



The Youth Assembly
at the United Nations

2017 SUMMER YOUTH ASSEMBLY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

9-12 August 2017
UN Headquarters, New York

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Co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Kenya, Portugal, and Sri Lanka to the United Nations

Theme

“Society for All: Equity and Inclusion for A Sustainable Future”

Background

As the largest and most interconnected youth population in history, today’s generation is a remarkable force to be reckoned with. While young people are among those constantly affected by global challenges, they remain at the frontline of innovation and change with their unique set of skills and perspectives. Their participation, therefore, is fundamental to addressing the world’s most pressing issues, such as poverty, injustice, and climate change.

The Youth Assembly – now in its 20th session – presents both an enormous opportunity and a challenge to stimulate and ensure youth engagement and participation in the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. With a focus on the agenda’s overarching principle of “leaving no one behind”, the conference aims to explore cross-cutting issues and solutions for sustainable development. It provides capacity-building opportunities and the necessary tools for participants to develop a better understanding of their role and to take the steps toward action and implementation.

The conference will tackle a variety of topics under four interrelated tracks – *social, economic, environmental, and youth*. Sessions are organized in the format of panels, workshops, debates, keynotes, and presentations. The *social* track focuses on tackling people-centric issues such as the refugee crisis, gender equality, education, and inclusive narratives; while the *economic* track takes a closer look into the structures and processes that drive inclusive economic growth. The *environmental* track showcases new perspectives and ideas in the green sustainability agenda; while the *youth* track concentrates on capacity-building and youth engagement or participation in various spheres such as policy-making, social entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation.

Guided by this agenda, the conference will provide a platform for participants from various backgrounds to learn and share practical knowledge and skills with experienced professionals and fellow attendees. It aims to introduce and promote various perspectives on addressing development challenges and transform the way young people think, act, and speak about critical issues of the 21st century. By and large, it would highlight the importance of dialogue, partnership, and collaboration in achieving inclusive and sustainable development at both local and global levels.

Outcome

Executive summaries and recommendations of the focal discussions will be put forward at the closing session and will be made publicly available after the conference to all participants and relevant stakeholders.

Participants

The delegates of the conference include young leaders, change-makers, and entrepreneurs from around the world, who are actively involved in their communities and possess strong interest in sustainable development and the work of the United Nations. Speakers include ambassadors, diplomats, experts, and leaders in sustainable and global development across many sectors.



Program Schedule

9 August 2017 • Opening Ceremony • General Assembly Hall

7:00 PM – 7:05 PM	Call to Order	
7:05 PM – 7:10 PM	Video: “Strong UN, Better World” by UNRocks Music Group	
7:10 PM -7:30 PM	Opening Remarks	H.E. Ms. Simona-Mirela Miculescu, Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of UN Office in Belgrade Ms. Biana Kovic, Executive Director, Friendship Ambassadors Foundation
7:30 – 8:00 PM	UN Official Welcome	H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General (<i>Invited</i>) H.E. Ms. Amina Mohammed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General (<i>Invited</i>) H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the 71 st United Nations General Assembly
8:00 – 8:30 PM	Lead Endorsers	H.E. Macharia Kamau Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the UN H.E. Alvaro Mendonca e Moura, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Portugal to the UN (<i>Invited</i>) H.E. Amrith Rohan Perrera, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN
8:30 – 9:00 PM	UN Agencies	Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO (<i>Invited</i>) Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women (<i>Invited</i>) Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator (<i>Invited</i>)

10 August 2017 • Concurrent Sessions • Conference Rooms

<i>Conference Room 4</i>	<i>Conference Room 2</i>	<i>Conference Room 11</i>	<i>Conference Room 12</i>
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Addressing The Global Refugee Crisis With participation from Permanent Observer Mission of the OIC to the United Nations & IDLO	STEM as a Key to Achieving the SDGs With participation from Aerofarms, Microsoft, Google, and more	Building a Global Movement to End Violence Against Children 101 Led by The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children	Microsoft YouthSpark 1: MakeCode.com Led by Microsoft YouthSpark
11:30 PM– 1:00 PM	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM
Technology as a Force for Inclusion Led by Microsoft	Mainstreaming Youth in All Spheres of Society With participation from SDSN-Youth, IPU (TBC), Office of the SG’s Envoy	The Hunger Project Workshop Led by The Hunger Project	Using Values-Based Communications for Social Inclusion Led by The Opportunity Agenda



	on Youth (TBC)/ Mission Representatives (TBC)		
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Decent Work for All Led by ILO	World Bank Group Presentation Led by World Bank Group	Power Differentials: How to Reach the Most Vulnerable Led by BRAC	Microsoft YouthSpark 2: TechPitch 2017 Led by Microsoft YouthSpark
4:30 PM– 5:15 PM	4:30 PM– 6:00 PM	4:30 PM– 6:00 PM	4:30 PM– 6:00 PM
Dear World: An Interactive Storytelling and Portrait Experience Dear World	Achieving a “Planet 50-50 By 2030” (TBC) Led by UN-Women (TBC)	From Ideas to Action: How to Design a Successful Venture for SDGs Led by Ideas for Action with participation from Echoing Green	Introduction to Finding U.S. Grants Led by Foundation Center

Side Activities

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Resolution Social Venture Forum	<i>Conference Room E</i>
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Private Use	<i>Conference Room F</i>
3:00 – 6:00 PM	Media Interviews / Private Use	<i>Conference Room F</i>
10:00 – 5:30 PM	Media Hub: Youth Assembly Media, Global Young Voices	<i>Lobby</i>

11 August 2017 • Concurrent Sessions • Conference Rooms

<i>Conference Room 1</i>	<i>Conference Room 2</i>	<i>Conference Room 11</i>	<i>Conference Room 12</i>
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Green Jobs: Creating Decent Work and Employment Opportunities in The Green Economy (TBC) With participation from IIED (TBC), The Nature Conservancy (TBC)	Youth, Peace and Security With participation from Mission Representatives, SDSN-Youth	Workshop (TBC) TBC	Microsoft YouthSpark 1: MakeCode.com Led by Microsoft YouthSpark
11:30 AM– 1:00 PM	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM	11:30 AM– 1:00 PM
Everyone in for The 2030 Agenda: Working Together and Leaving No One Behind (TBC) With participation from	Shaping The Narrative of an Inclusive Society With participation from Instagram, Dear World, DevEx, Great Big Story	Dialogue for Change: Bringing the Youth Perspective into Global Decision Making With participation from	Civic Engagement and Urban Innovation Led by Civ:Lab



UNDESA (TBC)		IIED, CIRF, and Climate KIC	
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
The Power of Youth: Making A Difference Through Sustainable Tourism Led by UN WTO	Debate: Are We Becoming More or Less Human with Technology?	A Society for All: Stories from Across Borders Led by Global Young Voices	Microsoft YouthSpark 2: TechPitch 2017 Led by Microsoft YouthSpark
4:30 PM– 6:00 PM		4:30 PM– 6:00 PM	4:30 PM– 6:00 PM
SDSN-Youth Workshop (TBC) Led by SDSN-Youth		Open Working Group: From Delegate to Game-Changer With participation from former YA Delegates	Inclusive Project Design Led by Trickle Up

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10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Private Use	Conference Room F
3:00 – 6:00 PM	Private Use	Conference Room F
10:00 – 5:30 PM	Media Hub: Dear World Portrait Session, Youth Assembly Media, Global Young Voices	Lobby

12 August 2017 • Closing Ceremony • General Assembly Hall

11:30 AM – 11:35 AM	Call to Order	
11:35 – 11:55 AM	Keynote	
11:55 – 12:05 AM	Outcome Summary	Isabelle Perez Dabarro, Project Leader, SDSN-Youth
12:05 – 12:15 PM	Resolution Social Venture Challenge Award	The Resolution Project
12:15 – 12:30 PM	Scholarship Award & Outstanding Youth Delegate Award	Wantoe Teah Wantoe, Youth Assembly Delegate (Liberia) Pamir Ehsas, Youth Assembly Delegate (Norway) Natalie Hampton, Youth Assembly Delegate (USA)
12:30 – 12:45 PM	Dear World Portraits Slideshow	Lynetria “Fresh” Johnson, Radio Personality, Dear World
12:45 – 1:00 PM	Closing Remarks	H.E. Ms. Simona-Mirela Miculescu, Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of UN Office in Belgrade Ms. Biana Kovic, Executive Director, Friendship Ambassadors Foundation