



# INVESTMENT GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH IN AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS IN AFRICA



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## WHAT is the purpose of this tool?

The guidelines offer practical steps and examples for creating youth-focused investment programs in agrifood systems, considering their constraints, needs, and aspirations. They help identify action areas in the agrifood system that appeal to youth, including climate-smart practices and sustainable resource management, and guide on improving youth access to necessary resources. They can also be used to make national agricultural investment plans and other strategic frameworks more youth-sensitive.

## WHO can use this tool?

Anyone leading or engaged in the design and implementation of investment programmes in agrifood systems – governments, financial and technical partners, national and international organizations, the private sector, youth themselves.

## WHY use this tool?

- To accelerate investments for and by youth in agrifood systems
- To intentionally involve youth in the design of agricultural investment programmes so as to have a positive impact on their outcomes.

## HOW can young people benefit from this tool?

The Guidelines provide concrete direction for youth on becoming both co-designers and beneficiaries of those programmes.



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# THE SCIENCE BEHIND ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS (ONLINE COURSE)



## **WHAT** is the purpose of this tool?

The Good Food Institute's (GFI) online course, "The Protein Transition," aims to educate participants on the science and technology behind alternative proteins, including plant-based, fermentation-derived, and cultivated meats. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the environmental and economic drivers influencing these sectors, fostering informed engagement with sustainable food systems.

## **WHO** can use this tool?

This course is designed for a diverse audience, including students, researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, and anyone interested in the future of food and sustainable protein sources. Its open-access format ensures that individuals from various backgrounds can enhance their knowledge of alternative proteins.

## **WHY** use this tool?

Engaging with this course enables users to understand the scientific principles and technological advancements driving the alternative protein industry. It addresses critical issues such as sustainability, food security, and public health, equipping participants with the knowledge to contribute to a more resilient and sustainable global food system.

## **HOW** can young people benefit from this tool?

Young individuals can leverage this course to gain insights into innovative food technologies and sustainable practices, aligning with global efforts to address climate change and food security. The knowledge acquired can inform career choices, inspire entrepreneurial ventures in the alternative protein sector, and empower them to advocate for sustainable food policies.



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# **EMPOWERING YOU(TH): A GUIDE TO ADVOCATE AND ENGAGE IN NATURE RESTORATION**



## **WHAT** is the purpose of this tool?

The goal of this tool is to equip young readers with the understanding, knowledge, and resources to become engaged in advocacy for Nature Restoration and Nature-based Solutions. It also outlines survey results and opportunities for youth inclusion in the development of National Restoration Plans (NRPs).

## **WHO** can use this tool?

This tool is designed for youth who are just entering the field of nature restoration or already have prior knowledge on the topic. It can also be used by organizations, educators, campaigners and other actors hoping to become engaged in nature restoration. The guide has a predominant focus on European contexts.

## **WHY** use this tool?

This hands-on guide offers useful definitions of key terms, relevant organizations and examples of their work, free online courses, and lots of other resources, such as reading material and advocacy templates for emailing government representatives. It is designed to make advocacy for nature restoration more accessible and effective. By using this tool, youth and organizations can develop the confidence and knowledge needed to actively contribute to restoration initiatives.

## **HOW** can young people benefit from this tool?

This tool can help youth enter the field of nature restoration by providing them with valuable learning materials, networking opportunities, and actionable steps to engage with policymakers. It empowers them to advocate for sustainable solutions and contribute to national and global restoration efforts while building skills and knowledge in the process.





# THE NATURE-CLIMATE HUB



## WHAT is the purpose of this tool?

The purpose Youth4Nature's online Nature-Climate Hub is to create and provide relevant, useful, and accessible content about climate and nature/biodiversity topics for young people around the world. This tool supports more youth leaders to be more informed and knowledgeable about the connections between people and the planet, decreasing the knowledge gap about the intersection of climate and nature. Young people who are more informed feel empowered & confident in their own knowledge and more personally connected to the systemic problems and solutions.

## WHO can use this tool?

The Nature-Climate Hub is designed for young people all across the world. Content can be filtered by region - Afrika, Asia & Pacific, Europe & Central Asia, Latin American & Caribbean, North America, and West Asia - so that young people can find the content that is most useful to them, their locality, and/or available in their language.

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## HOW can young people benefit from this tool?

Whether looking for long-form writing, videos, info-bites, opinion pieces, research, live webinars, toolkits, or more, Y4N's Nature-Climate Hub has a unique variety of content that is always expanding. While our Hub is still in beta mode, the content that is currently available is for everyone!



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