Public and Civic Participation

- Young people are not at the center of political decision making even though almost half the world’s population is under 30 years old. [UNDP, 2013, http://bit.ly/1dd2a2L]


- Globally, less than 2 per cent of parliamentarians are under 30 years old. [SDG indicator 16.7.1; Inter-Parliamentary Union, 2016: Youth participation in national parliaments, 2016, http://goo.gl/A83XGf]

- The average age in parliament is 53 years old. [UNDP, 2013, http://bit.ly/1dd2a2L]
- Only 1.65% of parliamentarians around the world are in their 20’s and for a third of countries, eligibility for national parliament starts at 25 years old. [UNDP, 2013, http://bit.ly/1dd2a2L]


- 2 out of 3 countries DO NOT consult young people as a part of the process of preparing poverty reduction strategies or national development plans. [The Global Youth Call “Prioritizing Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda,” http://bit.ly/1HeSd9S]