



# PROGRAMME

United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)  
Youth Forum 2015

## Youth Engagement in the Transition from MDGs to SDGs: What will it take?

2-3 February 2015

United Nations Headquarters, New York

**2 February 2015**

### OPENING PLENARY SESSION

#### Morning Sessions

Location: *CR4*  
**10:15 – 11:15 AM**

#### OPENING SESSION

- Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik, President of the Economic and Social Council
- Opening remarks Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Keynote Addresses by H.E. Ms. Gabriela Rivadeneira, President, National Assembly of Ecuador; and Ms. Thandiwe Chama, International Children's Peace Prize Winner 2007 and co-founder of KidsRights Youngsters
- Setting the stage by Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

### YOUTH IN THE POST-2015 PROCESS

Location: *CR 4*  
**11:15 – 11:25 AM**

#### SESSION ONE:

**Youth Engagement in the Transition from MDGs to SDGs** - Introductory remarks by the Co-Facilitator for the



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consultations and intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda

- H.E. Mr. David Donoghue, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations

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**11:25 AM – 1:00 PM**

**SESSION ONE (Continued):  
Youth Engagement in the Transition from MDGs to SDGs**

- Setting the stage for thematic breakout discussions  
Mr. Paul Ladd, Head, Team on the post 2015 Development Agenda, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme

Theme: Process and consultations

Moderators: Mr. Beppe Lovoi, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations; and Mr. Jilt van Schayik, UN Youth Delegate of the Netherlands  
Room A

Theme: Accountability

Moderators: Ms. Noella Richard, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme; and Ms. Jean Manney, US Country Representative, Restless Development  
Room B

Theme: Measurement

Moderators: Mr. Serge Kapto, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme, and Ms. Maribel Ullmann, Plan International  
Room E



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Theme: Partnerships, Capacity Building and Implementation  
Moderators: Ms. Maria Kloss, United Nations Industrial Development Organization; Mr. Dino Corell, International Labour Organization; Ms. Elizabeth Niland, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations; and Mr. Aashish Khullar, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth  
Room 8

## WPAY+20

### Afternoon Session

### **SESSION TWO: WPAY+20 and the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Panel and Interactive Dialogue (Conference Room 4)**

Location: *CR4*

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Reflections on progress made in implementing WPAY over past 20 years and recommendations on how to move forward**

Chair: H. E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnyak, Vice-President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations

Moderator: Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Kick-off remarks: H.E. Mr. Alvaro José de Mendonça e Moura Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations

#### **Panel 1:**

- Speakers:
  - H.E. Mr. Erion Veliaj, Minister of Youth and Social Welfare of Albania
  - H.E. Ms. Susana Camarero Benítez, Secretary of State for Social Services Equality, Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality of Spain
  - Mr. Andrew Rabens, Special Adviser for Global Youth Issues at the Department of State in the



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Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, U.S.A

- Mr. Faisal al Tenajji, President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU, Member of Parliament of the United Arab Emirates
- Ms. Afou Chantal Bengaly, Pan African Coordinator MIEC/IMCS - Pax Romana

**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

Interactive discussions

**4:30 PM – 5:30 PM**

**Panel 2:**

- Speakers:
  - H.E. Mr. Salifou Dembele, Minister of Labor, Vocational Training and Youth of Burkina Faso
  - H.E. Mr. José Manuel Romero Coello, Director General of the Mexican Institute of Youth
  - H.E. Mr. Cristian Cosmin, Secretary of State, Ministry of Youth and Sport of Romania
  - Mr. Juan Carlos Reyes, Director of Colombia Joven
  - Ms. Li Qing, Deputy Secretary-General of All-China Youth Federation
  - Mr. Joan Conca Domenech, Vice-President of the European Youth Forum

**5:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Interactive discussions

**3 February 2015**

**Morning Sessions**

Location: *CR4*

**OPENING SESSION**

**YOUTH AND AFRICA**

Location: *CR4*

**10 AM – 11:30 AM**

**SESSION THREE:**

**Youth on the Rise: Youth Participation in Africa**

- Chair: H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Vice-President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations



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- Moderator: Mr. Chernor Bah, Co-Founder A World at School and Founding Chair, GEFI Youth Advocacy Group
- Speakers:
  - Mr. Ibrahim Ceesay, Chair-African Youth Alliance on Post 2015 and Reference Group Member of Action/2015 Global Campaign
  - Ms. Rachel Nyaradzo Adams, Associate Director for Africa, Yale University
  - Ms. Yvonne Akoth, Posty-2015 Ambassador of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)
  - Mr. Eric Niragira, founder and Executive Director of CEDAC

Interactive discussions

## GENDER EQUALITY

Location: *CR4*  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

### **SESSION FOUR: Gender Equality and Youth: 20 Years since the Beijing Platform for Action and onwards to a Post-2015 Development Framework**

- Chair: H.E. Ms. María Emma Mejía Vélez, Vice-President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations
- Moderator: Ms. Femi Oke, Journalist, Al Jazeera
- Speakers:
  - Ms. Vivian Onano, Education Spokesperson for Moremi Africa, and Global Youth Ambassador for “A World at School”
  - Ms. Mirna Ines Fernández, Professor, EMI University Member, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts



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- Ms. Melissa Ruvimbo Kubvoruno, Member, Rozario Memorial Trust & the World Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)
- Mr. Dakshitha Wickremarathne, Social worker and Member of the Global Civil Society Advisory Group (GCSAG)

Interactive discussions

### Lunch break

## YOUTH: NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PROCESSES

### Afternoon Session

Location: *CR4*  
**3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

#### **SESSION FIVE: Global, Regional and other Processes**

- Moderator: H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik, President of the Economic and Social Council
- Keynote speaker: Ms. Edeltraud Glettler, Director General for European, International and Social Policy Issues of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection of Austria presenting the various measures in the field of youth employment in Austria
- Speakers:
  - Mr. Andreas Karsten, co-founder, youthpolicy.org, presenting the outcomes of the First Global Forum on Youth Policies
  - Mr. Alejo Ramirez, Secretary-General, Ibero-American Youth Organization (OIJ), presenting the outcomes of the Meeting of the Ibero-American Youth under the 24th Summit of the Heads of Ibero-American States and Governments
  - Mr. Ma-Umba Mabilia, Director of Education and Youth, International Organization for La Francophonie (OIF) presenting on the outcomes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Summit



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of the La Francophonie and the adoption of the new Youth Strategy

-Mr. Yama Akbari, Hope XXL Foundation presenting the Liemers List

- Mr. Nicholas Bian, Chair of World Bank Group Youth Summit presenting on the outcomes of the 2014 WBG Youth Summit

- Ms. Marija Lugarić, Member of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU, Member of the Parliament of Croatia presenting on the outcomes of the First IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians

Interactive discussions

**4:30 PM – 4:45 PM**

Financing Sustainable Development: Investing in Youth

- Chair: H.E. Ambassador Mr. Oh Joon, Vice-President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. George Wilfred Talbot, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations, Co-Facilitators for the preparatory process of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development
- H.E. Ms. May-Elin Stener, Chargé d'Affaires, Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations
- Ms. Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director presenting 2014 State of World Population Report on the Power of 1.8 Billion Adolescents, Youth and the Transformation of the Future

**4:45 PM – 5:40 PM**

**KEY MESSAGES AND NEXT STEPS**

**“Youth Engagement in the Transition from MDGs to SDGs”**



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- Chair: H.E. Ambassador Mr. Oh Joon, Vice-President of ECOSOC and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations
- Mr. Chris Dekki, United Nations Liaison Officer for ICMYO
- Speakers:
  - Mr. Jilt van Schayik, UN Youth Delegate of the Netherlands
  - Ms. Jean Manney, US Country Representative, Restless Development
  - Ms. Maribel Ullmann, Plan International
  - Ms. Karolina Piotrowska, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth

**5:40 PM – 6:00 PM**

#### **Closing Session**

- Special address by Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of UNDP
- Closing remarks by Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Closing remarks by Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik, President of the Economic and Social Council



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