



**ECOSOC
YOUTH
FORUM**

#YOUTH2030

8th Economic and Social Council Youth Forum

PROGRAMME

Youth: Empowered, Included and Equal

8-9 April 2019

United Nations Headquarters, New York

8 April 2019

Location: **Trusteeship Council Chamber**

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

OPENING SESSION

- Opening remarks by H.E. Mrs. Inga Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC
- Opening statement by H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly
- Opening statement by Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- Keynote address by Ms. Yolanda Joab, Founder and Executive Director, Island Promoting Resilience through Involvement, Development and Education (PRIDE)

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Interactive Roundtable on “Youth 2030: Working with and for Young People” featuring Ministers, other high-level speakers, and youth organization representatives

Moderator: Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

1:45 PM – 3:45 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS *on key regional concerns and priorities for youth regarding the SDGs implementation*

The regional breakout sessions will help identify the development needs for youth at the regional level and consider how best to

articulate and mainstream them in the context of achieving the SDGs. These sessions may build on the outcomes of youth consultations, fora, and other forms of youth engagement as part of the regional SDG review processes hosted by the various UN Regional Commissions

- **Africa – [Room 5](#)**

Moderator: Ms. Gogontlejang Phaladi, Founder and Executive Director, Gogontlejang Phaladi Pillar of Hope Project (GPPHP)

- **Europe, North America and other States – [Room 12](#)**

Moderator: Ms. Tina Hocevar, Vice-President, European Youth Forum

- **Latin America and the Caribbean – [Trusteeship Council Chamber](#)**

Co-Moderators: Mr. Max Trejo, Secretary-General, Ibero-American Youth Organization; and Mr. Shaquille Knowles, Chairman, Caribbean Regional Youth Council

- **Asia and the Pacific – [Room 8](#)**

Moderator: Ms. Mandira Paul, Technical Analyst, Sexual and Reproductive Health Branch, Technical Division, UNFPA

- **Arab States region – [Room 6](#)**

Co-Moderators: Ms. Noor Al Mahrooqui, Youth Member, Oman Women Fund; and Mr. Daniel Abi Fadel, Member, Youth Leadership Programme

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS - People, Prosperity, Planet and Peaceful Societies

The parallel sessions will review progress in the 5 SDGs and make recommendations for implementation at national, regional and global levels. These outcomes will feed into other processes.

- **SDG 4:** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all – [Room 12](#)

Moderator: Ms. Victoria Ibiwoye, Youth Representative to the SDG-Education 2030 Steering Committee-UNMGCY

- **SDG 8:** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all – [Room 5](#)

Moderator: Ms. Winnie Mutevu, Winnie Mutevu, Regional Focal Point (Africa), SDG 8 Working Group of UNMGCY

- **SDG 10:** Reduce inequality within and among countries – [Room 8](#)

Moderator: Ms. Anja Olin Pape, Chair of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth

- **SDG 13:** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts – [Trusteeship Council Chamber](#)

Lead moderator: Mr. John Sutter, CNN Environment Journalist
Young moderator: Ms. Fatou Jeng, University of the Gambia / Plant-for-the-Planet and YOUNGO Gender Working Group

- **SDG 16:** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels – [Room 6](#)

Moderator: Mr. Kudzai Mukaratirwa, Director, Online Model United Nations

6.00 PM – 7:30 PM

Reception co-hosted by the Permanent Missions of Portugal and Sri Lanka¹

Location: Visitor Lobby, B1 level, United Nations, New York

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10:00 AM – 11.30 AM

PLENARY SESSION

Location: [Trusteeship Council Chamber](#)

Interactive Roundtable: “Investing in Youth Development: Financing and other Means of Implementation” featuring Ministers and other High-Level speakers and youth organization representatives

Moderator: Mr. Oliver Schwank, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

This roundtable will address the financial and other means that are needed to implement the 2030 Agenda with a view to allow young people to achieve their full potential and contribute to youth development and reach the goals and targets contained therein. This session offers an opportunity to take stock of investments made and mechanisms put in place by diverse stakeholders at various levels to secure such means of implementation, while also identifying gaps and challenges that need to be addressed. It will include a focus on the role of partnerships, and public and private investment, in strengthening opportunities for youth to seize the benefits of technological advances. The recommendations could

¹ Please note that we are currently at maximum capacity, and due to security we might not be able to accommodate everyone in the Visitor’s Lobby, level B1.

feed into to the High-level Dialogue on Financing Development in September.

11:30 AM – 1.00 PM

Interactive Dialogue on “Youth, Peace and Security: Challenges and Prospects”

Location: [Trusteeship Council Chamber](#)

Featuring: H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the General Assembly

Moderator: Mr. Mridul Upadhyay, Asia Coordinator of United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) and Co-Founder of Youth for Peace International (YfPI)

- Ms. Rosario del Pilar Diaz Garavito, Founder and CEO, The Millennials Movement, and Regional Caucus Coordinator MGCY-LAC
- Ms. Ana Pirtskhalava, Global Focal Point, International Union of Socialist Youth
- Ms. Farai Mubaiwa, Member, The Aurum Institute and Africa Matters Initiative
- Mr. Yazan Gneim, Member, Youth Leadership Programme, Palestine, UNDP Arab States

3:00 PM – 3.30 PM

PLENARY SESSION:

Location: [Trusteeship Council Chamber](#)

Interactive Roundtable: “Investing in Youth Development: Financing and other Means of Implementation” featuring Ministers and other High-Level speakers and youth organization representatives (Contd)

3:30 PM – 5.45 PM

Interactive Roundtable: Looking to the Future: “A dialogue on the High-level Political Forum (SDG) Summit”

This session will bring together the ideas and perspectives from the regions and from the discussions in the Youth Forum over the past 4 years on their assessment of progress and what is needed to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda as a whole, including what the HLPF could look like from in the next cycle.

Moderator: Ms. Noura Berrouba, Member of the Governing Body, European Youth Parliament and Board Member, LSU – The National Council of Swedish Youth Organizations

Reflections by H.E. Ms. Sheila Gweneth Carey, co-facilitator for the Political Declaration of the High-level Political Forum Summit, and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the United Nations

Interactive Dialogue

Reflections by Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Reflexions by Mr. Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General and Director-General of the International Labour Organization and Chair of the High-level Committee on Programmes (HLCP)

Reflections by Mr. Liu Zhenmin Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM

CLOSING SESSION

Location: [Trusteeship Council Chamber](#)

- Keynote address by Mr. Rakoem Maertens, NGO Delegate to the United Nations, World Esperanto Youth Organisation
- Address by Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Closing remarks by H.E. Mrs. Inga Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC