Objectives

• Present the Youth Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Arab Region.
• Present the process, status and main findings from the in-person and online youth-led and youth-focused consultations in the creation of the youth stakeholder statement for the Africa-Arab Regional Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction.
Youth stakeholder group

• Stakeholder group constitutes the Regional section of the Global Children and Youth Stakeholder Group within the ISDRR.

• Stakeholder partnership is facilitated under the UN Major Group for Children and Youth.
Youth stakeholder group

• The Major Group system was used in the lead up to the WCDRR and the Major Group of Children and Youth was then created.

• The group is open for any young person, representatives of youth-led, focused organizations, or children.
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• The Arab Regional DRR group is facilitated by three Regional Focal points, whom are elected by the members. Regular communication with the working groups global focal points and the other regions, to collaborate and learn from / support each other.

• We are also working with the other working groups of MGCY, which facilitates youth in other intergovernmental processes: migration, humanitarian, climate change, health, urbanization…
Youth stakeholder group

• The work is focused on the following areas:
  
  • **Policy & Advocacy**: Facilitate the participation of young people in existing stakeholder structures, partnerships, platforms and mechanisms in the UN.
  
  • **Youth Action**: Provide young people with a platform that encourages them to lead and share innovative and effective actions aimed at addressing the needs of all people and planet.
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• **Knowledge:** Provide youth a platform to create an evidence base for best practices in design, implementation, monitoring, follow-up, and review of sustainable development frameworks.

• **Capacity building:** Facilitate capacity building processes and activities for young people.
Youth stakeholder group strengths:

- We are currently writing a Tor for the Arab youth DRR stakeholder group and it will be finalized before the Regional Platform. It is in line with the global Partnership TOR.

- In the lead up to the regional platform we are facilitating consultations in person and online. These consultations will result in a mapping of youth actions, youth opinions on challenges and trends of SFDRR implementation. These consultations are also a great opportunity to enhance awareness of DRR and enhance capacity!
Youth stakeholder group statement:

• We are contributing to the preparations of Global Platform on DRR, specifically the sessions on Health and Displaced people.

• We are currently starting to engage some young scientists of the region in our Young Scientists Platform, as well as engaged in other science platform in the UN system.

• We are planning additional engagement for the regional platform. This constitutes:
  • A one day preparatory in person DRR training for and by youth
  • A side event together with our youth underlying risks of disasters
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