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# Joint Outcome Statement: Regional Youth Parliament on Climate Action (RYPCA) Dialogue



**We, the 15 young leaders of the Regional Youth Parliament on Climate Action (RYPCA)**, representing 12 countries across Asia and the Pacific, convened **in Bangkok, Thailand, from 26-28 February 2025**, to participate in a crucial dialogue on climate governance.

This dialogue, co-organized by **the Youth Empowerment Climate Action Platform (YECAP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific** (through the *EmPower Programme* jointly implemented with UN Environment Programme Asia and the Pacific), **UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, Climate Parliament, The Earth, and the World Assembly of Youth (WAY)**, with the generous support of Sweden, provided us with an invaluable platform to engage in meaningful discussions with senior parliamentarians, ministers, and partners.

We emphasized the urgent need for **stronger technical expertise, improved coordination, and greater transparency and inclusiveness** in policymaking. Ministries often struggle with knowledge gaps due to professionals shifting to the private sector, which reduces the quality of human resources and leads to weak policy foundations. A lack of coordination between departments further delays implementation, while limited transparency hinders collaboration between government agencies and external partners.

**Political challenges also play a crucial role**, as policy adoption requires both technical backing and political will. There is a pressing challenge in the lack of dedicated technical teams to support legislators, which affects the alignment of policymakers with political parties and the advancement of critical agendas. Additionally, youth leaders also face challenges in regularly engaging broader youth and local communities in governance processes to strengthen climate-related efforts at various levels due to limited political appetite, time pressure, and lack of resources or institutionalized procedures.

# CALL TO ACTION

We explored concrete strategies to support youth leaders in driving **effective and youth-sensitive policy action on climate change at the national level**. We call upon governments, civil society organizations, and the private sector to:

- Allocate **dedicated funding** to gather insights from young leaders on the key climate challenges they face and their areas of interest in addressing them. This could involve supporting the drafting of comprehensive research papers, identifying scalable solutions, and exploring potential funding mechanisms for their implementation. Alternatively, in lieu of direct funding, partners could collaborate to form dedicated technical teams that support legislators with research and policy development.
- Ensure there is **an accessible platform** for young leaders to pitch their climate policy proposals, review their initiatives through expert feedback, and present to relevant stakeholders, including governments, for real-world implementation.
- Support **the establishment of formal channels and mechanisms** of youth representation in climate governance bodies, ensuring that youth perspectives are systematically, consistently, and meaningfully included in policy processes.
- To ensure meaningful participation with government and relevant stakeholders, young leaders involved in climate governance must be well-equipped with **the necessary and specific technical skills** and thus ensure **access to**:
  - **A structured, tiered curriculum** that covers the full spectrum of climate action. E-learning modules should be science-based and accessible<sup>1</sup> to young leaders at different levels, from beginner to advanced, with a clear progression path.
  - Facilitate **targeted peer-to-peer exchanges** where young leaders learn best practices through dedicated forums/dialogue or in-person country exchanges.

<sup>1</sup>free and accessible, especially to Indigenous peoples, rural and out-of-reach youth, and historically marginalized communities and in multiple languages



- Ensure more youth leaders, specifically RYPCA members, have **opportunities to participate** in key high-level climate policy events and workshops at the national and regional levels, where young leaders work alongside government representatives and relevant stakeholders, contributing input into climate policy formulation.
- Enable RYPCA members to **work alongside various stakeholders**, including community groups and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), ensuring diverse voices are included in the decision-making process.
- Develop and implement **an annual reporting mechanism/matrix** to track youth involvement (quantity and quality) in climate governance at the national level (Nationally Determined Contributions, National Adaptation Plans, etc.) to ensure data collection standardization to support advocacy for more inclusive policies and programmes.
- Develop **a comprehensive funding strategy** to support youth-led projects, including grants, access to microfinance, and partnership-building with donors and provide necessary monitoring and evaluation framework support.
- Establish **a comprehensive two-year RYPCA fellowship programme** that offers structured training, mentoring, and real-world exposure. This programme should focus on helping participants develop, test, and implement innovative climate solutions that are feasible and scalable.
- Build **synergies** by connecting current RYPCA members with alumni and other youth networks, particularly in the Asia-Pacific, such as YECAP, and fostering cross-cutting collaborations.

**We, the RYPCA members, are committed to working tirelessly to build a climate-resilient and sustainable future for all.** We will continue to advocate for our rights and the rights of future generations, and we will hold our leaders accountable for their commitments to climate action.

*Signed,  
The Members of the Regional Youth Parliament  
on Climate Action (RYPCA)*