



CONCEPT NOTE

Launching Ceremony of the Youth4Climate Policy Working Group Reports

Key information

- Date: Friday - March 22nd, 2024
- Time: 13:30 - 15:30 (GMT+7)
- Venue: Green One UN House (C1-C2) and Facebook & Youtube Live Streaming

I. Background

Youth in Viet Nam represent 23% of the population and are considered a powerhouse for innovation and action. As agents of change, Vietnamese youth bear both the burden of inheriting a country that is one of the most vulnerable to climate impacts, while holding on to a unique opportunity to shape a more sustainable and resilient future. Their input, energy, and commitment are vital in addressing the complex issues posed by climate change. They are central to igniting a nationwide movement toward environmental responsibility and a greener, more equitable future for all.

Yet, more can be done to create favorable mechanisms to accelerate youth-led actions and meaningfully engage youth while giving them space and opportunities to participate in planning and policy-making processes.

The Youth4Climate Initiative is funded by UNDP under the Climate Promise Programme, which supports over 120 countries in enhancing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and raising their climate ambition. The Youth4Climate Initiative was initiated in 2020 by UNDP in collaboration with the DCC of MONRE and the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union (HCYU) to strengthen the capacity of existing youth representatives and youth networks to step up their climate actions on different frontlines for advancing Viet Nam's climate targets.

Increasingly active in climate policies and climate action, Vietnamese youth have been capturing their needs, surveying their challenges, mapping youth-led projects and from there, have shaped recommendations which have been outlined in the [Special Report on Youth for Climate Action 2021](#) handed over to the President of the COP26 Alok Sharma during his visit to Ha Noi in advance of COP26, and in [Special Report on Youth for Climate Action 2022](#) presented at COP27 by two Youth Representatives. In addition, the initiative resulted in the launch of the first [Youth4Climate Learning Hub](#), providing a space for Youth to learn about climate science and policy, and the establishment of an independent [Youth for Climate Network \(YNet\)](#). Young climate leaders also proposed a Roadmap for Climate Action covering the period 2021-2025, outlining critical strategic areas. In 2023, a [Youth4Climate Policy Working Group \(YPWG\)](#) was established with support from UNDP to amplify youth voices and



improve their policy engagement in two prioritized areas: Just Energy Transition and Climate Change Education.

II. Objectives of the Launching Ceremony

1. Present, discuss findings and recommendations from the two reports on Climate Change Education and Just Energy Transition;
2. Call for partnerships to implement the proposed recommendations and unlock youth's potential in contributing to the Government's net-zero targets, particularly in the Just Energy Transition and Climate Change Education areas.

III. Programme agenda

Time	Content	Speakers
13:30 - 13:45	Opening Remarks	Mrs. Ramla Khalidi, Resident Representative, UNDP Viet Nam Mr. Pham Van Tan, Deputy Director General, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
13:45 - 13:55	Viet Nam Youth4Climate in 2023	Video
13:55 - 14:25	Presentation: Key findings & Policy recommendations (15 minutes) "Enhancing the Just Energy Transition in Viet Nam: A Youth's Perspective" Q&A (15 minutes) Proposed questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What initiatives are currently driving just energy transition in Viet Nam?2. Who should youth work with to accelerate the effective implementation of just energy transition in Viet Nam?3. How can your agency/organization support the proposed recommendations in the future?	Presented and moderated by Dao Manh Tri and Just Energy Transition Research Team members

14:25 - 14:55	<p>Presentation: Key findings & Policy recommendations (15 minutes) “High schools students and educators perceptions of Climate Change Education in Viet Nam”</p> <p>Q&A (15 minutes) Proposed questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What initiatives are currently driving climate change education in Viet Nam? 2. Who should youth work with to accelerate the effective implementation of climate change education in Viet Nam? 3. How can your agency/organization support the proposed recommendations in the future? 	Presented and moderated by Luong Nguyen Ngoc Mai and Climate Change Education Research Team members
14:55 - 15:05	Tea break	Audio introduction “Descendants of Hai Ba Trung” Podcast
15:05 - 15:15	Interactive Quiz about the two reports	Moderated by YPWG
15:15 - 15:30	Reflection on Viet Nam Youth4Climate’s three-year journey & Call for applications for the Youth Policy Working Group in 2024	Moderated by Ha Nguyen, UNDP Viet Nam

IV. List of participants

Organization	Representatives
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	02
Ministry of Education and Training	02
Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union	02
UNDP (Organizer)	14
UNICEF	02
UNESCO	02
Embassy of Italy in Viet Nam	02



Embassy of UK in Viet Nam	02
NGOs (Live & Learn, GreenIN)	02
Experts from universities, schools	05
YNet Viet Nam	20
Youth Policy Working Group	20
Media	10
Total	85

V. Other requests

Interpretation, Live Streaming Service

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