9th Economic and Social Council Youth Forum

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

SDG Generation: Shaping the Decade Ahead

1-2 April 2020

1 April 2020

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM OPENING SESSION

(Location: General Assembly Hall)

- Welcoming remarks by H.E. Mrs. Mona Juul, President of ECOSOC
- Opening remarks by Ms. Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General
- Global interactive conversation between Ms. Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General and Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- Keynote address by a youth representative

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM PLENARY SESSION

(Location: General Assembly Hall)

Interactive Roundtable on “Decade of Action: Youth as Agents of Change” featuring Ministers, other high-level speakers, and representatives of youth organizations and youth delegates
At the SDG Summit in September 2019, world leaders called for a decade of action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Member States reiterated that the 2030 Agenda is their promise to the children and youth of today so that they may achieve their full human potential and carry the torch of sustainable development to future generations. Member States and youth representatives will both address how to accelerate progress on the national and local implementation of the SDGs.

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

*(Open mics with the audience)*

### 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
**THE UN WE WANT: THEMATIC BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

(Location: TBC)

Parallel sessions will discuss individual and collective actions that can be taken over the next decade to accelerate progress and the delivery of the SDGs in the thematic areas below, building on the conversation at the Youth Plenary the day before. Each thematic session could therefore be initiated by a presentation of the key takeaways from the Youth Plenary discussion.

- Impact of digital technologies and rapid technological change
- Building and sustaining peace in a new era of conflict and violence
- Inequality: Bridging and rebalancing the economic and social divide
- Climate crisis, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation: A race we can win
- Shifting demographics: Young people on the move

### 5:15 PM – 6:00 PM  
**PLENARY SESSION: Reporting back on the Global Conversation on the UN We Want**

(Location: General Assembly Hall)

A representative from each breakout session will engage in a dialogue on the main take-aways from the thematic sessions.
2 April 2020

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  ACTING AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL: BREAKOUT SESSIONS

(Location: TBC)

Parallel breakout sessions could be focused on the six entry points identified by the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR)\(^1\) for accelerating progress across the SDGs. Youth representatives will be encouraged to select 1-2 of the entry points for their regional sessions. Each breakout session could identify scalable solutions that could lead to rapid, transformational change and accelerate achievement of the SDGs during the upcoming Decade for Action. These sessions may build on the outcomes of youth consultations, and other outcomes from youth engagement as part of the regional sustainable development fora hosted by the various UN Regional Commissions.

- Africa
- Europe, North America and other States
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Asia and the Pacific
- Arab States region

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM  PLENARY SESSION: Reporting back on the Regional Dialogues

(Location: General Assembly Hall)

A representative from each breakout session will engage in a dialogue on the main takeaways from the regional sessions

\(^1\)The Global Sustainable Development Report identifies six entry points that offer the most promise for achieving the desired transformations at the necessary scale and speed. The selected entry points are: 1. Human well-being and capabilities; 2. Sustainable and just economies; 3. Food systems and nutrition patterns; 4. Energy decarbonization with universal access; 5. Urban and peri-urban development; and 6. Global environmental commons.
PLENARY SESSION: Interactive Dialogue on “Expansion of the creative and circular economy: Stepping up actions” featuring Ministers, other high-level speakers, and representatives of youth organizations and youth delegates

(Location: General Assembly Hall)

The creative and circular economy is rapidly increasing and can have a transformative impact on societies, economies and the planet, as well as on job creation. Young people are key drivers of the needed change in sustainable production and consumption patterns and in sustainable development more generally. Engaging and supporting youth in the creative and circular economy presents untapped opportunities for more inclusive and sustainable development. What are some of the individual and collective actions that can be taken in this regard to achieve the SDGs? What are some of the policies, partnerships and sources of finance that can support youth participation in the circular and creative economy?

Moderator: Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations

(Open mics with the audience)

CLOSING SESSION: “Youth Action: The Power of Youth to Transform the World by 2030”

(Location: General Assembly Hall)

- Youth voices, vision and actions on the SDG Decade of Action and UN75
- Closing remarks Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General, Department for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- Closing remarks by Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth
- Closing remarks by H.E. Mrs. Mona Juul, President of ECOSOC