

Our Youth Takes Initiative

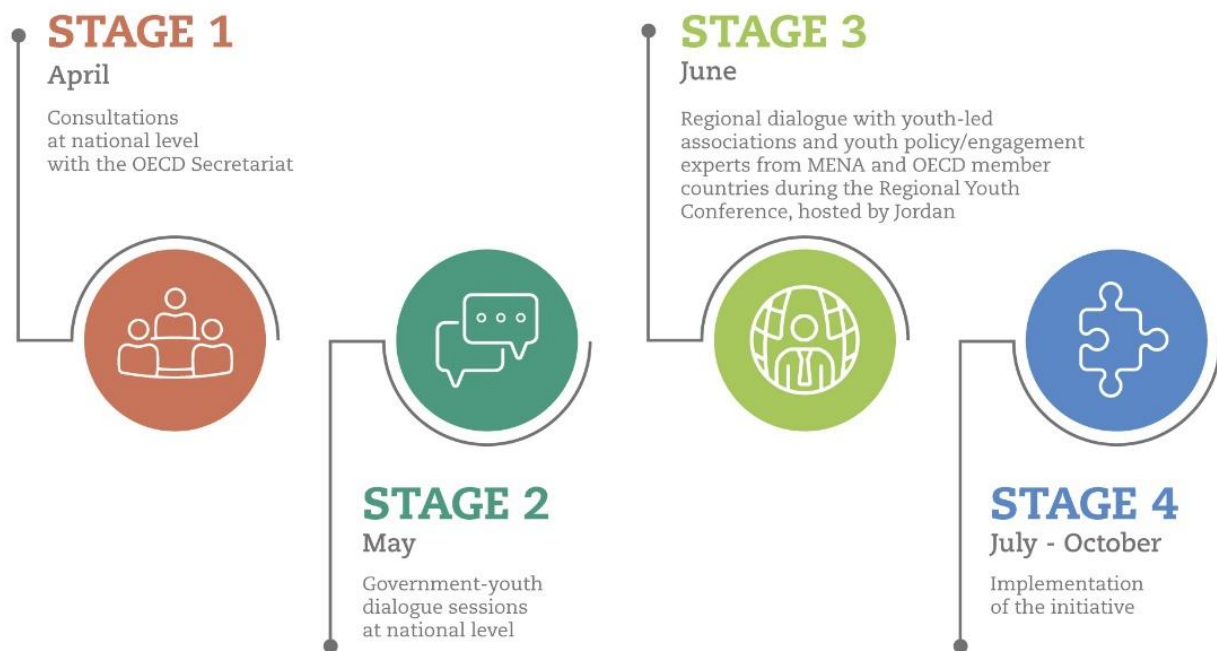
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WHAT IS THIS PROGRAMME ABOUT?

The programme ‘‘Our Youth Takes Initiative’’ will provide an opportunity for youth-led civil society organisations (CSOs) in Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia to work hand in hand with government officials on initiatives to improve policies and services for young people. The initiatives shall address selected policy recommendations as set out by the OECD in the forthcoming *Youth Governance Reviews*. Along four phases, the programme will support the selected CSOs in the design of their initiative and provide financial support to implement it.

WHAT AM I SIGNING UP FOR?

The selected CSOs will engage in a four-stage programme, which will be implemented between April and October 2021.



WHAT HAPPENS IN THE DIFFERENT PHASES?

- **Phase 1:** Your CSO will engage in a consultation at national level with OECD experts and a Senior Expert to familiarise yourselves with the OECD recommendations in the Youth Governance Reviews and discuss first ideas for a potential initiative. In the aftermath, your CSO will be asked to submit a draft outline of your initiative.
- **Phase 2:** Your CSO will present and discuss your idea for an initiative in dialogue sessions with government officials from the ministry of youth and other relevant public bodies to identify opportunities

for joining forces. After these discussions, we will ask your CSO to submit a more detailed project proposal and draft budget.

- **Phase 3:** Time to go regional! Your CSO will engage with the selected CSOs from the two other project countries in a virtual regional dialogue to present and discuss your initiative with young people and youth experts from MENA and OECD countries. The session will be implemented during the regional youth conference, hosted by Jordan. Ultimately, you will be asked to submit the final project proposal, detailed Action Plan and final budget.
- **Phase 4:** Upon the approval of your final project documents, implementation can start! The OECD will provide financial support to support it. In Jordan, selected activities of the initiative shall be implemented in local youth centres.

Along with the OECD Secretariat, a Senior Expert will help facilitate Stage 1-3 and provide coaching in the elaboration of the project documents.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Please read the “Call for Application” for information about eligibility and selection criteria as well as the documents that shall be submitted with your application.

WHO MANAGES THE PROGRAMME?

The programme is implemented by the OECD through the MENA-OECD Governance Programme in co-operation with the ministries in charge of youth affairs in Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia. It is delivered in the framework of the project “Youth in Public Life (2016-21)” with the financial support by the MENA Transition Fund of the G7 Deauville Partnership.

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