



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 May 2018

Excellency,

On 30 May 2018, I will convene the Youth Dialogue in the ECOSOC Chamber on the topics of education, employment and prevention of radicalization leading to violent extremism. This event will be a prime opportunity to listen to young people and stimulate intergenerational dialogue. I look forward to open discussions among all participants leading to concrete suggestions on how to make our goal – a peaceful and sustainable planet – a reality. The concept note was circulated by letter dated 8 March 2018.

I have the honour to enclose herewith the programme and a logistics note of the Youth Dialogue.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Youth Dialogue - Approaches to Education, Employment and Prevention of Radicalization leading to Violent Extremism

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

30 May 2018; 10:00 a.m – 6:00 p.m

ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

<p>10 AM – 11 AM</p>	<p>Opening Segment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly • H.E. Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al-Thani, Vice Chairperson and CEO of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development • Mr. Pita Taufatofua, Tongan Olympian • Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth • Mr. Emmanuel Kelly, Singer
<p>11 AM – 12 PM</p>	<p>#CHAT 1 – <i>The future of work – Bridging the gap between education and employment</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Jamira Burley, Head of Youth Engagement and Skills at Global Business Coalition for Education</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Shamoy Hajare, Founder of Jamaica School for Social Entrepreneurship • Ms. Safaath Ahmed Zahir, Co-founder Women and Democracy • Mr. Mohamed Sidibay, Peace activist, Global Partnership for Education
<p>12 PM – 1 PM</p>	<p>#CHAT 2 – <i>Prevention of Radicalization and violent extremism – what are the push and pull factors?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Joy Bishara, Student at Southeastern University • Dr. Siniša Vuković, Assistant Professor for the Conflict Management Program and Global Policy Program at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced Studies • Mr. Farea Al-Muslimi, Co-Founder and Chairman of Sanaa Center for Strategic Studies

3 PM – 5:45 PM	Open Mic <i>The interactive Open Mic session provides a platform for participants to take the floor and reflect on the topics and discussions.</i>
5:45 PM – 6 PM	Closing Segment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly• Youth Representatives

Youth Dialogue 30 May 2018

Organizational Arrangements for Member States/Participants
<https://www.un.org/pga/72/event-latest/youth-dialogue/>

Participation

The United Nations General Assembly will convene a Youth Dialogue on 30 May 2018, with the aim to build a conversation between young people and all stakeholders. This is not a regular UN event. The most important part of dialogue is listening. As such, the event was shaped by and will be run by young people and we will ensure that youth get the mic. The meeting will be an occasion for participants from government, civil society and youth representatives, to discuss education, employment and the prevention of radicalization leading to violent extremism.

Programme

The Youth Dialogue is a one-day event in the ECOSOC Chamber from 10 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 6 pm. It will feature an opening segment, two chats with young leaders and changemakers in their own fields, and an open mic segment in the afternoon (youthful version of a plenary).

There will be social events on the margins of the Youth Dialogue: 1) On the evening of the 29th young people attending the event will be invited to a fun gathering – Ice-breaker Mocktail party; 2) On May 30 all participants will be invited to an informal lunch in the Delegates Dining Room and an evening reception in the Delegates Dining Room.

Opening Segment

The opening segment will take place in the ECOSOC chamber from 10:00AM to 1:00PM on 30 May. Opening remarks will be delivered by the President of the 72nd session of the General Assembly, H.E. Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani CEO of the Qatar Foundation, Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake the Secretary General's Envoy on Youth and Mr. Pita Taufatofua. Civil society, representatives of youth and special guests are also expected to address.

Chats

The first chat, on bridging the gap between education and employment, will run from 11 am to 12 pm in the ECOSOC Chamber.

The second chat, on preventing radicalization leading to violent extremism, will run from 12 pm to 1 pm in the ECOSOC Chamber.

Open Mic

The Open Mic segment will take place in the ECOSOC Chamber from 3 pm to 5:45 pm. During this segment member states may press the button to take the floor. There will be no speakers list and no lectern on stage. We would like to encourage real dialogue instead of prepared statements.

Youth Dialogue Evening Reception

There will be an evening reception on 30 May from 6:30 pm to 9 pm in the Delegates Dining Room. All Member States and youth participants are invited.

Closing segment

The closing segment will feature brief closing remarks delivered by the President of the General Assembly, as well as a summary of the meeting delivered by youth representatives. It will take place in the ECOSOC Chamber after the last speaker in the Open Mic.

Outcome

The Office of the President of the General Assembly will publish and circulate to all Member States a summary of the discussions held during the Youth Dialogue, a pictorial summary through digital drawings and a toolkit for further action (a compendium of ideas coming out of the Dialogue).

Seating arrangements

With the aim of creating an atmosphere of interaction between Member States and youth participants, the name plates will display “Member State” and “#youth72” in an alternating fashion. This seating reflects the inclusivity of the event.

Media

Regarding accreditation, official media accompanying Heads of Delegation must request media passes in advance through the eAccreditation system on the e-Delegate portal: <https://delegate.un.int/>. Media members who wish to apply independently should register via the following link: <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/request.shtml>

For any other media inquiry other than accreditation, please contact the spokesperson of the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Brenden Varma, at 212 963 7238 or varmab@un.org

All members of the media with valid media passes will be escorted to designated media booths or seating areas in all event venues by the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU). Questions or concerns should be directed to MALU at malu@un.org

Youth Media Zone

The Youth Media Zone will run parallel to the event on 30 May. It will be held in the United Nations Correspondents Association Room on the 3rd floor. It will feature a live series of interviews, panel discussions and other digital content— bringing together well-known personalities, including young Olympians, young leaders, and Member States, as well as content creators, influencers and media partners.

The Youth Media Zone will feature four interviews on the topics of : 1) sport; 2) peace and prevention; 3) youth political participation; and 4) entrepreneurship. It will be webcast live on UN WebTV

Follow the Event Online

Webcast: The event, including the opening segment, the two chats and the Open Mic, will be officially livestreamed through United Nations webcast at <http://webtv.un.org>.

Social Media: The official hashtag of the event is #youth72. Additional information on the meeting will be disseminated via Twitter @UN_PGA and the official website of the PGA <https://www.un.org/pga/72/youth/>.