



**Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology
Republic of Maldives**



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The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology in partnership with UNICEF and other UN agencies, are organizing a ‘Multistakeholder Consultation with Young People on Climate Action’ in the Maldives during 12 October 2022. This event is organized as a precursor to the 27th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC- COP27), in Egypt.

The event will see the attendance of 150 representatives composed of young people from the Maldives, government institutions, UN agencies, private sector and other stakeholders. The participants will discuss the impact of climate change in Maldives, and listen to young people for more insights into the current situation.

Prior to the consultation, on 11 October 2022, young people will be oriented on climate issues and will come out with a young people’s statement on Climate Action to be presented in the COP27 in Egypt.

The event will build on the experience of last year where the Government of Maldives, in partnership with UNICEF and UNDP, organized a pre-COP26 event where adolescents and young people from SIDS participated and voiced their opinions on climate change including work they have done in their communities as part of climate action. During COP26, the Government of Maldives was a key advocate for child rights and climate action, speaking in various panels including COP 26 panel for children and COY21.

“The Maldives, like all island nations, are increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis, which is why increasing youth participation and engagement within climate diplomacy, policy-making and negotiations is a priority for this government. Empowering youth from small island developing states is a key driver that will shape how we respond and find solutions to climate change..” - Aminath Shauna, Minister of Environment Climate Change and Technology, Republic of Maldives

“Making children and young people an integral part of the work around the climate response will be essential to ensuring that young people don’t lose hope for their future. UNICEF Maldives is scaling up its work on climate change, partnering with the Government to support policies which address impacts of climate change on children, climate education in schools, reduce plastic pollution through behavior change campaigns, expand green and blue skills for young people and provide young people with the tools, support systems and confidence to take action.” – Paulo Sassarao, Representative a.i., UNICEF Maldives