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From Baidoa and Jowhar to Garowe and Mogadishu: young Somalis shaping national climate policy

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

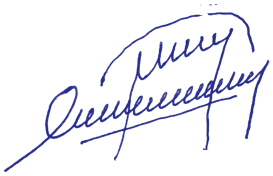
In 2025 PUSAN took on more than it ever had before. Our Executive Director served as the national Contact Point for LCOY Somalia, which meant PUSAN coordinated six youth-led organisations and worked with federal ministries, state ministries and UN agencies for most of the year.

The Board watched this closely, because responsibility on this scale tests an organisation. Here is what it produced. More than 1,200 young people joined the national webinars, over 400 took part in person in four cities, and half of the organisers and participants were women. The National Youth Statement was validated on 4 November and became Somalia's youth contribution to COY20 and COP30. UNICEF Somalia and FAO Somalia supported the process, which tells us that partners trust PUSAN to deliver.

The year also started something new. In September, PUSAN began a community-based disaster risk assessment in Jariiban District. That work led directly to the Jariiban Climate Risk Assessment published in 2026, and Jariiban is now the first district in our Strategic Plan 2027–2031.

We are honest about what still needs work. Our funding is still tied to single events, our finance and governance systems need to meet donor standards, and we must follow up after each conference so that youth demands turn into projects. The Board has made these the priorities of our five-year plan.

We are reissuing this report in 2026 under our current name, PUSAN Climate and Development Organization. The activities and figures are the same as in the original 2025 report. On behalf of the Board, I thank our team, our volunteers, our supporters and every young person who took part.



Abdullahi Mohamud Abdullahi
Chair, Board of Directors
PUSAN Climate and Development Organization

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



National Youth Statement validation workshop, Mogadishu, 4 November 2025.

In 2025 PUSAN took on its biggest job yet. I served as the national Contact Point for LCOY Somalia, coordinating six youth-led organisations and working with government, UN agencies and partners from February to November.

We wanted this LCOY to reach young people far beyond Mogadishu. Over 1,200 young people joined our national webinars, and more than 400 took part in person in Baidoa, Jowhar, Garowe and Mogadishu. Half of our organisers and participants were women, and members of the Deaf community showed sign language at the national conference.

With the support of UNICEF Somalia, FAO Somalia, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and the Ministry of Youth and Sports, young people turned their ideas into three documents: the 2025 National Youth Statement on Climate Change, a youth policy paper on agrifood systems, and a state-level youth climate statement from the conference in Garowe. The National Youth Statement was validated on 4 November and went to COY20 and COP30 as Somalia's youth contribution.

We also took Somali voices to the UN Ocean Conference, FfD4, the YEFFA Forum in Kigali and the Africa Climate Summit, and we began a disaster risk assessment with communities in Jariiban.

Thank you to every volunteer, partner and young person who made 2025 possible. Our promise has not changed: local solutions for a climate-resilient Somalia.

> *"When young people are given the opportunity and support, they contribute meaningfully to national and global climate discussions."*
> *LCOY Somalia 2025*

Abdirabi Mohamed
Executive Director
PUSAN Climate and Development Organization

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Acronyms

COP	Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
COY	Conference of Youth, held before each COP
CRAN	Climate Resilience and Adaptation Network
FfD4	Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development
LCOY	Local Conference of Youth
MoPEDIC	Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation
NAP	National Adaptation Plan
NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution
PUSAN	PUSAN Climate and Development Organization
YALI	Young African Leaders Initiative
YOUNGO	Children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2025, PUSAN moved from co-host to national lead of Somalia's youth climate process, while growing its community and global work.

1,200+
young people reached through two national webinars

420+
youth at in-person consultations and conferences

50%
of organisers and participants were women

3
youth climate policy documents produced

Youth climate leadership. As national Contact Point, PUSAN coordinated LCOY Somalia 2025 with five other youth-led organisations. The process included two national webinars that reached over 1,200 young people, pre-LCOYs in Baidoa and Jowhar on 1 October, a Sub-National LCOY in Garowe on 6 October, and the National LCOY in Mogadishu on 22–23 October with more than 200 delegates.

Support. UNICEF Somalia was the principal donor and FAO Somalia gave financial and technical support. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, the Ministry of Youth and Sports and more than 25 other institutions took part.

Policy influence. Young people produced three policy documents: the Somali National Youth Statement on Climate Change 2025, validated on 4 November and submitted to COY20 and COP30; a youth policy paper on agrifood systems and climate resilience; and a state youth climate statement from the conference in Garowe.

Global engagement. PUSAN took part in the UN Ocean Conference in Nice, was UN-accredited to FfD4 in Sevilla, represented Somali civil society at the YEFFA Forum in Kigali, and spoke at the Africa Climate Summit in Addis Ababa.

Community resilience. In September 2025, PUSAN began a community-based disaster risk assessment in Jariiban District with KAALO Aid & Development and local organisations.

Looking ahead. In 2026, PUSAN planned to deliver LCOY Somalia 2026, launch the Somali Youth Water Ambassadors programme, and strengthen its governance and multi-year funding.



Delegates at the National LCOY Somalia 2025, Mogadishu.

1. WHO WE ARE

PUSAN Climate and Development Organization is a youth-led, registered non-profit founded in 2023 in Garowe. We started as a small network working with pastoral and farming families. In 2026 we took our current name, kept the PUSAN name and logo, and widened our work to climate and development across Somalia.

Our head office is on Bulsho Road in Garowe and we have a second office in Mogadishu. PUSAN is registered with the Ministry of Interior of the Federal Government of Somalia and with the Ministry of Planning (MoPEDIC), and is a member of the PELUM Association.

OUR VISION

Communities across Somalia ready for climate shocks, leading their own adaptation.

OUR MISSION

We help pastoral and farming communities in Somalia plan, fund and act on climate risk before disaster hits, and we bring young people into the decisions that shape their future.

Our values

Community first	Communities set the priorities. We test our plans with them before we take them to donors.
Inclusion	Young women, minority groups and displaced families have a seat on every committee we support.
Evidence	We collect baseline data before every project and publish what did not work as well as what did.
Global to local	What we hear in villages goes to ministries and UN talks, and what is agreed there comes back in Somali.
Accountability	We report openly on what we do and what we receive, and we ask the same of others.



LCOY Somalia organisers at the Sub-National LCOY, Garowe, 2025.

How this year fits our strategy

Our Strategic Plan 2027–2031 groups our work into five pillars. The table shows where the work of 2025 sits, so readers can follow the line from these early activities to the plan.

Table 1. Our 2025 work and the five strategic pillars

Strategic pillar	What we did in 2025
1. Locally led adaptation and district climate finance	Community-based disaster risk assessment started in Jariiban District in September 2025, the first step toward a district adaptation plan.
2. Early warning and early action	Not yet a programme in 2025. The Jariiban assessment began mapping drought and sand hazards with communities.
3. Land restoration and climate-smart livelihoods	BeeRISE continued; youth policy paper on agrifood systems and climate resilience; YEFFA Forum on sustainable food.
4. Youth leadership and climate governance	PUSAN led LCOY Somalia 2025 as national Contact Point: webinars, pre-LCOYs, Sub-National LCOY, National LCOY and the 2025 National Youth Statement.
5. Research, policy and finance accountability	Three youth policy documents; LCOY Somalia 2025 report; UN accreditation to FfD4 on financing for development.

2. 2025 AT A GLANCE

1,200+
young people reached through two national webinars

420+
youth in in-person consultations and conferences

4
cities: Baidoa, Jowhar, Garowe and Mogadishu

50%
of organisers and participants were women

50+
volunteers supported the LCOY process

3
youth climate policy documents

4
global and regional forums attended

25+
institutions took part in the LCOY process

Table 2. The year in brief

When	What happened
February 2025	LCOY Somalia 2025 planning begins
Apr–May 2025	Meetings with federal ministries, UN agencies and partners
June 2025	“Road to LCOY Somalia 2025” webinar (19 June); UN Ocean Conference, Nice
July 2025	LCOY information webinar; FfD4, Sevilla; YEFFA Forum, Kigali
September 2025	Africa Climate Summit, Addis Ababa; Jariiban risk assessment begins
1 Oct 2025	Pre-LCOYs in Baidoa and Jowhar
6 Oct 2025	Sub-National LCOY, Garowe
22–23 Oct 2025	National LCOY Somalia, Mogadishu
4 Nov 2025	National Youth Statement 2025 validated

Source: PUSAN and LCOY Somalia event reports and attendance records, 2025.

3. FLAGSHIP: LCOY SOMALIA 2025

February to November 2025 · Baidoa, Jowhar, Garowe, Mogadishu. In 2025, PUSAN's Executive Director served as the national Contact Point for LCOY Somalia. He coordinated six youth-led organisations: Alliance for Climate and Peace, CRAN, EcoClimate Vision Somalia, Horn Climate Resilience, PUSAN and the Somali Girls Hope Association. Three were led by men and three by women.

Planning began in February 2025 with consultations with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Youth and Sports. UNICEF Somalia became the principal donor, FAO Somalia gave financial and technical support, and GREDO supported youth mobilisation in South West State.

The process was built in stages so that youth from every region could shape the result: national webinars, regional pre-LCOYs, a sub-national LCOY in Garowe, the national conference in Mogadishu, and a final validation of the National Youth Statement. Eight themes guided the discussions: youth in climate policy (NDC 3.0 and the NAP), rural livelihoods, climate justice and peacebuilding, climate finance and green innovation, displacement and loss and damage, biodiversity, water security, and climate and health.



Young women delegates, LCOY Somalia 2025.



Delegates at the national conference.



Panel discussion, Mogadishu.

3.1 Reaching youth in every region

1,200+ youth in two national webinars	**100** youth at pre-LCOYs, half of them women	**120** youth at the Sub-National LCOY	**200+** delegates in Mogadishu	**50+** volunteers

National webinars, June and July 2025. "Road to LCOY Somalia 2025" on 19 June drew more than 500 participants, and an information session in July drew over 700. Young people learned about the LCOY process, the conference themes and how to apply as delegates.

Pre-LCOYs in Baidoa and Jowhar, 1 October 2025. One-day consultations in South West State and Hirshabelle State each brought together 50 young people, 25 women and 25 men. The Directors General of the state ministries of environment and climate change opened them. For many in Baidoa, it was the first LCOY event ever held in their city.



Pre-LCOY, Baidoa, South West State.



Pre-LCOY, Jowhar, Hirshabelle State.

Inclusion by design

- Equal numbers of young women and men at the regional consultations
- Youth from rural, pastoral and displaced communities, students and young professionals
- Applications reviewed by a committee and approved with UNICEF Somalia for fairness and transparency

3.2 Sub-National LCOY, Garowe, 6 October 2025

PUSAN hosted the Sub-National LCOY in Garowe. It brought together 120 young people, 70 men and 50 women, with four state ministries, UN agencies, international partners and local NGOs. The Puntland Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Mohamed Abdirahman Faroole, opened the conference. Mohamed Isse, the ministry's Director of Climate Change, presented the region's growing risks, from droughts and floods to cyclones and land degradation, and the ministry's work on the State Adaptation Plan and Drought Management Strategy.

In a storytelling session, Biikoon Environment and Climate, the Puntland Disability Network, UNICEF Youth Climate Change Champions and Green Hope shared their work, including plastic recycling and disability inclusion. Discussions in seven thematic groups produced the Puntland Youth Climate Statement.



Panel on youth-led green innovation for rural livelihoods.



Youth storytelling session, Garowe.



Participants of the Sub-National LCOY, Garowe, 6 October 2025.

3.3 National LCOY Somalia, Mogadishu, 22–23 October 2025

More than 200 youth delegates met in Mogadishu for two days. PUSAN's Executive Director opened the conference as Contact Point. Speakers included Hawa Sabrie, Education Specialist at UNICEF Somalia; Aweys Ahmed Sardheye, Senior Youth Development Advisor at the Office of the Prime Minister, who challenged youth to plant at least 1,000 trees before LCOY 2026; and Ahmed Farole, Head of Youth, Children and Gender Affairs at the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

Panels covered youth-led green innovation for rural livelihoods; climate justice, peace and security amid displacement, with GREDO, IOM Somalia and the Somali National Youth Council; and youth voices from the field. The Somalia Women in Agriculture Association led a showcase on women and youth in agrifood systems. On day two, delegates drafted the National Youth Statement in thematic groups.



Panel discussion, National LCOY Somalia 2025.



Women and youth agrifood showcase.

On 4 November 2025, at a validation workshop at Peace Hotel in Mogadishu, youth leaders, government, UN agencies and partners reviewed and endorsed the Somali National Youth Statement on Climate Change 2025, the official youth contribution to COY20 and COP30.

The organising team put in around 1,700 hours from February to November 2025. Members of the Deaf community took part and showed sign language, and half of the organisers and participants were women.

4. YOUTH POLICY AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

We want youth voices to end up in documents that decision makers can use. In 2025, PUSAN co-produced the following.

Year	Product
2025	**Somali National Youth Statement on Climate Change.** Validated on 4 November 2025 with youth from all Federal Member States; submitted to COY20 and COP30.
2025	**Somali Youth on Agri-Food Systems and Climate Resilience.** A youth policy paper on climate-smart agriculture, water management and food security.
2025	**Puntland Youth Climate Statement.** The priorities of 120 young people from the Sub-National LCOY in Garowe.
2025	**LCOY Somalia 2025 Report.** A full account of the 2025 process, results and lessons for future LCOYs.

Why it matters

- The statements give the Federal Government and Federal Member States a clear list of youth priorities for NDC 3.0, the National Adaptation Plan and climate finance.
- Through YOUNGO, Somali priorities feed into the Global Youth Statement at each COP.
- All public documents are free to read at punsan.org/publications.

5. PUSAN ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

Decisions on climate finance, land, food and water are made in global meetings, so Somalia needs to be in the room. In 2025, PUSAN took the experience of Somali communities and youth to these forums.

Forum	What we did
UN Ocean Conference Nice, France · June 2025	PUSAN took part in the third UN Ocean Conference and brought the perspective of Somalia's coastal communities.
FfD4 Sevilla, Spain · 2025	PUSAN was UN-accredited to the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development.
YEFFA Forum Kigali, Rwanda · 17–18 July 2025	PUSAN represented Somali civil society among 45 East African youth changemakers and helped shape the East African Youth Statement on Sustainable Food. The forum was organised by AGRA and the Mastercard Foundation.
Africa Climate Summit Addis Ababa, Ethiopia · September 2025	PUSAN's Executive Director spoke at the second Africa Climate Summit.



Speaking at the Africa Climate Summit 2025, Addis Ababa.


YEFFA Forum, Kigali, July 2025.

From global to local

We bring back what we learn: from YEFFA to our agrifood work, and from FfD4 to our fundraising strategy. And we make sure that what Somali youth say at home is heard abroad, through YOUNGO, YALI and regional youth networks.

6. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE: JARIIBAN DISTRICT

In September 2025, PUSAN began a community-based disaster risk assessment in Jariiban District, Mudug Region, with KAALO Aid & Development and other local organisations. Using the ARCD toolkit and participatory resource mapping, the work looks at how moving sand dunes and soil erosion are burying homes, wells and roads in Garacad, Kulub and Dinowdo.

The findings were published in 2026 as the Jariiban Climate Risk Assessment. They give communities and partners the evidence to plan dune stabilisation, water and livelihood support, and they make Jariiban the first district under Pillars 1 and 3 of our Strategic Plan 2027–2031.

BeeRISE, our beekeeping and conservation project with the Candid Foundation, continued through 2025.



Youth working on climate priorities, LCOY Somalia 2025.

7. SUPPORTERS AND NETWORKS

Everything in this report was done together with others. We list each organisation by the role it played, so it is clear who funded the work, who organised it with us, and which meetings we attended.

Role	Organisations
Supporters of LCOY Somalia 2025	UNICEF Somalia (principal donor); FAO Somalia (financial and technical support)
Project support	Candid Foundation (BeeRISE)
Federal government	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change; Ministry of Youth and Sports; Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
State government	Puntland Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, at the Sub-National LCOY in Garowe
LCOY Somalia 2025 co-organisers	Alliance for Climate and Peace, CRAN, EcoClimate Vision Somalia, Horn Climate Resilience, Somali Girls Hope Association
Mobilisation and field partners	GREDO (youth mobilisation in South West State); KAALO Aid & Development (Jariiban assessment)

Role	Organisations
Networks	PELUM Association
Events we attended	UN Ocean Conference; FfD4; YEFFA Forum (organised by AGRA and the Mastercard Foundation); Africa Climate Summit

8. LESSONS AND LOOKING AHEAD

What worked	What we need to improve
A coalition of six youth organisations, gender-balanced in leadership, with signed agreements	A year-round funding strategy, so we can plan beyond single events
Early engagement with federal and state ministries, which built trust and ownership	Stronger governance and finance systems that meet donor standards
Regional consultations that brought in youth from outside Mogadishu	Follow-up after each conference, so youth demands become projects
A strong working relationship with UNICEF Somalia and FAO Somalia	Better tracking of results across years

Our priorities for 2026

- **Deliver LCOY Somalia 2026**, a third national conference and youth statement for COP31.
- **Youth Water Ambassadors**: prepare young Somalis for the 2026 UN Water Conference.
- **A stronger institution**: board-approved policies, audits and multi-year partnerships.
- **From statements to action**: community projects on water, agrifood and land restoration.

From 2025 to the Strategic Plan 2027–2031

2025 proved that PUSAN can lead a national process and work with government and UN agencies at scale. Our five-year plan keeps LCOY Somalia at the centre of Pillar 4, turns the Jariiban assessment into the first district adaptation plan under Pillar 1, and adds a yearly adaptation finance tracker under Pillar 5.



Youth discussion, LCOY Somalia 2025.

ANNEX: PHOTO GALLERY



Opening of the National LCOY Somalia 2025, Mogadishu.



LCOY Somalia organisers at the Sub-National LCOY, Garowe.



Panel session, National LCOY Somalia 2025.



A youth speaker at LCOY Somalia 2025.



With fellow innovators at the Africa Climate Summit 2025.



Delegates and organisers, National LCOY Somalia 2025.

This report covers PUSAN's work from January to December 2025. Figures come from PUSAN and LCOY Somalia event reports, attendance records and published outputs.

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Support a programme, volunteer, invite Somali youth to your platform, or work with us in a district. Together we can help communities across Somalia get ready before the next drought or flood.

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