

## Youth Track Statement – LDC5 Closing Plenary

Your Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Fellow young people,  
Ladies and gentlemen,  
Sabaho!

It is my privilege and honour to stand before you this beautiful morning.

My name is **Humphrey Mrema. I am an LDC5 Youth Delegate** from Tanzania.

I am an ardent youth, an urban planner by profession, a Youth4Climate delegate, and an SDGs champion

Along with other youth delegates, I have been so privileged to attend sessions here in Doha aimed at solving the key challenges of our time - energy insecurity, the climate crisis, conflict, and gender inequality – to name but a few.

Two days ago, as youth delegates across the LDC group, we organized our own session with close support from the UN-OHRLLS and UNICEF - to discuss our journey after LDC5. At the centre of our discussions stood “For All Generations”, the Youth Declaration adopted here, at LDC5, and the summary document of the LDC5 Youth Track I have the pleasure of presenting before you with my statement.

In our next steps, and captured in the recommendations, our focus will be to find ways to work closely with our governments, development partners and community members to drive changes needed for societal transformation.

Excellencies, when it comes to youth engagement, what happens in Doha cannot stay in Doha!

Young people are not just the future, they are the present. As such we need to be meaningfully involved, throughout the implementation of Doha Programme of Action. From delivery, to monitoring and evaluation.

Indeed my fellow youth already have plans in place for action at home.

Youth delegates from **Bhutan** shared their commitment to empowering marginalized communities who have little or no access to education.

Youth delegates from **Mali** have a clear vision to advocate for peace and are ready to work with their government to spread the message of solidarity and unity with sustainable partnerships.

In **Tanzania**, Youth are devoted to driving change by making sure that climate adaptation livelihood activities are reaching everyone in the community.

This is just a snapshot of the plans we have.

Every one of the youth delegates share the dream of sustainable progress.

They dream to see their country graduate from the LDC category.

In our vision, we can be a driving force for progress.

But this won't be possible if we cannot help planning the route.

So, when we are home, let us help you.

To the leaders in this plenary hall: we need your support.

- We need to see more funding allocated to youth initiatives,
- We need to see policy that promotes thriving youth businesses,
- We need new, renewed and stronger partnerships to address the challenges our mothers, children, brothers and sisters are facing.

Is that too much to ask?

Excellencies,

Thank you for this opportunity.

I want to extend all our thanks to our host, the State of Qatar, for the hospitality and generosity.

We also thank UNICEF, Doha Debates and the members of the LDC5 Youth Engagement Group, who supported us with new and stronger skills to amplify our voices.

Finally, our special thanks to the High-Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS. Your office has done phenomenal work to include us, involve us and empower us. I hope that others will follow suit.

This may be the end of LDC5. But for the Doha Programme of Action – and the decade of positive change - that story has only just begun.

NOTHING about us, WITHOUT us.

Thank you.