



# PROSPECTS SOUTH-SOUTH 2+2=5 LEARNING WORKSHOP

## EGYPT COUNTRY OVERVIEW: SKILLS FOR GREEN JOBS & GREENER SOCIETIES

### What Works –Skills for Green Jobs & Greener Societies

#### Initiatives:

- **Meshwary Green Skills Track:** Integration of green skills, climate education, and sustainable entrepreneurship into the Meshwary curriculum, supported by capacity-building for MoYS trainers.
- **Innovation Labs & imaGen Ventures:** Five Innovation Labs providing hands-on training in AI, green innovation, waste-to-value, digital prototyping, and design thinking; 10,450 youth trained in climate-responsive innovation through the imaGen Ventures Challenge.
- **Youth Climate Engagement Platforms:** EGYouth4Climate Committee, L-COY, Sustainable Egypt Youth Summit, Climate Caravan — enabling national youth mobilization, climate advocacy, and community environmental action.

Egypt's programme strengthens green skills and youth climate leadership through a combined life-skills, innovation, and civic-engagement model. Adolescents and youth learn practical sustainability skills, design climate solutions, and participate in national and international climate platforms. The approach leverages Egypt's large youth-centre network and strong partnerships with MoYS to institutionalize green skilling at scale.

**Objective:** Equip adolescents and youth with green skills, climate literacy, and innovation capabilities while enabling their leadership in climate action and improving pathways into emerging green jobs.

#### Results and Success Factors:

- Thousands of youth reached through climate innovation and green-skills activities, including national incubation and global recognition in the imaGen Ventures Challenge.
- Strong national infrastructure for delivery through MoYS youth centres and Innovation Labs.
- High youth participation in climate platforms (COP, L-COY, SEYS).
- Demand-driven, curriculum-based green skills integrated into Meshwary; strong institutional partnerships enabling scale.

### What Didn't Work – Key Challenges & Lessons

- Limited digital access for marginalized and displaced youth reduces participation in innovation-based activities.
- Low local demand for green jobs in some regions limits transitions from skills to earning.
- Need for more inclusive, multilingual, context-specific training materials.

**Lessons:** Green-skills programmes require strong market linkages, apprenticeships, private-sector partnerships, and community project pathways to ensure youth can convert training into viable economic opportunities.

### Vision & Next Steps

- Scale green-skills training to 100,000 additional youth through Meshwary 2.0.
- Expand promotion of Green Innovation Labs to 10 more governorates, strengthening green entrepreneurship and climate action hubs.
- Introduce advanced green modules (solar energy, recycling value chains, green startups).
- Strengthen private-sector linkages for internships, apprenticeships, and green job placements.
- Launch microgrants for youth-led green enterprises and climate initiatives.
- Build trainer capacity within MoYS to institutionalize long-term delivery of green skilling.

### Quick Facts

**Youth reached:** 10,450 trained through imaGen Ventures; thousands engaged through Meshwary and climate platforms.

**Partners:** MoYS, MoFA, MoE, MoETE, UNDP, ILO, GenU, green startups, private sector.

**Focus areas:** Green skills, climate innovation, entrepreneurship, youth climate advocacy, Innovation Labs.