

ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM 2016

New York, 1-2 February 2016

Information Note on Guidelines for participation

The ECOSOC Youth Forum will take place in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (see annex) on 1-2 February 2016 (<u>http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/youth2016/index.shtml</u>).

- All UN Member States (Ministers, youth delegates appointed by the Governments and other officials of national delegations) are invited to participate in the ECOSOC Youth Forum.
 - They will be seated behind the nameplates of their countries on the main floor of the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Nameplates will be in alphabetical order.
 - As this is an interactive dialogue, prepared statements are discouraged.
 - Ministers and high level personalities will address the Forum throughout the two-day programme.
 - Delegations are invited to inform the ECOSOC Secretariat of the names of their representatives by contacting Mr. Paul Simon (<u>simonp@un.org</u>) by 11 January 2016.
- Youth selected by their Governments, representatives of National Youth Councils, the Children and Youth Major Group, youth-led and youth focused organizations and networks, as well as youth representatives selected by the UN System at the country level and representatives of the UN Interagency Network on Youth Development (IANYD) are also invited to participate in the Forum.
 - They will be seated on the main floor of the Trusteeship Council Chamber, alternating with government representatives.
 - Given the interactive nature of the event, prepared statements are discouraged.
- > Students from invited Universities and other individual experts can also attend the Forum.
 - They will be seated in the balcony section of the Trusteeship Council Chamber. They will not have nameplates.
 - They will be able to ask questions and interact with the rest of the room via one to two standing microphones, to be located in the balcony area. They will not deliver prepared statements.

Participants are invited to take part in the interactive plenary sessions and break-out sessions, which are an integral part of the programme of the Forum. Ministers and high-level officials will speak at designated times. All other participants are encouraged to intervene during the discussions. They can request to speak by pressing the appropriate button on the console. The sessions are open to everyone and participants can attend the breakout session of their choice.

<u>ANNEX</u>

Trusteeship Chamber

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