

Happy Sustainable Green Bangladesh for All by 2041

Since 2013, Youth Manifesto is promoting youth voices in the public policy process. Through this initiative by IID, youth from around the country accumulate their demands through opinion polls, discussions, workshops and forums into the Youth Manifesto and present the manifesto to the policy makers and follow up on implementation.

This year, **25 young leaders** brought the voices of thousands of youths from **18 districts** of Bangladesh at the 'Youth Policy Conclave: Future of Work' to develop the **Youth Manifesto**.

3 Key demands

Through consultation and workshop, key demands under 4 themes were identified- equal dignity in every job sector, eco-friendly development, inclusive and sustainable development and skills and learning. The specific demands for eco-friendly development are-



A regulatory framework to monitor and ensure green management and sustainability.



Building enabling environment for commercialisation of innovation.



Increased facilities regarding eco-friendly idea incubation.

Futures Triangle

Participants used 'Futures Triangle' mapping tool that resembles three time dimension- preferred images of the future in 2041, the pushes of the present towards that future and the weights of the past that are holding them back.

Pull of the future image

Eco-friendly technological development in an inclusive workplace by ensuring social security.

Push of the present

1. Global platform for youth engagement
2. Government and private initiatives
3. Technological advancement
4. Existing legal framework

Weight of the past

1. Absence of resilience
2. Stereotypical attitude
3. Lack of proper monitoring system
4. Lack of skills training and knowledge



Backcasting

Backcasting is a method that works backward to identify policies and programmes to achieve a desired future. Using this tool, participants identified the actions that need to be undertaken from 2020 to 2041.

Issue Identification:

- Environmental pollution
- No waste management
- High carbon emission
- Proper waste management
- Practice 'Reduce-Recycle-Reuse'
- Implementing 'No Plastic' policy
- M&E of inclusive green economy
- Reward & punishment for impact on environment



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The Development Process

- Panel discussion unwrapped the issues of 'Future of Work'
- Workshop focused on skills and future thinking
- Future image of 2041 imagined
- A causal layered analysis done to dig deeper into the future factors
- Backcasting exercise from 2041 to 2020 to outline what needs to be done
- Finally, the 'Youth Manifesto' was presented in a closing panel

Past Initiatives

- 2013**
Youth Manifesto shared with Bangladesh Awami League and BNP before the National Election
- 2015**
Mayoral Candidates debated and pledged to implement Youth Manifesto
- 2018**
Youth Manifesto developed through a survey in 23 districts and shared in a roundtable
- 2020**
Youth Manifesto for 2041 focusing on Future of Work

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