



#YOUTH2030

7th Economic and Social Council Youth Forum

DRAFT PROGRAMME

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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
- Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly
- Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- Keynote Address by Ms. Salina Abraham, President, International Forestry Students' Association

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



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

2:45 PM – 4:20 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**

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**



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**

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**

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**

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**



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

4.30 PM – 6 PM

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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

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- **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)

31 January 2018

9.30 AM – 11.15 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***

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

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

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

- ***Latin America and the Caribbean***

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***

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

- ***Arab States region***

Co-Moderators: Ms. Kawtar Zerouali, Manager, Mosharka Project, UNDP – Jordan (TBC); and Mr. Drew Gardiner, Youth Employment Specialist, ILO (TBC)

11.30 AM – 1 PM

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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.

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3 – 5:30 PM

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Interactive Roundtable on Means of Implementation (finance, technology, capacity building, trade, and systemic issues) with Ministers and other High-Level speakers and youth organizations

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.

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

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

5:30 PM – 6 PM

CLOSING SESSION

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