



PROGRAMME

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FORUM ON YOUTH 2014

"#Youth2015: Realizing the Future They Want"

2-3 June 2014

United Nations Headquarters, New York

2 June 2014

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Morning Sessions

Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber

10:00 – 10:40 AM

OPENING SESSION

- Performance by Lisa Russell Spoken Word's Artists
- Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik, President of the Economic and Social Council
- Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, President of the 68th session of the General Assembly
- Opening Keynote Address by Ms. Brittany Trilford, Activist and Youth advisor at CIVICUS Alliance
- Setting the stage by Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- Keynote Address by Mr. Nik Hartley, CEO, Restless Development



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SESSION ONE: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber

10:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Promoting Youth Employment – Creating Decent Jobs for a More Sustainable Future

Attacking global poverty requires policy-makers to put youth employment at the centre of the post-2015 development agenda. This moderated conversation will address challenges, good policies, strategies, partnerships and programmes in creating decent jobs for young people, including in dynamic sectors such as jobs that promote sustainable development and new information and communication technologies.

- Moderator: Dr. Nicole Goldin, Director, Youth Prosperity and Security Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Speakers:
 - Ms. Alian Ollivierre, Barbados Youth Development Council (iVolunteer Barbados) and SIDS Caribbean Focal Point for UN Major Group of Children and Youth.
 - Mr. Dino Corell, Programme Analyst, International Labour Organization (ILO)
 - Mr. Matteo Landi, Industrial Development Officer and Youth Employment Expert, UNIDO
 - Ms. Esther Agbarakwe, Co-founder, Youth Climate Coalition, Nigeria
 - Ms. Anette Trettebergstuen, Member of the Labour and Social Affairs Committee and the Elections Committee of Norway, and Member of the Inter-Parliamentarian Union

Discussant:

-Ms. Andrea Taylor, Director, North America, Citizenship and Public Affairs, Microsoft Corporation



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THE REGIONAL AND GLOBAL

Afternoon Session

Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Reports from global and regional Youth Fora

This session will present the ECOSOC regional youth forum in Latin America and the Arab region in addition to reports from the Sri Lanka World Conference on Youth and the ITU BYND 2015 Global Youth Summit and the Youth Consultation of the International Organisation of La Francophonie.

-H.E. Mr. Dullas Alahapperuma, Minister for Youth Affairs and Skills Development, Sri Lanka

-Mr. Doug Court, Deputy Coordinator, ITU BYND 2015 Youth Summit

-Mr. Gabriel Laurence-Brook, Spokesperson of the Francophone Youth Parliament

-Mr. Alejo Ramírez, Secretary-General, Ibero-American Youth Organization

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

SESSION THREE:

Advancing progress in Africa beyond 2015: A Youth Perspective

While many African countries are off-track to achieving the MDGs, an outstanding and sustained effort across the continent has resulted in significant progress towards the MDGs since 2000. At the same time, the continent has witnessed new and recurring conflict during this period, which threatens development gains, the stability of the region and impacts youth disproportionately. This session will aim to generate ideas and solutions to empower young people to promote a renewed commitment to ending violence in the region, and to shaping a comprehensive post-2015 development agenda that addresses the income, gender and rural-urban inequalities that persist in Africa.



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- Moderator: Ms. Hadeel Ibrahim, founding Executive Director, Mo Ibrahim Foundation

- Speakers:

- Mr. Chernor Bah, Chairperson, Youth Advocacy Group for the Global Education First Initiative

- Ms. Mariam Mohamed Abdullah Abdelhafiz Allam, National Coordinator of the Arab Youth Climate Movement (AYCM)

- Ms. Danielle Agyemang, PA & Liaison to the World Youth Movement for Democracy-NED

- Mr. Holo Hachonda, Member, High-Level Task Force for the ICPD, and Program Director, BroadReach Healthcare

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Morning Session

Location: Conference Room 1

POST-2015 WORKING SESSION

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Opening by H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik, President of the Economic and Social Council

- Keynote Address by Mr. Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Vice-President, European Youth Forum

SESSION FOUR A:

Youth: The Future They Want Beyond 2015

This session will review the main outcomes of the crowdsourcing initiative undertaken by the SG's Envoy on Youth, in collaboration with UN agencies and international NGOs, and other stakeholders and present the emanating immediate priorities of youth moving beyond 2015 and the most appropriate targets and indicators that could be included in the post-2015 Development Agenda that



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would support young people's vision of the future they want beyond 2015.

Moderator: Mr. Prateek Awasthi, Technical Analyst
Adolescents & Youth, UNFPA

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**SESSION FOUR B: Youth: The Future They Want
Beyond 2015 -Break Out Sessions**

The Break Out Sessions will provide participants an opportunity to actively engage in further and more in-depth discussion around the thematic areas of a) youth employment & entrepreneurship; b) education, c) health, d) governance and participation, or e) peacebuilding and stability, These themes follow the structure of the Post 2015 Crowdsourcing Initiative and will build on the preceding plenary session in which the outcomes of the crowdsourcing initiative have been presented, resulting a Global Youth Call, containing targets for the Post-2015 Development Agenda for each of these themes. The sessions will be moderated by experts of youth organizations and UN agencies, who have been closely involved in the online crowdsourcing platform and participants will build further on consolidating the concrete youth-related targets and indicators for the Post-2015 Development Agenda as well as reflect on how they intend to take the Global Youth Call forward in their own countries and contexts and what further steps they can take to continue to advocate for a Post-2015 agenda that addresses the issues of youth.

Theme: Employment and Entrepreneurship

Moderators:

Dino Correll, ILO

Matteo Landi, UNIDO

Aashish Khullar, Major Group on Children and Youth

Room: Conference Room 1

Theme: Education

Moderators: Morgan Strecker, UNICEF



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And member(s) of the Youth Advocacy Group for GEFI
Room: CR A

Theme: Health
Moderators: Prateek Awasthi, UNFPA
Josefin Wiklund, UNAIDS
Joško Miše, IFMSA
Room: CR B

Theme: Governance and Participation
Moderators:
Amanda Lundy, PLAN International
Noella Richard and Serge Kpto, UNDP
Stacey Cram, Restless Development
Room: CR C

Theme: Peacebuilding and Stability
Moderators:
Cécile Mazzacurati, UN PeaceBuilding Support Office
(PBSO),
Room: CR 9

ROADMAP SESSION SESSIONS

Afternoon Sessions

Location: Conference Room 1

SESSION FIVE:

Youth: The Future They Want Beyond 2015 – cont'd

3:00 PM – 3:20 PM

Presentation of consolidated document with concrete tasks, priorities and targets to ensure youth issues are well reflected in post-2015 Development Agenda

3:20 PM – 5:40 PM

Responses from the floor

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik, President of ECOSOC



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H.E. Mr. Csaba Kőrösi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations, and Co-chair, Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

Member States

This session will provide an opportunity to participants to reflect on the presented consolidated document, respond to it and generate commitment for taking its contents forward in the further deliberations in the context of the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals, as well as at regional and national levels.

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM

Closing

- Closing remarks by Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy for Youth
- Closing remarks by Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik, President of the Economic and Social Council



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