the voices of Arab youth for a peaceful and sustainable future.



## Partnerships

Forge partnerships that empower youth to take charge of their destiny.



## Global Impact

Support Arab youth to make a global impact on sustainability and peace.

# THANK YOU

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“ It is my generation’s responsibility, a generation that has failed in climate change, in equality around the world, in the preservation of human rights especially for the most vulnerable people.

So, it is this generation that has failed so largely, responsibility to support your generation, and to work with you to leave you the world you deserve ”

**António Guterres, UN Secretary-General**

