



**ECOSOC
YOUTH FORUM**

YOUTH2030

Economic and Social Council Youth Forum

"COVID-19 recovery: Youth taking action for a sustainable future"

CONCEPT NOTE

PLENARY SESSION ON

"YOUTH2030: ACHIEVING THE SDGs WITH AND FOR YOUTH"

(Youth2030 Progress Report Launch)

20 April 2022, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

1. Background

[Youth2030](#), the first-ever system-wide youth strategy of the UN, was launched in 2018 by the UN Secretary-General with the ambitious aim of scaling up global, regional, and national actions with and for youth. Now in its fourth year, implementation has expanded greatly across the UN system, with **49 UN entities** and **all 130 UN Country Teams** (UNCTs) contributing to the strategy.

The period has seen several significant achievements: key building blocks for system-wide coordination, performance measurement and accountability are in place; the Youth2030 baseline for UNCTs established; a portfolio of [tools and knowledge products](#) to support implementation made available and the first [Youth2030 Progress Report](#)

launched in the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2021. In addition, some complex issues such as internships, youth workforce and the introduction of a system-wide youth marker are starting to be addressed. The strategy's **High-Level Steering Committee** (consisting of representatives from 15 UN entities at Assistant-Secretary General level and 4 youth networks), the **Joint Working Group** (17 UN entities and 4 youth networks) and the **Youth2030 Secretariat** in the Office of the Secretary General's Envoy on Youth have provided the strategic guidance, technical leadership and system-wide coordination support respectively to set the pace of and excellence in implementation.

It is against this backdrop that the second Youth2030 Progress Report is being launched in the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2022.

2.Objectives

The launch of the second progress report of Youth2030 will take place in the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2022 during the plenary session and interactive dialogue on “**Youth2030: Achieving the SDGs with and for Youth**”. The session aims to feature rich insights on Youth2030 work and spark conversations on the UN system's commitment to putting young people at the center of its work, as we accelerate towards the SDGs.

The launch event will:

- Highlight the progress achieved in Youth2030 implementation across the UN system in 2021
- Showcase insights and best practices from UN Country Teams and from UN entities

3. Session Format

The virtual and interactive session will be anchored by the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. It will include the following segments (indicative):

- **Opening (1 min)**
- **Video message from the Secretary-General (2 min)**
- **Segment 1 - Youth2030 Progress Report launch (10 min)**
 - The segment will highlight the key findings in the report and recommendations to accelerate Youth2030
- **Segment 2 – Youth2030 achievements in UN entities (10 min)**
 - The '**short-videos**' segment will include 30-second videos where UN entities highlight one key achievement with the biggest impact from their entity (*Pre-recorded*)
- **Segment 3 – Governments, young people and the UN at country level (20 min)**
 - The intergenerational and interactive segment will feature Ministers of Youth and young people, reflecting on how Governments, young people and the UN are working together at the country-level to accelerate towards the SDGs (*Pre-recorded*)
- **Segment 4 – What's next? (10 min)**
 - The rapid fire, one question-one answer segment will feature the Secretary General's Envoy on Youth in conversation with UN leaders on '**what's next**' (*Pre-recorded*)
- **Wrap up (2 min)**

4. Participants

- Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (moderator)
- Ministers of Youth
- Young people
- Leadership from UN entities, UNCTs and DCO