

## YECAP Climate Action Week:

# Transforming Youth Engagement: From Checklists to Impactful Pathways

### Overview:

The Youth Empowerment in Climate Action Platform (YECAP) Climate Week is an annual weeklong virtual flagship event that consists of peer-to-peer knowledge sharing, capacity-building sessions, and learning opportunities in the realm of well-being for change makers, green jobs, and careers through Movers Programme. It will also outline the way forward from the insights from the 11th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD). By powering the voices and initiatives of young people, the event sets a course toward achieving the ambitious objectives of 2030. The Climate Week will be leading up to the 80<sup>th</sup> Commission Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) held from 22 to 26 April 2024 and in conjunction with the ECOSOC Youth Forum.

The webinar will be a part of the YECAP Climate Action Week and delve into the critical role of youth engagement in shaping effective climate action, focusing on incorporating their voices, ideas, and needs in NDC frameworks in the Asia Pacific region. "On Equal Terms" is a comprehensive checklist designed to guide policymakers and practitioners in ensuring the meaningful inclusion of youth in NDC processes. By providing actionable steps, it aims to meaningfully engage young people at each stage of the NDC process, from formulation to implementation.

**Organizers:** YECAP

**Partners:** UNDP, UNESCAP and RCC Asia and the Pacific

**Date:** 19 April 2024

**Time:** 120 minutes, 4-6pm (GMT+7)

### Target Audience:

- Government representatives involved in climate policy formulation
- Policymakers and practitioners working on NDCs
- Youth organizations and activists advocating for climate action
- UN partners focusing on climate change mitigation and adaptation
- NDC Partnership stakeholders in Asia and the Pacific

### Expected Outcomes:



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Collaboration for Climate Action

- Increased awareness among policymakers and practitioners about the importance of youth inclusion in NDCs.
- Adoption and implementation of the "On Equal Terms" checklist in policy frameworks and NDC processes.
- Strengthened collaboration between government entities, youth organizations, and UN partners for more effective climate policy development.
- Provide potential strategies to accelerate meaningful engagement of youth with governments in the Asia-Pacific Region.

## Agenda:

Day 5 – Transforming Youth Engagement: From Checklist to Impactful Pathways			
Time	Program	Details	Suggested Speakers
16:00-16:05	Opening Session	Welcome and Check-in	<b>Moderator:</b> Joshua Belayan, Meaningful Youth Engagement in Climate Governance Consultant, UNDP
16:05-16:15	Opening Remarks	Seizing the Opportunity of the Next Round of NDCs	Julie Amoroso-Garbin, Regional Lead, UNFCCC RCC for Asia and the Pacific
16:15-16:30	Keynote Session	Unveiling "On Equal Terms": An in-depth walkthrough of the checklists and exploring the transformative potential of integrating youth perspectives in Climate Policy.	Krib Sitathani, Regional Coordinator for Asia Pacific Climate Promise and SCALA, UNDP
16:30 – 16:40	Presentation of youth initiatives in successful youth-inclusive NDC initiatives	Showcasing successful youth-inclusive NDC initiatives	Dikshya Subedi, Founder and President at Youth Action For Sustainable and Eco Nepal & YOUNGO NDC Contact Point  Umesh Balal Magar, Youth Focal Point/Manager, Nepal Water Conservation Foundation (NWCF).

16:40-17:25	Panels Discussion (50 mins)	Discussing promising practices from across Asia and the Pacific and brainstorm ways to integrate the checklist into existing policymaking processes.	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Joshua Belayan, Meaningful Youth Engagement in Climate Governance Consultant, UNDP</p> <p><b>Panelist:</b> 1. Amanullah Porag, YECAP Fellow &amp; YOUNGO NDC Contact Point 2. Ivory Vogt, Palau Climate Negotiator 3. Dr. Noralene Uy, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects, The Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources 4. Bindu Bhandari, Programme Analyst (Gender and Climate), UN Women</p>
17:25-17:50	Q&A session (20 mins)		
17:50-17:55	Closing Remarks		Aneta Nikolova, Environmental Affairs Officers/Climate Policy Lead, UNESCAP
17:55-18:00	Closing Session	Announcements	