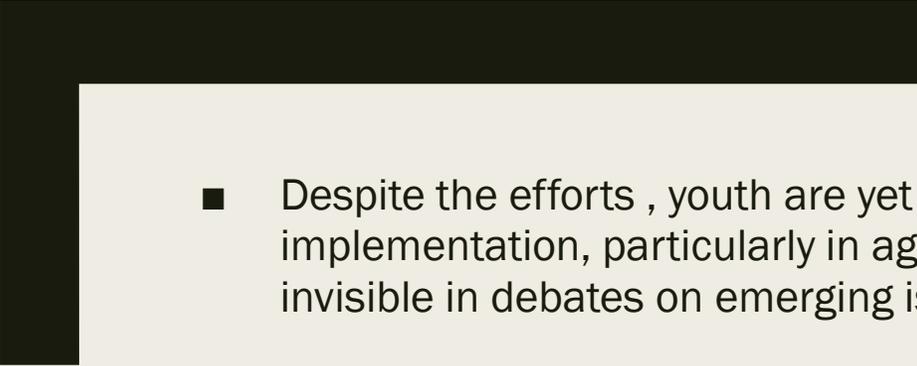
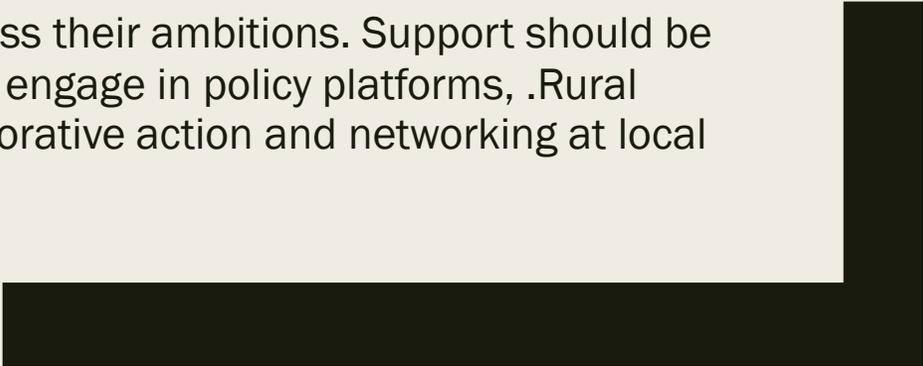


TOWARDS THE MOBILIZATION OF GREEN JOBS

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- To foster a just recovery post COVID 19 , we must include not only environmental sustainability but also access to environmentally-friendly employment for present and future generations.
- In 2019, nearly 68 million youth were unemployed ; unemployed young women outnumber young men two to one. Youth among those most vulnerable to global crises.
- There have been multiple youth - led efforts and networks such as that have been advocating for opportunities that strengthen youth's contribution to achieving sustainable food systems globally.

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- Despite the efforts , youth are yet to receive adequate attention in policymaking and implementation, particularly in agricultural and food policy dialogues. Young women, are deemed invisible in debates on emerging issues and solutions.
 - The integration of youth in different governance dialogues will better reflect the aspirations of present and future generations and cultivate the innovative ideas and solutions they bring.
 - Youth need to feel be empowered, giving them space to express their ambitions. Support should be provided to the development of youth capacities to effectively engage in policy platforms, .Rural youth can be further engaged and empowered through collaborative action and networking at local or community levels.
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Key Considerations

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
AND GREEN SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT**

**CREATION OF GREEN JOBS IN
AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM**

**STRENGTHENING MULTI-
STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS**

Green Skills

- As transformative change to fight biodiversity loss requires an inclusive approach and greening agricultural value chains, youth empowerment in this sector will help reach the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) objectives and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- While the COVID-19 pandemic has been exacerbating youth unemployment and job insecurity worldwide, it has also reminded us and given us greater incentives to build readiness and a resilient economy, to support global citizens in coping and responding to change.
- Skills development alone is not sufficient to achieve significant outcomes for the most disadvantaged groups, among which rural youth. Coherent policies that link skills development, social protection and employment or work placement should be considered.

Green Jobs : The Future



- Green Jobs represent one of the few approaches with relevance across socio-economic and ecological dimensions to address intersecting challenges.
- Promoting them and their related green skills among youth will contribute to achieving several SDGs:
- Youth are eager to acquire and uptake green, innovative knowledge, technologies, and solutions, and to develop sustainable agri-business models that will drive transformative outcomes.
- The strong demand and advocacy for environmental action that young people lead can create a societal movement leading to the transition to sustainable production and consumption.

- “ONLY IF WE ADDRESS THE SYSTEMIC INEQUALITIES BETWEEN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS, BETWEEN THE GLOBAL NORTH AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH, CAN WE CREATE GREEN JOBS FOR YOUTH AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.”
- -Melina Sakyama, co-Founder, Global Youth Biodiversity Network