



**ECOSOC**  
**YOUTH FORUM**

**YOUTH2030**

## **Economic and Social Council Youth Forum**

**“Accelerating the COVID-19 recovery and full implementation of the 2030 Agenda with and for youth”**

### **YOUTH & THE SDGs**

### **YOUTH INSIGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE LEAD**

### **UP TO THE SDG SUMMIT 2023**

**27 April 2023, 3 PM - 5.30 PM (NY Time)**

**United Nations Headquarters, Trusteeship Council**

#### **Background**

The 2023 Annual Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum, will take place over three days on 25-27 April 2023, guided by the theme of the 2023 UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) on “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels”. Youth are given the opportunity to present their assessment, vision and recommendations for Member States’ consideration ahead of the SDG Summit in September 2023. Over the past years, the ECOSOC Youth Forum has evolved into a key platform where young people, high-level Government representatives and other stakeholders contribute to policy discussions through their ideas, solutions, and innovations to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs. It will connect with key UN processes and events in 2023 especially the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC in July 2023, and the SDG Summit, in September 2023 at the level of Heads of State and Government.

The outcome of the Forum will be an informal summary of the proceedings by the President of ECOSOC, a document capturing key messages and findings of the different sessions and a Presidential Statement as inputs to the High-level Political Forum, the High-level Segment of the Council in July 2023 and the SDG Summit under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2023. In addition, youth networks will bring together youth entities/organizations to prepare the “Voices of Youth” Report at the ECOSOC Youth Forum.

In the period from March 14th until April 6th, UN agencies and youth partners have convened an online global consultation on Youth & SDGs. During the 3 weeks period, youth from around the world engaged with sharing good practices, lessons learned, as well as their vision on achieving the 2030 Development Agenda. As an outcome, an

insight paper has been developed outlining the outcomes and sharing the voices of adolescents and youth including the ones from left behind populations.

During the 3rd Day, a Plenary Session titled “Youth & the SDGs: youth insights and recommendations in the lead up to the SDG Summit 2023” is being proposed. This multi-stakeholder venue will be an opportunity to highlight and discuss key priorities and recommendations by youth, as expressed as part of the global consultation process led by UN and external partners in the lead-up to the ECOSOC Youth Forum. This moderated conversation and the insights paper summarizing the consultation will be key input to the upcoming SDG Summit, ensuring a focus on youth empowerment and leadership and young people's contribution to the 2030 Agenda and vision for the future. It will feature high-level officials and a diversity of young voices from Member States, civil society, stakeholders and other young development practitioners.

### Objectives

- To present a substantive insights paper on the role of youth in SDG implementation, monitoring and review on young people’s aspirations and recommendations
- To provide a platform to diverse youth constituencies and partners to further express their voices and vision toward the SDG Summit
- To serve as a forum for the exchange of good practices and meaningful dialogue between youth and decision-makers

### Proposed agenda

Start: 3 PM - 5 PM

#### 2 overall session co-facilitators:

- *Inés Yábar, Next Generation Lead Fellow*
- *Asma Rouhabia, Global Focal Point, SDG7 Youth Constituency*

Time	Topic/Theme	Speakers
5 mins	<b>Welcoming words and introduction to the objectives of the session</b>	- Overall facilitators (Inés Yábar & Asma Rouhabia)
10 mins	<b>Opening remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Context and presentation of the process, online consultation etc., insights paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Lachezara Stoeva, President of the ECOSOC</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Fergal Mythen, Ambassador of Ireland to the United Nations, Co-facilitators of the 2023 SDG Summit Political Declaration</li> <li>- Yugratna Srivastava, Organising Partner,</li> </ul>

		<p>Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Ulrika Modéer, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Director, Bureau for External Relations and Advocacy, UNDP</li> <li>- Diene Keita, Deputy Executive Director - Programme, UNFPA</li> </ul>
40 mins	<p><b>Segment I: Spotlighting youth contributions to SDG implementation and key challenges and opportunities</b></p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>How have you, as a young person or youth organisation, movement and network, contributed to the SDG implementation or led youth &amp; SDG initiatives so far? Introduce yourself and share your experience or any promising practice you know of here!</i></li> <li>- <i>What are some of the challenges or barriers you have faced or identified as a young person or youth organization, movement, and network, when taking action on SDGs?</i></li> <li>- <i>What are key opportunities to enhance youth leadership in SDG implementation, monitoring, and review, in your specific context?</i></li> </ul>	<p>Petar Mladenov, UNFPA &amp; Inés Yábar</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arnel Sylva, Head of Education Science Technology Cluster at SAYoF SADC. (Comoros)</li> <li>- Kristian Kampmann (UNLEASH Generation17 young leader, Denmark)</li> <li>- Omer Jamal, (Pakistan/Canada), Project Officer at Southern Voice, Unlock Coalition</li> <li>- Tyeisha Emmanuel (Anguilla)</li> <li>- Ianthe Douglas, Youth Delegate, Ocean and Climate Change Advisor, Permanent Mission of Palau</li> </ul> <p><i>Brief Q&amp;A moderated by Ines</i></p>
<u>10 min</u>	<p><b>Slido WordCloud, by session facilitator</b></p> <p>Question to be determined</p> <p>Options: Key youth priority; 1 dream for the world we want until 2030; etc.</p>	Asma and Inés
<u>40 mins</u>	<p><b>Segment II Youth Recommendations to the SDG Summit</b></p>	<p>Co-Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Noella Richard, UNDP &amp; Asma</li> </ul>

	<p>The Segment will provide an opportunity for diverse youth constituencies and young people to present key recommendations in the lead-up to the SDG Summit</p> <p>Guiding questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>How can government, UN entities, development partners, youth organizations, movements and networks, philanthropy, civil society actors, and the private sector better partner to unlock impact, commitments, and financing for young people?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can the meaningful engagement of young people, in particular from marginalized communities, be further strengthened and mainstreamed in SDG implementation, monitoring and review including at the grassroots level?</i></li> <li>- <i>What are your or your constituency's key messages and recommendations to the ECOSOC Youth Forum and the SDG Summit? Are you supporting or planning on supporting youth-led and youth-inclusive efforts and consultations that could inform the SDG Summit?</i></li> </ul>	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anita Dywaba (South Africa), UNF Next Generation Gender Fellow</li> <li>- Ahmed E. Elsabagh (Egypt), Major Group for Children and Youth at the United Nations and the Arab Youth Platform for Sustainable Development at the League of Arab States</li> <li>- Thùy Anh Ngô, Generation17 young leader (Viet Nam)</li> <li>- Martin Karadzov, ILGA World Youth Chair and ICPD High-Level Commissioner (Bulgaria)</li> <li>- Daniel Calarco (International Youth Observatory, Brazil)</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A here moderated by Asma</p>
<p><u>4 mins</u></p>	<p><b>Presenting the WordCloud from the Slido, by overall facilitator(s)</b></p>	<p>Asma and Ines</p>
<p><u>10 mins</u></p>	<p><b>Feedback from active listeners</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs</li> <li>- Ms. Shannon Lisa, Interim Global Focal Point, MGCY Chemicals and Waste Constituency</li> <li>- Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's</li> </ul>

		Envoy on Youth
<u>1 min</u>	<u>Closing and acknowledgments</u>	- H.E. Lachezara Stoeva, President of the ECOSOC