



Climate change is not a distant prospect. It is a present reality that the younger generation is directly encountering and vocally acknowledging. As facilitators, teachers, and invested individuals, it is our responsibility to equip them with the tools, skills and resources to address climate impacts and pave the way for a resilient and sustainable future.

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Overview

The Foundation, committed to the Nexus **Approach** for the SDGs, collaborated with **Youth 4 Sustainability** to host "Creating A Legacy of Sustainability: How Young People Can Drive Climate Mitigation" climate talk in lead up to Cop 28.

Held in June 2023 at the Ministry of Education in Abu Dhabi, it empowered youth to engage in global climate action and share their perspectives on sustainability.

Knowledge and Resource Gaps

**71%** of youth want to be actively involved in the green transition, but **47%** said they lack capital and resources for their ideas (**African Union**)

**70%** of youth surveyed say that they cannot explain climate change, only know the basics, or do not know anything about it. (**UNESCO**)

**50%** of 10,000 surveyed youth felt sad, anxious, angry, powerless, helpless, and guilty about climate change. (**UNDP**)

Panelists and Moderator



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**Moderator: Malakeh El Haj,** Director of Knowledge and Innovation, AGF

Takeaways from the discussion

Youth are at the forefront of the global fight against climate change. They can contribute by:

- **Expanding their understanding** through lifelong learning, research, and activities.
- **Raising awareness** through their platforms
- **Incorporating sustainable habits** into their daily lives
- **Adopting a sustainability mindset** to make more conscious choices
- **Leveraging innovative technologies** to improve the use of renewable energy

