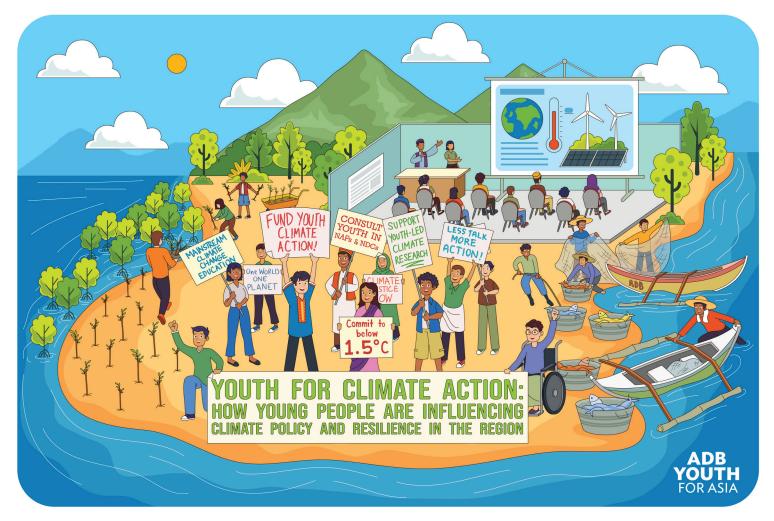


2021 RESILIENCE LEARNING MONTH EVENT SUMMARY





3 December 2021, Friday / 4-5:30 p.m. Manila Time (GMT+8) / Zoom

Young people have taken to the streets ringing the alarm about the impacts of the climate change emergency. While the protests showcase youth's frustration in current socio-political systems of managing the climate emergency, they are increasingly also engaging in climate policy and building community resilience.

The webinar was aimed at (i) showcasing youth-led initiatives in climate change adaptation and mitigation and (ii) building the knowledge and skills of young people and adult partners in applying meaningful youth engagement as a practice in climate change programs.

Youth panelists provided their insights of how meaningful youth engagement were activated at the highest levels at COP26 and in wider UNFCCC processes and working at the grassroots throughout the region. Likewise, the youth panelists discussed how youth insights and capacities were engaged within ADB, like the Catalyzing Youth-Led Climate Action in Atoll Nations, community resilience, and sustainable energy transition.

Only when vulnerable people are protected where they are able to improve their lifestyles through sustainable and innovative practices that has ties with traditional wisdom and local context, then we can confidently say that yes, such international meetings [COP26, Paris Agreement] do matter to vulnerable people.

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KEY MESSAGES

- The practice of tokenistic participation of young people in the climate conversation needs to stop because young people are capable of being leaders of climate solutions and the impacts of climate change will be felt and are affected greatly by young people.
- Involving young people in the process needs to be youthfriendly and youth-led. Youth is not a homogenous group; thus, their diverse backgrounds should be considered when designing projects.
- Vulnerable populations including young people should be empowered for resilience in order for international agreements to go down to the community level.
- Currently, youth is on the advocacy side of the climate discussion. However, young people can also lead climate solutions through innovation and entrepreneurship. Thus, an enabling environment needs to be established for them to tap on their potential. This may include youth-led and youth-friendly capacity-building, intergenerational dialogues, and financing.

It's always important to have youth in the conversation particularly since most of the longterm impacts of climate change will be confronted by them rather than us in the older generation.

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- The unique value-add of young people can be leveraged to increase program outcomes and youth empowerment through using their voice, insight, and action.
- The majority of young people want their country to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 contrary to 2050 or 2100 targets set by government. Youth proposals include individual carbon trading programs, cloud corporate supervision platforms, and public policy advocacy changes.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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