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# Scaling up adaptation finance - experiences and lessons learned from the Adaptation Fund

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Experiences and lessons learned  
from the Adaptation Fund portfolio  
of projects and programmes

- The study *Youth Engagement in Climate Change Adaptation: Experiences from the AF Portfolio of Projects and Programmes*, produced by AF aims to understand the enabling factors, drivers and barriers to youth engagement in the AF portfolio.
- Examined youth engagement in seven AF-funded projects in Seychelles, Dominican Republic, Chile, Armenia, Cook Islands, Cuba and Morocco
- Examined common challenges and gathered lessons on what enabling factors and drivers may have been, challenges to youth engagement and provides some recommendations for moving forward
- Aligned with the Learning and Sharing pillar of the Fund's five-year *Medium-Term Strategy*

# Youth's Role in Climate adaptation



**BUILDERS:** they take hands-on actions in response to climate change threats that lead to physical outputs

**KNOWLEDGE BROKERS:** they disseminate climate change Adaptation concepts and practical techniques increasing uptake of Adaptation measures

**COMMUNITY GUARDIANS:** they aim to protect the community's well being, facilitating dialogue towards common goals

**SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS:** they develop or scale up adaptation ideas by investing time and resources to generate social and economic value for their community

**CHANGE MAKERS:** they question the status quo and push to make positive change in their communities towards a more sustainable path



# Synthesis of findings

## Factors of engagement

- Youth's experience with extreme weather events
- Youth's perceived vulnerability to climate change
- Climate change and awareness and concern among youth
- Leadership and open-mindedness

## Drivers to engagement

Project-level: project-offered trainings, potential for tangible results, family involvement and community support, engagement strategy (including dedicated finance and KM with youth), experience of IEs and EEs of working with youth

## Fund level: AF stakeholders consultation requirements

- Results-based management
- Diverse financing modalities
- Advancement of intersectionality analysis
- Support for innovative projects





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## Barriers to engagement:

- Youth migration, gender inequality
- Lack of technical expertise
- Lack of time due to schooling
- Limited participation in decision-making processes

## Benefits of participation

- Youth participation brings “out-of-the-box” ideas
- Youth participation improves adaptation interventions’ efficacy, acceptability and appropriateness





# Recommendations

- Encourage youth **quotas in community committees**
- Develop and strengthen **youth partnerships with governments** (internships in national and regional govts involved in adaptation projects; mentorship by adaptation and other technical experts)
- **Coaching programs** for youth leadership skills in project management
- Support establishments of **youth networks**
- Encourage **social entrepreneurship and innovation**
- **Capture and share lessons** on youth participation in adaptation
- Encourage **systematic engagement** of youth
- Enable youth to **articulate their own needs** and desires in adaptation to CC impacts
- Enable youth to **discuss their views** on their communities with older adults
- Move from **consulting with youth to working with youth**







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