

Intervention by the Children and Youth Major Group on Agenda Item 3(C): Consideration of relevant UNEP evaluation reports.

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Honourable Chair,

I am Abdilahi Nuh from Kenya, speaking on behalf of the Children and Youth Major Group.

We express our sincere gratitude to UNEP for its commitment to transparency, accountability, and evidence-based decision-making through the production of essential reports, namely the Adaptation Gap Report, Emission Gap Report, and Production Gap Report. These reports play a pivotal role in shaping global policies and actions towards a sustainable future.

We recognize the efforts to compile comprehensive and insightful evaluation reports. The collaborative spirit demonstrated in bringing together diverse expertise is commendable. These reports serve as crucial tools for assessing our progress in addressing environmental challenges and guide us in taking meaningful steps towards a more sustainable and equitable world.

Recognizing the urgency of the environmental challenges we face, we, the youth, call for the engagement of youth experts in the preparation of these vital reports. Our generation is not only the inheritors of the current state of the environment but also active contributors to innovative solutions. Inclusion of intergenerational perspectives in the preparation of these reports is imperative for fostering a more holistic and forward-thinking approach.

We advocate for inclusion of youth experts in various working groups and committees responsible for preparing these UNEP evaluation reports. We also urge UNEP to actively seek inputs from the youth constituency and organizations during the preparation phase of the reports. Diverse youth voices, including those from marginalized communities, must be given a platform to contribute their unique insights. Inclusive consultations will enrich the reports with fresh perspectives, innovative solutions, and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by the current generation.

In conclusion, the active involvement of youth in the preparation of UNEP evaluation reports is not just a symbolic gesture but a strategy imperative for building a sustainable and resilient future. We stand ready to contribute our energy, ideas, and commitment to realizing the goals outlined in these reports and shaping a world that prioritizes environmental sustainability for the well-being of current and future generations.



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