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BẢN TUYÊN BỐ CHUNG CỦA THANH NIÊN VIỆT NAM VỀ KHÍ HẬU 2026



WE, THE VIETNAMESE YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS ALL AREAS, EMPHASIZE FOUR PRIORITIES:

Institutionalize a standing mechanism for youth consultation across the entire climate policy cycle, ensuring that young people's views are recorded, considered, responded to and sustained throughout the policy development process.

Call on stakeholders to actively invest professional and financial resources in multi-level, multi-sectoral capacity-building programs for young people on environment and climate, while connecting young people, businesses, experts and training institutions to create substantive opportunities for developing green skills, contributing their voices to a sustainable future, nurturing innovative initiatives and promoting decent green jobs.

Integrate climate change education into curricula at all levels, linking knowledge with real-world climate challenges and local projects, while recognizing and actively supporting youth-led climate initiatives within learning and assessment.

Promote the inclusive, balanced and meaningful participation of diverse groups, especially vulnerable groups, in climate governance, policymaking and environmental initiatives, ensuring equality not only in the number of participants but also in decision-making processes and leadership opportunities.

The Viet Nam Youth Statement on Climate Change 2026 is the result of a comprehensive consultation process involving 943 young people in online surveys and 250 youth delegates at 03 Regional Local Conferences of Youth (Regional LCOY Viet Nam) held in three cities representing the North, Central and South of Viet Nam, namely Hanoi, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City.



IN PURSUIT OF HOLISTIC CLIMATE ACTION, WE, THE VIETNAMESE YOUTH, DECLARE:

FOR ENERGY TRANSITION FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION:

1. Accelerate the just energy transition
2. Modernize energy infrastructure
3. Step up greenhouse gas emission reductions in high-emitting sectors
4. Promote innovation, clean technology and climate finance
5. Promote deeper private sector engagement in greenhouse gas emission reduction
6. Institutionalize the meaningful participation and co-creation of young people in the energy transition and greenhouse gas emission reduction

FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN CLIMATE POLICYMAKING

1. Institutionalize a standing youth consultation mechanism in climate governance
2. Strengthen young people's access to climate information and data
3. Invest in capacity building and sustained youth participation in climate policymaking
4. Expand youth participation in national and international climate negotiation processes



FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE:

1. Harmonize indicators and strengthen the inclusiveness of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP)
2. Promote nature-based and community-based adaptation solutions
3. Strengthen resilient infrastructure and early warning systems
4. Strengthen resilience to extreme heat in urban areas
5. Scale up adaptation finance and investment at the community level
6. Promote adaptation innovation and technology that serve vulnerable communities
7. Strengthen multi-stakeholder cooperation and empower young people to take part in implementing adaptation solutions
8. Promote private sector engagement in adaptation solutions and in strengthening community resilience

FOR CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE:

1. Promote the widespread adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices
2. Strengthen research and technology transfer
   Expand financial and policy support
3. Enhance the sustainability of agricultural value chains
4. Strengthen youth participation and capacity in agricultural systems

FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN CLIMATE ACTION:

1. Ensure the equal and meaningful participation of all gender groups in climate governance
2. Mainstream gender-responsive approaches into climate policies, programs and finance
3. Expand green education, employment and livelihood opportunities for women and vulnerable groups
4. Strengthen gender-responsive climate resilience at the community level
5. Strengthen multi-stakeholder cooperation and empower women and young people in gender-responsive climate action

FOR ORGANIC WASTE AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS:

1. Expand organic waste management models suited to each locality
2. Build an integrated organic waste management system from sorting to treatment
3. Strengthen the enforcement of source separation of waste
4. Prioritize investment in low-emission waste management infrastructure and technology
5. Strengthen support for private sector participation in organic waste management
6. Promote cooperation and knowledge sharing on sustainable waste management
7. Strengthen the role of and opportunities for young people in waste management innovation

APPENDIX

Regional Youth Climate Priorities in Vietnam

Building on insights from previous LCOY Vietnam editions (2022–2025), LCOY Vietnam 2026 adopts a localized, context-sensitive approach to developing the Vietnam Youth Statement on Climate Change 2026. This approach ensures that the Statement comprehensively reflects both shared youth priorities and region-specific climate challenges, needs, and proposals across Vietnam.

Youth-Led Climate Initiatives in Vietnam

Vietnamese youth are increasingly advancing climate action through policy advocacy and grassroots initiatives across key areas, including energy transition, emissions reduction, climate adaptation, gender equality, climate-smart agriculture, and youth participation in policymaking. This Annex showcases 11 youth-led projects and initiatives aligned with the six thematic areas of LCOY Vietnam 2026.

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