

## *Dar es Salaam Youth Climate Declaration*

200 delegates and speakers from 24 countries, especially from climate vulnerable countries in the Global South, gathered at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania on October 4-7, 2023, for the Global Youth Climate Summit. During the Summit, the delegates co-created the Dar es Salaam Youth Climate Declaration, outlining concerns and aspirations of youth.

The delegates identified four priority areas of youth engagement in tackling the climate crisis.

### **EDUCATION**

- Climate science education in primary, secondary, and tertiary levels;
- Increased funding in national budgets for climate change curriculum development;
- Greater government support in research and development for climate innovation for climate mitigation and adaptation;
- Knowledge transfer from best practices in climate resilience in indigenous communities;
- Capacity building of NGOs and CBOs for climate change education at community levels.

### **YOUTH CLIMATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

- Increase training for youth on entrepreneurship;
- Establish incubators and mentorship programs for youth-led, climate-friendly businesses;
- Greater advocacy for environment-friendly products and practices;
- Foster interdisciplinary job creation and value addition;
- Empower youth as climate champions and innovative solution providers.

### **YOUTH AS ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERS AND POLICY MAKERS**

- Ensure meaningful youth participation in all levels—community, national, international;
- Engage youth in assist government in policy and project monitoring evaluation;
- Youth can serve as bridge between government and community;
- Increase youth representation in decision-making bodies, including parliament;
- Have compulsory policies on youth representation in governments..

### **ACCESS TO FUNDING**

- Establish country funds from Loss and Damage dedicated to youth entrepreneurship;
- Increase funding support by incubators and accelerators for climate-friendly businesses;
- Provide greater access to funding for youth-led businesses;
- Create green investment fund for youth to take climate action;
- Ensure adequate funding for grassroots initiatives led by youth;