



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4 September 2020

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 5 August 2020, I have the pleasure to circulate the draft programme for the UN75 Youth Plenary, which will take place virtually on 9 September 2020, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (EST).

I look forward to a wide participation of young people from your country in the virtual UN75 Youth Plenary. As previously conveyed, the Youth Plenary will provide a valuable platform to capture ideas and solutions from young people for the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as galvanize support for multilateralism.

For those who wish to follow the event and pose questions to the panelists via the interactive chatbox, kindly join the meeting through the following website: <https://event.un.org/>. The Youth Plenary will also be live streamed on the UN Web TV website: <http://webtv.un.org>. We would kindly ask for your support in sharing the above listed links across relevant platforms.

Should you have any question, your Office may contact the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth at youthenvoy@un.org and the Office of the President of the General Assembly at makinwa@un.org.

I avail this opportunity to express my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my sincere condolences for their loss.

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

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Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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DRAFT PROGRAMME

UN75 Youth Plenary

9 September 2020

10 am – 12:30 pm (EST)

<p>10:00-10:05</p>	<p>OPENING AND WELCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening musical performance by young artists from Create2030 • Welcome by moderator, Ms. Nelufar Hedayat
<p>10:05-10:37</p>	<p>SETTING THE STAGE</p> <p>Multilateralism and the future we want.</p> <p><i>Moderated conversation between the UN Secretary General, the President of the General Assembly, the UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth and two young people.</i></p> <p><i>The COVID-19 pandemic has upended our world and called into question the ability of existing institutions of multilateralism to confront such crises. Policy makers around the globe are faced with the double challenge of addressing the pandemic, while tackling the pre-existing threats of the climate crisis, inequality, new patterns of violence and the major changes we are seeing in the population dynamics and technology. This will require bold solutions, harnessing know-how from across borders, sectors and generations, and employing all available resources.</i></p> <p><i>With multilateralism at a crossroads, extreme nationalism and unilateralism on the rise, and the world becoming increasingly polarized, there is an urgent need to find an answer to the question: what is the best way forward to tackle the pandemic, while addressing the emerging issues and trends threatening the people, the planet and our common future? How has COVID-19 impacted young people’s view of multilateralism and its future? Can the trust of people in its institutions, and in the UN in particular, be strengthened – if so, what will it take?</i></p>
<p>10:37-11:07</p>	<p>SESSION ONE</p> <p>#DearWorldLive special episode</p> <p><i>In this segment, the moderator, Ms. Nelufar Hedayat, is joined by three young changemakers from across the world as #DearWorldLive special episode explores the global</i></p>

response to COVID-19. In this episode, we'll consider what the decisions taken by our leaders in response to this crisis say about us as societies? Have our existing systems stood up to the challenge of this global pandemic?
 Which institutions should we trust to take us through this challenging time?
 The moderator will also focus the conversation on our young panel's personal experiences and reactions. How has the crisis impacted their activism? Has the support they need from their leaders been forthcoming? The show will conclude with our panels' thoughts about the future: What needs to change in their country and community as a result of the pandemic? What practical things can people do to help steer our societies in a better direction, so we are better able to cope with the next crisis. As ever, we will aim to bring in comments and questions from our global audience and these will contribute to the direction of the conversation.

11:07-11:12	<p>Artistic Performance and discussion with the artist(s)</p>
	<p>Imagine, song by Create2030</p>
11:12-11:27	<p>SESSION TWO</p>
	<p>Global UN75 conversation – what do young people say?</p> <p><i>This session will be focused on the UN75 global conversation and the findings so far from the various dialogues, townhalls, and surveys conducted, through a visual presentation of the common findings regarding young people's inputs and reflections throughout that process.</i></p>
11:27-11:31	<p>Presentation by UN75 Essay Competition winner</p>
	<p><i>In this session, we will hear from the winner of the #LeadTheNewNormal essay competition launched by the Office of the Secretary General's Envoy on Youth. #LeadTheNewNormal is a social media campaign to spark a change-making conversation by, for, with, and between young people and to amplify young people's voices in the UN 75 global conversation.</i></p>
11:31-12:00	<p>SESSION THREE</p>
	<p>Young people take the charge – youth leadership in action for sustainable, just, inclusive, and peaceful world.</p> <p><i>In this session, young people's work and activism on the ground and in collaboration with the UN system will be discussed. Youth speakers will reflect on their experiences and how they see the collaboration and synergies with the UN in achieving the goals and vision they are pursuing.</i></p>

12:00-12:04	Youth-led Call to Action <i>This session will share the findings from the paper “Voices from the ECOSOC Youth Forum to HLPF 2020”, which addresses challenges, obstacles, and opportunities and provides recommendations (including from regional perspectives) for the themes of UN 75. The paper is based on numerous youth-led sessions and consultations, including with UN partners.</i>
12:04-12:24	SESSION FOUR Q&A and interaction with the audience <i>Moderator takes comments, reflections, questions on the themes covered in the previous sessions. Speakers answer and reflect. Young people online interact through the chat function.</i>
12:24-12:29	CLOSING Artist performance (poem) and vote of thanks