

Speech by the Director of the Youth Affairs Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Senator of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan at the 11th Economic and Social Council Youth Forum organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy Office on Youth
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**Assalamu alaikum,
Dear excellencies and colleagues,
Distinguished participants of the forum,
Ladies and gentlemen!**

It is a great honor for me to speak on behalf of the youth of Uzbekistan at the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The youth plays an important role in building a democratic state and a free civil society. An effective state youth policy will ensure the social, political and spiritual development of the society and increase the well-being of the people.

In case of Uzbekistan, what makes the young people satisfied that the government pays a special attention to the development and prosperity of young generation.

Giving young people a chance I think that this will definitely determine the future of the country, because youth are the foundation of a community, a new movement, a new idea, new opportunities and new generation.

Dear participants of the Forum!

The world is changing though, and all our activities and youth oriented actions are realized based on the interests of young generation.

There is a high risk that young people could be more at risk of being left behind in education, employment, economic opportunities, health and wellbeing during an important stage of their life development.

No doubt, that it urges us to take immediate measures to maximize all our efforts directed to youth in order to provide them with decent life.

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Uzbekistan, as a constant supporter of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and the **UN Youth Strategy**, strongly

supports young people in such matters like decent jobs, meaningful leisure time, vocational courses, land resources, soft loans, international exams reimbursement system, neighborhood based system with both organized and unorganized youth, greening the cities within the initiative **“Green Space”**.

Also, we feel a very warm support by the UN agencies in realizing the youth policy in our country. Uzbekistan is proud to be one of the **Fast Track Country for the UN 2030 Strategy** for young people.

On this occasion, I would like to express my great gratitude to the organizers of this event and wish success in the work of the forum.

Let us be together and unite all our efforts to make this world a better place for young people.

Thank you for your attention!