



"Youth at the Forefront: Leveraging Science and Social Inclusion for Sustainable Development"

Engaging Youth and Member States Representatives

15 - 17 April 2025

DRAFT PROGRAMME

FIRST DAY

**TUESDAY
15 APRIL**

WORKING WITH AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: SHAPING INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE 2030 AGENDA

– Trusteeship Chamber
(Lead entities: UNDESA, UNYO, MGCY and ICMYO)

Opening Session

10:00 AM – 10:40 AM

Plenary session-Moderated conversation: Youth-Led Solutions for a Resilient Future (Discussions with young leaders from around the world)

This session will invite young people to share their ideas and expertise to help accelerate the SDGs reflecting on challenges, solutions, and best practices. The discussion will aim to highlight youth voices in promoting their active role in shaping integrated policies on issues related to poverty, decent work, economic security, social inclusion, gender equality, climate action, resilience, conflicts and peacebuilding.

10:40 AM – 11:30 AM

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**TUESDAY
15 APRIL**

SDG 3: YOUTH AND HEALTH - OVERCOMING CHALLENGES AND STAYING HEALTHY

– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber
UN co-leads: World Health Organization (WHO);

Youth co-leads: WHO Youth Council (Commonwealth Health Youth Network; International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA); and International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF)); Global Youth Caucus;
UN co-organizers: UN Population Fund (UNFPA); UN Children's Fund (UNICEF); UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS);
Youth co-organizers: ICPD Youth Platform.

This session will focus on accelerating progress toward SDG 3 by prioritizing the health and well-being of adolescents and youth. It will aim to address key challenges, including gaps in universal health coverage and mental health concerns. The discussion will also seek to highlight the importance of youth-led advocacy, inclusive policies and sustained investment in youth-responsive health systems to ensure health for all.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

#GlobalGoals #SDG3 #HealthForAll

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: SIDE EVENTS

**TUESDAY
15 APRIL**

SDG 5: EMPOWERED YOUNG WOMEN - ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY

– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber

UN co-lead: UN Women;

Youth co-lead: Gender Youth Caucus;

UN co-organizers: Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (ORLSI)/ Department of Peace Operation (DPO); United Nations Alliance of Civilization (UNAOC);

Youth co-organizers: World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM); UNCCD Youth Caucus.

This session will aim to explore efforts to advance gender equality and accelerate progress on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. It will seek to address challenges like poverty, inequality, and conflict-related violence, emphasizing the need for gender-responsive policies and the vital role of youth-led and community-driven initiatives in empowering women and girls.

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

#GlobalGoals #SDG5 #GenderEquality

**TUESDAY
15 APRIL**

SDG 14: YOUTH FOR SUSTAINABLE OCEANS - MOBILIZATION AND ACTIONS

– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber

UN co-leads: UNDESA;

Youth co-leads: Oceans Youth Constituency; Chemicals & Waste Youth Program;

UN co-organizers: UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

Youth co-organizers: Children and Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC (YOUNGO).

This session will aim to address the urgent need to protect oceans, highlighting threats like overfishing, rising temperatures, and coral bleaching. It will seek to focus on the critical role of youth in driving sustainable solutions, advocating for a healthy blue economy, and contributing to global efforts like the upcoming 2025 UN Ocean Conference. The discussion will highlight the importance of ocean literacy, youth-led initiatives, and cross-sectoral collaboration to ensure a sustainable future for our oceans.

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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-END OF THE FIRST DAY-

SECOND DAY

WEDNESDAY
16 APRIL
(VIRTUAL)

CONNECTING, AMPLIFYING, AND LEVERAGING – VIRTUAL NETWORKING SESSION FOR YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS

Virtual connection: TBC
Lead entities: MGCY and ICMYO

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Participants to the ECOSOC Youth Forum will be invited to attend a VIRTUAL networking session organized around discussion groups facilitated by moderators.

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WEDNESDAY
16 APRIL

YOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – CHALLENGES, PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS FOR THE SDGs

*Breakout sessions with youth representatives
Government officials*

The regional breakout sessions will seek to help identify the development needs for youth at the regional level and consider how best to articulate and mainstream them in the context of achieving the SDGs at the global level. These sessions may build on the outcomes of youth consultations, fora, and other forms of youth engagement as part of the regional SDG review processes and sustainable development forums hosted by the various UN Regional Commissions.

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC – Conference Room (TBC)

*UN co-leads: UN ESCAP, UNDP.
Youth co-leads: Asia Pacific Youth Caucus; Pacific Youth Council.
Youth co-organizers: SAARC Youth Platform.*

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

ARAB STATES REGION – Conference Room (TBC)

*UN co-leads: UN ESCWA; UNDP;
Youth co-leads: Arab Youth Platform for Sustainable Development-West
Asia Regional Caucus;
Youth co-organizers: Global Youth Health Caucus - International
Pharmaceutical Students' Federation Pan American Regional Office (IPSF
PARO).*

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

LATIN AMERICA – Conference Room (TBC)

*UN co-leads: UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the
Caribbean (ECLAC);*

Youth co-leads: LAC Regional Youth Caucus; Children Adolescents and Youth LAC Group (MeSCLAC).

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND OTHER STATES - Conference Room (TBC)

UN co-leads: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); Youth co-leads: European Students Forum (AEGEE); Youth Environment Europe (YEE);

Youth co-organizers: Soroptimist International.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

AFRICA - Conference Room (TBC)

UN co-leads: UN Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA);

Youth co-leads: Africa Youth Commission on behalf of the African Regional Youth Caucus.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

THE CARIBBEAN – Conference Room (TBC)

UN co-leads: UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);

Youth co-leads: Caribbean Regional Youth Council (Global Focal Point).

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: SIDE EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY
16 APRIL**

#YOUTHLEAD FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL: MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN POLICYMAKING & DECISION-MAKING

– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber

UN co-leads: UN Youth Office (UNYO);

Youth co-leads: MGCY & ICMYO Focal Points to Youth2030 JWG & HLSC.

This session will aim to explore the core principles of meaningful youth participation in policymaking and decision-making processes, as well as sharing good practices of youth engagement in policymaking at various levels as part of the follow up to the Pact for the Future.

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

- 1. Core Principles of Meaningful Youth Participation:** Exploring the underlying theory and framework.

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

2. Meaningful Youth Participation in Action: Showcasing good practices and successful examples from local, national, regional and global levels.

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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END OF THE SECOND DAY-

**THURSDAY
17 APRIL****SDG 8: ENSURING DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH****– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber***UN co-leads: International Labour Organization (ILO);**Youth co-leads: Global Youth Caucus for Decent Work and Sustainable Economies;**UN co-organizers: Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO); UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA); UN Development Programme (UNDP); UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO); UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);**Youth co-organizers: SCP Youth Constituency; IFMSA; UNCCD Youth Caucus.*

This session will seek to explore transformative actions to address youth unemployment and promote decent work. It will aim to highlight youth-led initiatives and partnerships that create inclusive job opportunities, focusing on vulnerable groups, and discuss strategies to build equitable labor markets for a more sustainable future.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM[#GlobalGoals](#) [#SDG8](#) [#DecentWork](#)**THURSDAY
17 APRIL****SDG 17: FINANCING OUR FUTURE - ADVANCING GROWTH THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS****– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber***UN co-leads: International Labour Organization (ILO);**Youth co-leads: FfD Youth Constituency; Global Youth Caucus for Decent Work and Sustainable Economies;**UN co-organizers: Financing for Sustainable Development Office (FSDO)/DESA; Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); UN Environment Programme (UNEP);**Youth co-organizers: Migration Youth & Children Platform (MYCP); UNCCD Youth Caucus.*

This session will seek to explore how cross-sector collaboration and innovative financing can expand education, training, and access to green jobs for youth. It will aim to highlight multi-stakeholder initiatives empowering young people to drive sustainable solutions and shape a greener, more equitable future, emphasizing the importance of youth leadership in the green economy. The session will also discuss key issues to be addressed at the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, focusing on global financing frameworks.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM[#GlobalGoals](#) [#SDG17](#) [#DecentWork](#)**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: SIDE EVENTS**

THURSDAY
17 APRIL

EMPOWERING AND ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE: THE EVOLVING ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber

UN co-leads: International Telecommunication Union (ITU);

Youth co-lead: SPI Youth Platform

Co-organizers: UN Foundation.

This session will seek to explore the role of science and technology in advancing the SDGs, highlighting opportunities for youth in the digital age and challenges like the digital divide, cybersecurity, and ethical use of AI. It will also aim to discuss outcomes from the 2024 Summit of the Future, including the Global Digital Compact and the Declaration on Future Generations.

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

[#GlobalGoals](#) [#AI](#)

THURSDAY
17 APRIL

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: YOUTH SOLUTIONS FOR AN INCLUSIVE FUTURE

- Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber

UN co-leads: UNDESA;

Youth co-leads: Global Youth Initiative on Social Inclusion;

Youth co-organizers: International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS/MIEC).

This session will aim to provide a platform for youth to share their views regarding social development, including key social challenges such as poverty, employment, education, and social inclusion. Panelists are invited to discuss youth-driven solutions and strategies to advance and leverage social development. Through interactive discussions, young panelists will share priorities, challenges, and recommendations to shape global and national social development policies, as well as preparations for the second World Summit for Social Development to take place in Doha, Qatar in November 2025.

4:30 PM – 5:45 PM

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THURSDAY
17 APRIL

CLOSING SESSION OF THE ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM

– Trusteeship Chamber

Lead entity: UNDESA, UNYO, MGCY; and ICMYO

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM

- Opening and Closing sessions
- Plenary sessions
- Breakout sessions
- Additional activity