

## **UN Forum to Consider Needs of World's Largest Youth Generation**

*UN ECOSOC Youth Forum in New York, 30-31 January 2018*

**New York, 22 January**--More than 500 youth advocates from around the world will meet with government ministers and officials at the United Nations later this month to advance the role of young people in implementing of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The 7<sup>th</sup> ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) Youth Forum, which will take place from 30 to 31 January 2018 under the theme “the role of youth in building sustainable and resilient urban and rural communities,” will address the challenges that today’s generation of young people, the largest the world has ever known, is facing. Youth representatives, government, and civil society leaders will gather at the Forum to discuss how the world’s young people—as agents of change—must be at the front and centre of the global development agenda, leading efforts to address a range of global issues, from youth employment, education to clean energy, safe cities and sustainable consumption.

The Forum, the largest official annual gathering on youth issues at the United Nations, offers an opportunity for young people to engage with Member States to discuss policy frameworks as well as promote innovative approaches and initiatives for advancing youth development.

The Forum programme, list of speakers and supporting documents are available here: <http://bit.ly/2yC0rLh>. The Forum will be streamed live on UN WebTV: <http://webtv.un.org>.

The SDG Media Zone, taking place during the Forum, will amplify youth voices and spur action on the 2030 Agenda. This dynamic space will host youth activists, officials, influencers and media representatives, and offer a platform for young people to share their vision, the work that they are doing for a future they want and how they can inspire their generation to make a difference, however big or small.

More information on the SDG Media Zone, including the programme and a live stream of the events, will be available here soon: <http://www.un.org/sdgmediazone/>

### **Speakers at the Forum include:**

- Mrs. Marie Chatardová, President of ECOSOC
- Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly
- Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General
- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- Ms. Salina Abraham, President, International Forestry Students' Association (Keynote Address)
- High-level Government representatives, including Ministers of Youth

- What:** 7<sup>th</sup> UN ECOSOC Youth Forum 2018
- When:** 30 to 31 January 2018
- Where:** Main event: Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters  
SDG Media Zone: UN Correspondents Association Club, UN Headquarters

**Available for interviews:**

- Mrs. Marie Chatardová, President of ECOSOC (English/ French)
- Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (English)
- Ms. Salina Abraham, President, International Forestry Students' Association (English)
- Ms. Evelina Cabrera, Co-founder, Argentinian Women's Football Association (Spanish)
- Mr. Shaquille Knowles, Chairman-elect, Caribbean Regional Youth Council (English)
- Mr. Abdelrahman Ayman, Global President, AIESEC (English/ Arabic)
- Members of the Green Girls Robotics (English)

\*\*A list of participants is available on the Forum and the SDG Media Zone websites. If you are interested in interviewing any of them, please contact the media contacts provided below.

To attend the Forum and the SDG Media Zone, please visit UN Media

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