



Concept Note

Networking Reception 2024

Overview

The informal networking reception will take place at the beginning of the 2nd day of ECOSOC Youth Forum (YF) 2024, on the 17th April from 7:30-8:50 am EDT. It will be co-convened by youth partners involved in ECOSOC Youth Forum and it will serve as an optional networking reception and as the social informal space for young participants of the YF to meet, interact with each other and connect, even in the online format of this year's YF. This event will be a virtual exposition of young leaders, partner organizations hosted on zoom. The session will begin with a welcome and introduction, followed by 2 major components running simultaneously:

1. **Small Group Networking:** Meet a small group of individuals, introduce yourself, learn what the other people do, and exchange contact information.
2. **Topic-Based Discussion:** Join a small group of people to discuss the following topics:

Youth Partners:

ICMYO, MGCY.

Objectives

- Connect young people in meaningful discussion around topics of interest of young people not featured in the main programme, including emerging issues and issues of high political importance.
- Support the young participants to interact with each other on a more informal basis and enhance the networking dimension of the event, despite the hybrid format of the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2024
- Provide youth with a space to engage with other young people and / or available resources in a comfortable and non-intimidating environment
- Connect youth to partner organizations whose work is in line with their values and interests.
- Enhance the visibility for the youth engagement at the UN processes.

Format

The session will begin with a welcome and introduction, followed by 2 major components running simultaneously:

1) Small Group Networking

a) It aims to provide a platform for youths to connect with each other.

2) Topic-based Discussion

a) 5 topics have been identified. Youths will have the opportunity to choose one or more rooms to join. Participants will be able to hop in and out of different types of sessions as they choose throughout the event.

The organisers will pre-select a number of topics interesting to young people that may not have made their way into the official programme but are politically important and emerging issues. These networking spaces will allow young people to have candid, informal conversations with each other on these topics while getting to know others interested in the same things.

Each topic will get its own unique link but will follow the same structure below. Participants will be allowed to move from one topic to another as they wish.

17 April 2024 | 7:30 - 8:50 AM EDT

<https://ifmsa.zoom.us/j/87649215493>

7:30-7:40	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction</u></p> <p>Organizers give a warm welcome to participants and explain how the session will work.</p>
7:40-8:00	<p><u>Small Group Networking</u></p> <p>Participants will network with each other, and exchange information and ideas. There will be multiple breakout rooms set up to allow multiple rooms for participants to join.</p> <p>Introduce: Name, Country, Organization/Institution (if applicable), what are you most excited about this ECOSCO Youth Forum</p> <p>Facilitators: Prisca, Mathieu, Pardington, Jonathan, Abdallah</p>
8:00-8:30	<p><u>Topic-based Discussion</u></p> <p>Participants can take part in Topic-Based Sessions to have more in-depth conversations on the topic and spend more time getting to know each other.</p>

	<p>These meeting spaces will allow young people to have candid, informal conversations with each other on these topics while getting to know others interested in the same things. Individuals can select which session/topic they would like to participate. They also have the option to hop back-and-forth between conversations.</p> <p>The sessions will be moderated by a representative from youth partners and constituencies. Prompt topics or questions will be provided to get the conversation going.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="483 569 1421 877"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="483 569 950 600">Topics</th> <th data-bbox="950 569 1421 600">Facilitators</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 600 950 636">Gender Equality, ICPD process</td> <td data-bbox="950 600 1421 636">Manchare, Lucy</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 636 950 672">Universal Health Coverage</td> <td data-bbox="950 636 1421 672">Mathieu</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 672 950 741">Artificial Intelligence and Innovations</td> <td data-bbox="950 672 1421 741">Frank</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 741 950 777">Human Rights</td> <td data-bbox="950 741 1421 777">Srikandi</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 777 950 812">Meaningful Youth Engagement</td> <td data-bbox="950 777 1421 812">Fatima</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="483 812 950 877">Towards UN Civil Society Conference</td> <td data-bbox="950 812 1421 877">Terry</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Discuss the:</p> <ul data-bbox="532 961 1421 1228" style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current situation (Challenges, achievements, needs etc.)? • What are some existing and on-going policies and initiatives? • What would be the next step and what are some stakeholders that should be involved in the process? • What can youth do and what are your plans to empower more youths to take actions? 	Topics	Facilitators	Gender Equality, ICPD process	Manchare, Lucy	Universal Health Coverage	Mathieu	Artificial Intelligence and Innovations	Frank	Human Rights	Srikandi	Meaningful Youth Engagement	Fatima	Towards UN Civil Society Conference	Terry
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8:30-8:50	Reflection and conclusion														

Platform: Zoom