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7th Economic and Social Council Youth Forum

DRAFT PROGRAMME

(29 January 2018)

The role of youth in building sustainable and resilient urban and rural communities

30-31 January 2018

Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Headquarters, New York

30 January 2018

Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber

10 AM – 10.45 AM

OPENING SESSION

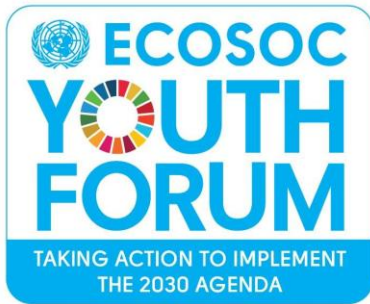
- Opening remarks by H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardová, President of ECOSOC
- Opening statement by H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly
- Keynote Address by Ms. Salina Abraham, President, International Forestry Students' Association
- Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations; and Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth in conversation.

10.45 AM – 1 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Interactive Roundtable on “The role of youth in building sustainable and resilient urban and rural communities”, featuring Ministers, other High-Level speakers, and youth organization representatives

The 2030 Agenda for sustainable development includes specific goals and targets that have an impact on, and require



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the contribution of young people, that contribute to building resilience in communities. In this context, the success of this Agenda will depend on how all sectors of societies, governments and young people engage in its implementation. This session aims at showcasing concrete areas and initiatives that governments, youth and other stakeholders are actively engaged or have delivered.

Moderator: Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Interactive discussion featuring Ministerial participation, youth representatives and UN entities on the Engagement of Youth in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS focusing on the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, taking into account the themes and related to the upcoming High-level Segment of ECOSOC and High-level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2018:

The thematic breakout sessions will provide space for open discussions by a wide range of stakeholders on the development needs and contributions that young people can make to reach the SDGs that will be reviewed by the HLPF in 2018. Discussions will illustrate the difference that youth can make through action at all levels and how these efforts can create a momentum in support of the achievement of these goals.

- **SDG 6: Ensure access to water and sanitation for all – Room 8**

Co-Moderators: Ms. Asma Bachikh, President, World Youth Parliament for Water; and Ms. Shabana Abbas, President, Water Youth Network and Member of the Water Youth Network, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY)



- **SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all – Room 12**

Co-Moderators: Ms. Yera Ortiz de Urbina, Permanent Observer to the U.N., International Renewable Energy Agency-IRENA; and Mr. Sajith Wijesuriya, focal point for Science Policy Interface on Technology Facilitation Mechanism, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY)

- **SDG 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable – Room 11**

Co-Moderators: Mr. Hung Vo, Youth Advisory Board representative, UN-Habitat; and Ms. Ruxanda Renita, Habitat 3 Science Policy Interface Representative of the Task Force on Science and Technology, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY)

- **SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns – Room 7**

Co-Moderators: Ms. Dalia Marquez, President, Juventud Unida en Acción, and Global Focal Point, SDG 12/SCP, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY); and Mr. Matteo Landi, Industrial Development and Youth Employment Expert, UNIDO

- **SDG 15: Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss, and the related processes – Room 5**

Co-Moderators: Ms. Swetha Stotra Bhashyam, Asia and Global South Focal Point, Global Youth Biodiversity Network; and Ms. Salina Abraham, President, International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)

- **SDG 17: The use of science, technology and innovations in facilitating youth engagement,**



development and resilience - *Trusteeship Council Chamber*

Moderator: Ms. Susana Puerto, Senior Youth Employment Specialist, ILO

5.15 PM – 6 PM

PLENARY SESSION

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Reporting on the outcome of the breakout sessions by the moderators of these sessions with interactive discussions

- **SDG 6: Ensure access to water and sanitation for all**

Rapporteur: Ms. Melinda Alfano, Communication and Outreach Coordinator, NYC H2O

- **SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all**

Rapporteur: Mr. Sajith Wijesuriya, focal point of the Science Policy Interface Platform, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth

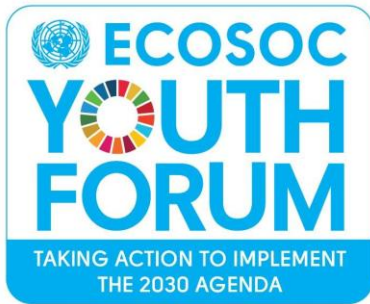
- **SDG 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable**

Rapporteur: Ms. Giulia Lavagna, Youth Officer, UN-Habitat

- **SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns**

Rapporteur: Mr. Matteo Landi, Industrial Development and Youth Employment Expert, UNIDO

- **SDG 15: Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss, and the related processes**



Rapporteur: Ms. Erin Griffin, Climate and Communities Coordinator, Champlain-Adirondak Biosphere Reserve, UNESCO, Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB)

- **SDG 17: The use of science, technology and innovations in facilitating youth engagement, development and resilience**

Rapporteur: Ms. Kimberly Pugel, Technology Focal Point, Financing for Development Working Group, Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY)

6.00 PM – 8:00 PM

Reception hosted by the Minister for Equal Opportunities of Denmark, the United Nations Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, and the Danish Youth Delegates¹

Location: Visitor Lobby, United Nations, New York

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10.00 AM – 11.30 AM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS *on key regional concerns and priorities for meaningful youth participation in the SDGs implementation*

The regional breakout sessions will address the role and development needs for youth that are specific to specific national and regional contexts and consider how best to articulate action at that level in support of the broad objectives of the SDGs.

- **Africa – Room 5**

Moderator: Ms. Gogontlejang Phaladi, Founder and Executive Director of the Gogontlejang Phaladi Pillar of Hope Project (GPPHP), Botswana

- **Europe, North America and other States – Room 9**

¹ Please note that we are currently at maximum capacity, and due to security we might not be able to accommodate everyone in the Visitor’s Lobby.



Moderator: Mr. Dejan Bojanic, Vice-President, European Youth Forum

- ***Latin America and the Caribbean – Trusteeship Council Chamber***

Co-Moderators: Mr. Max Trejo, Secretary-General, Ibero-American Youth Organization; and Mr. Shaquille Knowles, Chairman-elect, Caribbean Regional Youth Council

- ***Asia and the Pacific – Room 8***

Moderator: Mr. Beniam Gebrezghi, Programme Specialist Civil Society and Youth, UNDP Bangkok; and Ms. Tahere Siisialafia, Chair of the Pacific Youth Council

- ***Arab States region – Room 2726/2727***

Co-Moderators: Ms. Kawtar Zerouali, Manager, Mosharka Project, UNDP-Jordan; Mr. Jonas Bausch, ILO; and Ms. Moneera Yassien, Youth Representative, Youth Leadership Programme

11.30 AM – 12 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber

Reporting on the breakout sessions on regional concerns and priorities and the role and development needs for youth, including reports/key messages from other youth and related forums that addressed these issues, followed by interactive discussions.

- ***Africa***

Rapporteur: Ms. Gogontlejang Phaladi, Founder and Executive Director of the Gogontlejang Phaladi Pillar of Hope Project (GPPHP), Botswana



- ***Europe, North America and other States***

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- ***Asia and the Pacific***

Rapporteur: Ms. Tahere Siisilafia, Chair of the Pacific Youth Council

- ***Arab States region***

Rapporteur: Ms. Moneera Yassien, Youth Representative, Youth Leadership Programme

12.00 – 1:00 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber

Interactive Roundtable on “Means of Implementation & Financing Youth Development”, featuring Ministers, other High-Level speakers, and youth organization representatives

Promoting development policies in support of and driven by youth requires funding. This roundtable will address the financial and other means that are needed to implement the 2030 Agenda with a view to allow young people to achieve their full potential and contribute to youth development and reach the goals and targets contained therein.

Introductory remarks: Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth reflecting



on the outcomes of the Thematic and Regional Break Out sessions and providing kick off remarks on Means of Implementation

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Karsten, Board Member, Demokratie & Dialogue

3 – 5:00 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber

Interactive Roundtable on Means of Implementation (and Financing Youth Development, featuring Ministers and other High-Level speakers and youth organization representatives)

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Interactive discussions, with Ministers, Parliamentarians, and Heads of Civil Society and International Institutions, and youth organizations

5:00 – 5:45 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber

Stakeholders' pledges of commitment to building resilient and sustainable communities

Stakeholders' action is an important driver of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Stakeholders, including young people are powerful voices and passionate advocates for the SDGs, with the ability to raise awareness and spur others into



action. This session aims to demonstrate the work of stakeholders and the proactive role they take in pushing the 2030 Agenda. It also shows that individual actions and commitments can be used to mobilize society and impact the achievement of the SDGs; and gather practical examples of actions that can be taken in this regard.

Speakers:

- (Member States)
- Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Ms. Laura Londén, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Mr. Richard Curtis, film-maker, and SDG Advocate
- Ms. Taťána Gregor Brzobohatá, Miss World 2006, activist and philanthropist, Czech Republic
- Mr. Wang Yuan, UNICEF Special Advocate for Education, People’s Republic of China
- Ms. Jolly Amatya, Secretariat of the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY), National Youth Council of Nepal
- Ms. Evelina Cabrera, President of Women’s Football Association, Argentina
- Mr. Ralph Johnson, Representative of the WFUNA Youth Advisory Council for North America on behalf of the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO)

5:45 PM – 6 PM

CLOSING SESSION

Location: Trusteeship Council Chamber

Closing remarks by:

- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs



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- Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardová, President of ECOSOC