



**DRAFT PROGRAMME**  
**Economic and Social Council Youth Forum 2016**  
*(as of 29/1/2016)*

**Youth Taking Action to Implement the 2030 Agenda**  
**1-2 February 2016**  
**Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York**

**1 February 2016**

**10:00 – 10:45 AM      OPENING SESSION**

**Opening remarks by:**

H.E. Mr. Oh Joon, President of ECOSOC

Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

**Launch of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth**

Mr. Guy Ryder, Director General, International Labor Organization

**Remarks** by Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Youth

**Keynote address** by Ms. Samar Mezghanni, writer and activist

**10:45 AM – 1:00 PM      SETTING THE STAGE**

*The 2030 Agenda for sustainable development includes specific goals and targets related to youth. In addition, the success of this Agenda will depend on how all sectors of societies engage in its implementation, beyond what is of direct concern to them, and contribute to follow-up and accountability mechanisms to be established in this context. This session aims at launching the discussion on the role young people can play in implementing the 2030 Agenda, on the main obstacles for their inclusive and meaningful*



*participation, and on what should be done, including in terms of new governance mechanisms, to overcome them.*

**Moderator:** Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Youth

**Interactive Discussion, featuring Ministerial participation, on the Role of Youth in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda (see annex)**

**3:00 PM – 5:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS on the themes:**

- **Education** (co-organizers: UNESCO, Y-PEER, GEFI-YAG, WFUNA) (*room 5*)  
*Moderator:* Ms. Marie Paule Roudil, Director, UNESCO New York Office
- **Youth employment and entrepreneurship** (co-organizers: IANYD Employment WG, World Bank, ILO, UNIDO, TEJO, UN MGCY-goal 8, WFUNA, UNCTAD) (*Trusteeship Council Chamber*)  
*Moderator:* Ms. Ana Saldarriaga, President, AIESEC International
- **Climate change** (co-organizers: UNFCCC, FAO/YUNGA, YOUNGO, ILFRY, UNDP GEF SGP, IAAI) (*room A*)  
*Moderators:* Ms. Angelica Shamerina, Program Advisor Climate Change and GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP; and Dr. Miroslav Polzer, International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges
- **Poverty, inequalities and youth empowerment in urban areas** (co-organizers: UNHABITAT, UN MGCY, OHCHR, IMCS - Pax Romana –ILFRY) (*room B*)  
*Moderator:* Mr. Douglas Ragan, Chief, Youth Unit, UN Habitat



- **Health** (co-organizers: UNFPA, UN MGCY, WG (IFMSA), IPSF Pharmaceutical Students) (*room E*)  
*Moderator:* Ms. Kornelija Macevičiūtė, Vice-President for External Affairs, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
- **Peaceful and inclusive societies** (co-organizers: UNDP, PBSO, WG, WFUNA, UN MGCY, ILFRY) (*room F*)  
*Moderators:* Mr. Regev Ben Jacob, Consultant, Youth and Governance, UNDP; and Ms. Ani Hao, Researcher on Youth Participation
- **Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls** (co-organizers: UNWOMEN, UNFPA, WAGGGS) (*room 6*)  
*Moderator:* Mr. Ravi Karkara, Senior Advisor Strategic Partnership and Advocacy to the Assistant Secretary-General/Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

**5 PM – 6:00 PM**

**PLENARY SESSION on reporting on the outcome of the breakout sessions by the moderators of these sessions**  
*Chair:* H.E. Mr. Lauber Jürg, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations and Vice-President of ECOSOC

## **2 February 2016**

**9:30 AM – 10:50 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS on key regional priorities for youth development, as follows:**

- **Sub-Saharan Africa** (*organizer: Office of the Special Adviser on Africa*) (*room 5*)  
*Moderator:* Ms. Francine Muyumba, President, Pan African Youth Union
- **Europe, North America and other States** (*organizer: European Youth Forum*) (*room 6*)



*Moderator:* Mr. Dejan Bojanic, Board Member, European Youth Forum

- **Latin America and the Caribbean** (*organizer: UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean*) (*Trusteeship Council Chamber*)  
*Moderators:* Mr. Tijani Christian, Chairperson, Caribbean Regional Youth Council; and Ms. Nayeli Yoval, Coordinator, Latin American and Caribbean Youth Alliance
- **Asia and the Pacific** (*organizer: The Commonwealth Secretariat*) (*room B*)  
*Moderators:* Ms. Tarusila Bradburgh, Coordinator, Pacific Youth Council Secretariat; and Mr. Kishva Ambigapathy, Chair, Commonwealth Youth Council
- **Arab region** (*co-organizers: UNRWA, UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA*) (*room E*)  
*Moderator:* Mr. Marc Lassouaoui, Senior Liaison Officer at the UNRWA Representative Office in New York

## 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM PLENARY SESSION

**Reporting on the breakout sessions on regional priorities for youth**

**Promoting youth as partners in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda: Priorities and next steps**

**Chair:** H.E. Mr. Héctor Alejandro Palma Cerna, Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations and Vice-President of ECOSOC

**Moderator:** Ms. Noella Richard, Co-chair of the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development *and* Youth Policy Specialist, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP



- Mr. Saya Abdullah, Youth Delegate to the United Nations, The Netherlands
- Ms. Dorina Lluka, CEO, YMCA Pristina
- Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Coordinator, Indigenous Women and Peoples Association of Chad
- Mr. Max Trejo, Secretary-General, Ibero-American Youth Organization
- Mr. Rubén Urosa, General Director, Spanish Youth Institute

### **Interactive Discussion**

**3:00 – 5:30 PM**

### **PLENARY SESSION**

#### **Promoting innovative partnerships involving youth to implement the 2030 Agenda**

*This session aims at showcasing innovative partnerships among youth organization and networks, the UN system, Governments, civil society, the private sector and academia to promote the implementation of the Agenda. It will provide an opportunity to share perspectives on key principles and requirements for building successful partnerships. The discussion will also address initiatives to ensure vibrant communication around the new Development Goals and their implementation.*

**Chair:** H.E. Mr. Héctor Alejandro Palma Cerna, Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations and Vice-President of ECOSOC

**Moderator:** Mr. Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Major Group on Children and Youth

**Address:** Mr. Dan Price, Founder and CEO of Gravity Payments



- Mr. Aaron Sherinian, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer, United Nations Foundation
- Ms. Valerie Lorena, Executive Director, Young Americas Business Trust
- Ms. Ana Saldarriaga, President of AIESEC International
- Ms. Ruth Adewonuola, Youth representative, UNODC, presenting the "Jovem de Expressão Programme" from the Instituto Caixa Seguradora, Brazil (video)

**Discussants:**

- Monsignor Agripino Nuñez Collado, President of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS)
- Ms. Catherine Boucher, Education and Youth Department, International Organisation of la Francophonie
- Mr. Vytautas Gapšys, MP from Lithuania and Member of the Inter-Parliamentarian Union Forum of Young Parliamentarians
- Mr. Sushil Ram, Programme Manager – Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat

**Interactive Discussion**

**5:30 PM – 6 PM**

**CLOSING SESSION**

**Chair:** H.E. Mr. Oh Joon, President of ECOSOC

**Closing Remarks by:**

- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP
- Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Youth
- H.E. Mr. Oh Joon, President of ECOSOC



## ANNEX

High-level officials are invited to contribute to the interactive discussions during the two days of the Forum. The lists below *do not* constitute a list of speakers. As of 28 January 2016, the following high-level officials have registered:

### Ministers

- H.E. Mr. Hisham Mohamed Husain Aljawder, Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain
- H.E. Mr. Elodio Aragon, Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Belize
- H.E. Mr. Jean Claude Bouda, Minister of Youth, Professional Training and Enrollment, Burkina Faso
- H.E. Mr. Viktor Yakzhik, Deputy Minister, Education, Belarus
- H.E. Mr. Jose Ricardo Sanchez Mena, Vice-Minister of Youth, Costa Rica
- H.E. Mr. Odalis Junior Ledesma, Vice-Minister of Youth, Dominican Republic
- H.E. Mr. Addisu Arega Kitessa, State Minister of Youth and Sports, Ethiopia
- H.E. Mr. Mustapha Ahmed, Minister for Youth and Sports, Ghana
- H.E. Mr. Francisco Conduto de Pina, Secretary of State for youth, culture and sports, Guinea Bissau
- H.E. Mr. Neto Z.Lighe - Minister of Labour, Liberia
- H.E. Mr. Saah Charles N'Tow, Minister of Youth and Sports, Liberia
- H.E. Mr. Mahamane Baby, Minister of Youth and Citizenship Building, Mali
- H.E. Mr. Ahmed Zuhoor, Minister of Youth, Maldives
- H.E. Mr. Yogida Sawmynaden, Minister of Youth and Sports, Mauritius
- H.E. Mr. Jerry Ekandjo, Minister of Sports, Youth and National Service, Namibia
- H.E. Ms. Solveig Horne, Minister of Children and Equality, Norway
- H.E. Mr. Buti Manamela, Deputy Minister, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, South Africa
- H.E. Mr. Baey Yam Keng, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Singapore
- H.E. Mr. Faizal Abdoelgafoer, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, Suriname
- H.E. Mr. Ihor Zhdanov, Minister for Youth and Sports, Ukraine
- H.E. Mr. Vincent Mwale, Minister of Youth and Sports, Zambia





## Parliamentarians

- Mr. Many Hun, MP, National Assembly of Cambodia, IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians
- Ms. Tamam Alriyati, MP, Jordanian House of Representatives, IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians
- H.E. MP. Mr Mohammad al-thahrawy, Chairperson of the Youth and Sport Committee, Jordanian House of Representatives, Jordan
- H.E. MP. Dr. Nassar AL-qaisi, Member of Delegation, Jordanian House of Representatives, Jordan
- H.E. MP Mr. Moh`d al Hajouj, Member of Youth and Sport Committee, Jordanian House of Representatives, Jordan
- H.E. MP Ms Ensaaf ALkhalwaldeh, Member of Delegation, Jordanian House of Representatives, Jordan
- Mr. Vytautas Gapšys, National Assembly of Lithuania, IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians
- Mr. Adrien Charles Duval, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly of Mauritius, IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians
- Mr. Raphael Igbokwe, National Assembly of Nigeria, IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians
- Mr. Melvin Bouva , Vice-President, National Assembly of Suriname, IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians
- Ms. Melody Dziva, National Assembly of Zimbabwe, IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians

## Senior representatives of governments and international organizations:

- Mr. Agusti Pifarré Gallostra, Coordinator of Youth and Volunteers Policy, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Andorra
- Ms. Ingrid Nemeč, Head of Section for Family and Youth, Federal Ministry for Family and Youth, Austria
- Mr. Shaikh Rashed Bin Khalifa Ali Rashed Alkhalifa, General Manager, Peninsula Farms, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Bahrain





- Mr. Gabriel Medina de Toledo, National Youth Secretary, Ministry for Women, Racial Equality and Human Rights, Brazil
- Ms. Rachana Khun, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Cambodia
- Mr. Nicolas Preuss, Director, National Institute of Youth, Chile
- Ms. Li Qing, Deputy Secretary-General, All-China Youth Federation, China
- Mr. Rafael Pérez Cruz, Director of Public Policies, Ministry on Youth, Dominican Republic
- Mr. Carlos Zarzuela, Director of International Programs, Ministry on Youth, Dominican Republic
- Dr. Kamel Hussein, Undersecretary of the central department for sports medicine, Ministry of Youth, Egypt
- Ms. Mariana Njie, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Gambia
- Mr. Larmin Darboe, Executive Director, Youth Council, Gambia
- Mr. Filinto Omar Martins Salla, President of National youth Institute, Guinea Bissau
- Mr. Antonio Na Bituque, President of National youth Council, Guinea Bissau
- Ms. Nela Augusto Mantija, President of Children National parliament, Guinea Bissau
- Mr. Lee Seung Wook, Deputy Director, Youth Policy Division, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, Korea
- Mr. Shafeeq AlSayed Omar, Assistant Under-Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Kuwait
- Ms. Mamakiziel Siah Sicar, Director of Youth Services / Ministry of Youth and Sports, Liberia
- Ms. Daina Urbonaitienė, Director of Youth Affairs Department, Ministry of Social Protection and Labor Ministry, Lithuania
- Mr. Munkhtuvshin Gantulga, Director, Youth Development Department, Ministry of Population Development and Social Protection, Mongolia
- Mr. Munkhtuul Batbaatar, Chair, Finance and Economy Department, Ministry of Population Development and Social Protection, Mongolia
- Mr. Ilyia Yarmanov, Advisor to the Head of the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs, Russia
- Mr. Shogar Bashar Khatir, Chairman, Youth National Union, Sudan



- H.R.H. Prince Mlayeto Goodwill Dlamini, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Sport, Youth and Youth Affairs, Swaziland
- Ms. Orapin Sak-Eam, Director, Strategy and Plan Division, Department of Children and Youth, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand
- Ms. Sangdao Aree, Director, International Cooperation Group, Strategy and Plan Division, Department of Children and Youth, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand
- Mr. Emre Kacar, General Director for Youth Services, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Turkey
- Mr. Andrew Rabens, Special Adviser for Global Youth Issues Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, State Department, United States
- Mr. Nguyen Long Hai, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, Vice Chair of the National Committee on Viet Nam Youth, Vietnam
- Mr. Dominique Atchawe, Vice-President, Economic and Social Council, Benin
- Mr. Samuel Ahokpa, Secretary General, Economic and Social Council, Benin
- Monsignor Agripino Nuñez Collado (Dominican Republic), President of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS)
- Mr. Rubén Urosa, Director, Spanish Youth Institute, Spain