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YOUTH SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE, JUST AND PEACEFUL
WORLD FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Simulation: Youth Council

Welcome to WIMUN New York 2025,

We are very pleased to introduce you to the most authentic simulation of the United Nations in the world; and hope to contribute to your understanding of the Organisation, its mandate, and its critical role in global affairs.

Through a series of pre-conference webinars that will be offered and documents – like this resource guide – we aim to educate you not only about the global issues on the UN agenda, but also about the ways and means through which those topics are discussed, debated and negotiated by real UN diplomats.

This resource guide will provide you with a head start in doing research to gain a deeper understanding of the global issue that you will be discussing and the actions that the government you have been assigned recommends that the international community should take to address this issue. To make the research process a bit easier, the resource guide has been divided into sections and sub-sections to assist you in researching these two components. We strongly recommend you to give a careful look through the sources listed below so that the interaction with your peers is as exciting as possible.

We wish you all the very best in this journey of learning!

Youth shaping a sustainable, just and peaceful world for future generations

Amid current challenges and transitions for the international community; shaping a sustainable, just, and peaceful world is pivotal for the future. As part of the largest generation of youth in history, we all have a crucial role to play in supporting international efforts to promote global peace, sustainability, and justice. The United Nations has recognized the power of young people's voices by introducing them to a world of diversity, a world in which different points of view are heard and different cultures are bridged. Because it is the concert of all these different voices that have the power to bring about real change.

As recently affirmed by the UN Secretary-General António Guterres, youth participation within the UN poses both opportunities and challenges. Adopted by the General Assembly in 2015, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) acknowledges that cooperation and multilateralism are necessary to achieve the 17 SDGs, emphasizing the rising of social and economic inequalities. The latest SDG Report reveals that younger generations are the most affected by those disparities in a variety of scenarios: from poverty and food insecurity to unemployment and salary unevenness. On the one hand, difficulties are not limited to access to decent jobs but also to their engagement within institutions, being under-represented in every parliament in the world (except Europe). On the other hand, the global issue of climate change has allowed them to make their voice heard by actively leading initiatives to accelerate the transition to a greener future.

Even though some improvements have been achieved to even out all the imbalances; the phenomenon of inflation and the COVID-19 pandemic have negatively impacted the youth advancement towards the SDGs. Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalizing the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development represents the essential goal of enhancing youth transition into the workforce and citizen participation in the local decision-making processes. Fostering cooperation among local authorities and the private sector to improve employment levels, improving the quality of education, and allocating national funds to youth programs are only some of the urgent measures to be adopted by 2030.

Key Points and Main Issues

Delegates discussing "Youth shaping a sustainable, just, and peaceful world for future generations" at a Model UN conference should be aware of the following main issues:

1. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability:

- **Youth's Role in Climate Action:** Understanding how young people can influence climate policies and support renewable energy, conservation, and sustainable practices.
- **Global and Local Impacts of Climate Change:** How climate change affects different regions, with particular attention to vulnerable populations and ecosystems.
- **Climate Justice:** Awareness of the disproportionate impact of climate change on marginalized communities and the need for policies that prioritize equity.

2. Peace and Conflict Resolution:

- **Global Conflicts and Their Impacts on Youth:** Examining how conflicts impact young people and how youth can participate in peacebuilding efforts.
- **Youth in Peacebuilding and Advocacy:** Understanding the importance of youth voices in promoting diplomacy, intercultural understanding, and conflict resolution.
- **Weapons and Violence Prevention:** Discussing ways to advocate against the proliferation of arms, violence, and radicalization among young people.

3. Social Justice and Human Rights:

- **Inequality and Social Justice:** Addressing global disparities, including access to education, healthcare, and resources, and how these affect youth opportunities.
- **Human Rights and Gender Equality:** Understanding the importance of promoting gender equality, LGBTQ+ rights, and the protection of vulnerable groups.
- **Education and Empowerment:** Exploring how education plays a central role in empowering youth and closing inequality gaps worldwide.

4. Youth's Role in Economic Development:

- **Youth Unemployment and Economic Opportunity:** Discussing the high rates of youth unemployment globally and how sustainable development can create economic opportunities.
- **Entrepreneurship and Innovation:** Encouraging ideas about how young people can drive innovation and entrepreneurship in sustainable industries.
- **Digital Literacy and Technology:** Examining how technology can empower youth but also considering the risks, such as the digital divide, data privacy, and ethical technology use.

Key Points and Main Issues (cont.)

5. Good Governance and Youth Representation:

- **Youth Involvement in Politics and Policy:** Emphasizing the importance of youth voices in political decision-making and how to advocate for greater youth representation in government.
- **Corruption and Accountability:** Recognizing the challenges posed by corruption and the need for transparent, accountable institutions that work in the interests of young people and future generations.
- **Global Citizenship:** Understanding the concept of global citizenship and how it encourages youth to be active, responsible members of the global community.

6. Health and Well-being:

- **Mental Health:** Addressing the mental health challenges youth face, exacerbated by climate anxiety, social issues, and the pressures of modern life.
- **Healthcare Access:** Discussing the need for equitable access to health services, especially reproductive health, in order to support healthy and empowered youth.
- **Youth and Pandemic Preparedness:** Reflecting on the lessons learned from COVID-19 and the role of young people in addressing global health crises.

7. The Role of International Institutions and Partnerships:

- **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** Familiarizing with the SDGs, especially those related to youth empowerment, and understanding how they guide international development efforts.
- **Global Partnerships and Collaboration:** Recognizing the value of partnerships between governments, NGOs, and the private sector to tackle these challenges collaboratively.
- **Youth Advocacy Networks:** Learning about international youth networks and initiatives that support young leaders and amplify youth voices on the global stage.

8. Technology and Innovation for a Sustainable Future:

- **Climate Tech and Sustainable Innovation:** Discussing how youth can support the development and adoption of new technologies for sustainability, such as clean energy and sustainable agriculture.
- **Digital Activism and Online Communities:** Exploring how youth can use social media and digital platforms for advocacy, activism, and creating awareness around global issues.

Key Points and Main Issues (cont.)

By understanding these issues, delegates can discuss effective ways for youth to drive positive change, participate in governance, and advocate for policies that prioritize sustainability, justice, and peace for future generations.

[ECOSOC Youth Forum 2024](#)

2024

Summary: The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum is an annual initiative of the President of the Council. It has evolved into a key platform where young people can contribute to policy discussions at the United Nations through their collective ideas, solutions and innovations.

As the main platform for youth to share their ideas at the global level, the Forum allows representatives of youth-led and youth-focused organizations and networks, youth advocates and other youth stakeholders to dialogue with Member States, and to explore ways and means of promoting youth development and engagement. The Forum this year focused on providing an opportunity for a rich exchange of views and ideas on innovative solutions to issues of relevance to young people on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda which is very much related to the topic the Youth Council will focus on. The website on the ECOSOC Youth Forum provides links to every aspect of the Forum including concepts notes, webcasts, side events, statements and much more.

[Informal Summary of ECOSOC Youth Forum](#)

2024

Summary: The 2024 Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum, held from April 16 to 18 at the United Nations headquarters in New York, convened over 1,000 young leaders from around the globe to engage with Member States, policymakers, and various stakeholders. The Forum's theme, "Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions," guided discussions on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under review in 2024, including no poverty (SDG 1), zero hunger (SDG 2), climate action (SDG 13), peace, justice, and strong institutions (SDG 16), and partnerships for the goals (SDG 17). Participants shared innovative ideas and solutions addressing challenges such as climate change, inequality, and conflicts.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres emphasized the critical role of youth in shaping a sustainable future, highlighting the establishment of a new UN Youth Office to enhance youth engagement in decision-making processes.

The ECOSOC Youth Forum continues to serve as a vital platform for young people to influence global policy discussions, ensuring their perspectives and solutions are integral to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Summary: The Youth Sectoral paper highlights the following key points:

- 1. Global Crises and Systemic Failures:** 2024 is marked by unprecedented global crises, including wars, conflicts, climate change, and human rights violations. These crises expose the fragility of global systems, inequalities, inadequate health systems, and the failure of traditional governance approaches.
- 2. Disaster Risk and Economic Loss:** Disasters not only disrupt socio-economic systems but also exacerbate long-term vulnerabilities, especially among marginalized groups. The Sendai Framework's Global Target C emphasizes reducing disaster-related economic losses as essential for resilience.
- 3. Call for Structural Reforms:** There is an urgent need to rethink and realign global systems and values to address these challenges. Structural reforms and prevention-oriented policies must prioritize inclusivity, intersectionality, and resilience-building to achieve the SDGs.
- 4. Youth Engagement and Intergenerational Justice:** Persistent barriers like age-based discrimination hinder meaningful youth participation in decision-making. Genuine intergenerational collaboration is vital to overcome this injustice.
- 5. SDG Progress and Missed Targets:** The current progress towards the 2030 Agenda is insufficient and misaligned with aspirations. Poverty, marginalization, and vulnerability are systemic failures requiring innovative, intersectional solutions.
- 6. Focus on Early Warning Systems:** The Early4All initiative by the UN Secretary-General aims to provide universal early warning systems by 2027, highlighting the importance of anticipatory actions to mitigate risks and reduce losses.

The paper calls for practical, stakeholder-driven recommendations to collectively address systemic issues, realign priorities, and mobilize towards the 2030 Agenda with a focus on inclusivity, resilience, and sustainable solutions.

UN Webcast

2024

You can listen to the webcast of the 2024 ECOSOC Youth Forum by clicking on the following links:

16 April 2024: [Part 2- ECOSOC Youth Forum - 3 pm – 6 pm \(Trusteeship Chamber\)](#)

17 April 2024: [Part 3A- ECOSOC Youth Forum -Youth Perspectives on Regional Development: Latin America; and Africa \(Trusteeship Chamber\)](#)

17 April 2024: [Part 3B- ECOSOC Youth Forum -Youth Perspectives on Regional Development: Arab States Region; and The Caribbean \(Conference Room 5\)](#)

17 April 2024: [Part 3C- ECOSOC Youth Forum -Youth Perspectives on Regional Development: Asia and the Pacific; and Europe, North America and Other States \(Conference Room 6\)](#)

17 April 2024: [Part 4- ECOSOC Youth Forum - 3 pm – 6 pm \(Trusteeship Chamber\)](#)

18 April 2024: [Part 5- ECOSOC Youth Forum - 10 am – 1 pm \(Trusteeship Chamber\)](#)

18 April 2024: [Part 6- ECOSOC Youth Forum - 3 pm – 6 pm \(Trusteeship Chamber\)](#)[Link: The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024](#)

Summary: Published by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the annual Report aims to provide a detailed analysis of the current progress on achieving the SDGs. The document also underlines the challenges and the urgent priorities, based on the latest available data and estimates.

UNESCO-UNEVOC medium-term strategy 2024-2026: “Elevating TVET for a just and sustainable future for all”

2024

Summary: As the use of technology accelerates in today’s societies, young people need to adapt to the changes to get employed, to make their voices heard in decision-making processes and to reach sustainable development. This UNESCO publication outlines these current challenges, analyzing the interrelations between them and offering medium-term strategies to be adopted.

[FAO “Climate Change Challenge Badge” by Yunga-UN](#) **2024**

Summary: Developed in collaboration with United Nations agencies, civil society and other organizations, YUNGA Challenge Badges are only one of FAO’s initiatives designed to motivate young people to take action as individuals to move towards a sustainable lifestyle. The Climate Change Badge provides an overview of how youth lifestyles and consumption behavior contribute to climate change.

[Youth Stocktake of UNFCCC Processes](#) **2023**

Summary: The document provides an overview of the evolution of Youth Conferences and their impact on climate policies, reporting policy inputs and recommendations by youth. It also underlines major challenges related to youth engagement and inclusion to the decision-making processes.

[General Assembly Economic and Social Council Resolution \(A/78/80-E/2023/64\) Report of the Secretary- General \(special edition\)](#) **2023**

Summary: This resolution contains a report of the Secretary-General following up with the progress towards the SDGs framework until the High Political Forum held in 2023.

[General Assembly Resolution \(A/RES/78/1\) of the SDG Summit 2023](#) **2023**

Summary: Adopted by the General Assembly in September 2023, this resolution contains the outcomes of the relevant summits and forums on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. This political declaration invites UN member states to embrace transformations with the urgency needed to accelerate progress towards the SDGs.

[United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere](#)

2023

Summary: The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 1 deals with the eradication of extreme poverty for all people everywhere by 2030. This webpage provides a brief overview of the 1st goal and the targets associated.

[United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger](#)

2023

Summary: The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2 deals with the global issue of hunger and food insecurity. This webpage provides a brief overview of the 2nd goal and the targets associated.

[United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action](#)

2023

Summary: The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13 deals most directly with climate change and its effects: Climate Action. This webpage provides a brief overview of the 13th goal and the targets associated.

[United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies](#)

2023

Summary: The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 concerns the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies, as well as the access to justice for all and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels. This webpage provides a brief overview of the 16th goal and the targets associated.

**United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 17:
Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable
development**

2023

Summary: The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 17 concerns the strengthening of the global partnership for sustainable development. This webpage provides a brief overview of the 17th goal and the targets associated.

**UN News Article on “Young people key for COVID
recovery and a sustainable future”**

2022

Summary: The article reports the statements made by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet at the ECOSOC Youth Forum. It stresses the effects of COVID-19 on youth, education, and climate action, calling young generations to focus on the missions of the respective SDGs.

**Youth Participation in the UNFCCC Negotiation
Process: The United Nations, Young People and
Climate Change**

2022

Summary: This publication reflects upon the importance of youth participation in the UNFCCC process, analyzing the direct and indirect values that young people could bring to the outcomes of the negotiations. It offers wide examples of youth engagement in other intergovernmental processes and several solutions to enhance it also in the UNFCCC in the short, medium and long-term.

Youth2030: Progress Report 2022

2022

Summary: The report contains the current status of “Youth2030”, the UN Youth Strategy adopted in 2018. It reveals actual progress on policies adopted for and with youth and their impact on societies.

**ILO Report: “Global Employment Trends for Youth
2020: Technology and the future of jobs”**

2020

Summary: This report describes the changes in the labor market in the past years and its impact on youth. This publication underlines both the challenges and opportunities technological advancement can bring to the employment of youth, offering policy recommendations and ideas for intervention by the public sector.

**UNDESA Policy Brief n.81 “Impact of COVID-19 on SDG
progress: a statistical perspective”**

2020

Summary: This UNDESA Policy Brief illustrates statistics on how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted on youth progress towards the SDGs. For every Goal, it offers an interesting comparison between the pre- and post-pandemic situation, summarizing the most disrupting Covid-19 implications for all the SDGs’ area.

**UNDESA Policy Brief n.67 “Protecting and mobilizing
youth in COVID-19 responses”**

2020

Summary: The UNDESA Policy Brief offers a radiography of the main socioeconomic consequences of Covid-19 pandemic on youth, outlining the most urgent policy measures adopted. It also contains information about the Youth Policy responses and some effective recommendations to be adopted by the UN.

**The World Youth Report 2020: Youth Social
Entrepreneurship and the 2030 Agenda. United Nations
Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)**

2020

Summary: The World Youth Report (WYR) is published biennially by the United National Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), Division for Inclusive Social Development (ISD). It focuses on social entrepreneurship and how it can contribute to achieving youth development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

[Background Note from the 8th ECOSOC Youth Forum](#)
[“Empowered, Included and Equal”](#)

2019

Summary: The note contains the purposes of the 8th ECOSOC Youth Forum, addressing the critical issues of globalization, climate action, education, and development. The document also underlines the goals achieved in 2019 and new challenges for the future.

[Technical Note by the International Labour Organization \(ILO\) on the Youth Employment Programme](#)

2019

Summary: The document focuses on how the UN could promote green jobs for youth through national employment policies and programs.

[UNDESA Website “SDGeneration Network: A Youth Led Platform”](#)

2019

Summary: This webpage explains the youth-led initiative promoted by the UNDESA. It shows how SDGeneration serves as a platform for youth to be innovative and creative with their roles in helping achieve the 2030 Agenda.

[General Assembly Resolution \(A/RES/70/1\)](#)
[Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)

2015

Summary: The resolution adopted by the United Nations on the 25th of September 2015 lays out the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and its targets.

[“Youth and Climate Change” Fact Sheet](#)

2013

Summary: This fact sheet was prepared by the United Nations Joint Framework Initiative on Children, Youth and Climate Change and the United Nations Programme on Youth. From the Climate Change Challenge Badge to the most recent actions, it contains all the progress on youth-led climate initiatives and their impact on societies.

[The Future We Want. Outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development](#)

2012

Summary: The document contains the achievements reached at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio in 2012, by the Heads of State, Government, and high-level representatives. It offers an overview of the past achievements in terms of sustainable development, starting from the Millennium Development Goals.

[General Assembly Resolution \(A/RES/50/81\) World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond](#)

1996

Summary: The resolution identifies 15 areas to improve youth engagement and ensures the support of governments to implement it. The document offers several concrete solutions adopted by the UN in the past to overcome challenges that youth participation may pose.

[General Assembly Resolution \(A/36/215\) International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace](#)

1981

Summary: The resolution has proclaimed 1985 as the International Youth Year. It has promoted youth participation, development, and the shaping of a peaceful future.

Political Groups

STATEMENTS

[Official Statement by GSL - G7 Italy 2024](#)

2024

Summary: The official communique was issued at the end of the G7 held in Italy in June 2024. It collects the requests of Young Ambassadors of all the G7 and G20 Nations attending the Forum.

[EU Statement – UN General Assembly: Informal Consultations on the Summit of the Future: Chapter 4 on Youth and Future Generations](#)

2023

Summary: The statement was delivered on behalf of the European Union and its Member States by H.E. Ms. Hedda Samson, Ambassador, Deputy Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, at the 78th Session of the United General Assembly Informal Consultations on the Summit of the Future.

[Arab League Calls for Prioritizing Youth Care to Promote Sustainable Development](#)

2023

Summary: The article reports the statement issued by the Arab League through the Council of Arab Ministers of Youth and Sports on July 5th (marking the Arab Youth Day). It advocates for making the Arab youth part of the decision-making and future building to reach more inclusive societies that are more capable of achieving sustainable development.

[Statement by the C40 Youth Hub climate ambassadors of Africa on empowering African youth for a sustainable future in African cities](#)

2023

Summary: This statement was presented by Juliet Oluoch, a member of the C40 Youth Hub, to address the urgent climate crisis that threatens our planet and our future.

Political Groups (cont.)

STATEMENTS (cont.)

Statement of the African Union at the PGA High-level Event on Culture and Sustainable Development “Building back better: towards a more resilient and impactful culture sector, throughout COVID-19 and the Decade of Action”

2021

Summary: This statement was delivered by the Ambassador Issmail Chanfi on behalf of the African Group at the PGA High-level Event on Culture and Sustainable Development.

JOINT STATEMENT OF ASEAN YOUTH MINISTERS ON ENHANCING YOUTH COOPERATION FOR A COHESIVE AND RESPONSIVE ASEAN COMMUNITY

2020

Summary: The joint statement was gathered by the ASEAN Ministers for the ASEAN Youth Leaders’ Conference in the context of the 37th ASEAN Summit.

2020 Annual Update on G20 Development Commitments and the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

2020

Summary: The statement tracks the progress of previous development commitments made by G20 leaders on the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Political Groups (cont.)

STATEMENTS (cont.)

Remarks by Member States at the Event on Mental Health of Children and Young People: How Can We Do Better?

2024

Summary: At a United Nations event on the mental health of children and young people in April 2024, the following Member States made statements on this issue: Qatar, Canada, Mexico, Indonesia, Kuwait, South Africa, Grenada, Poland, Ukraine, Bahrain, Japan, and Singapore. Even if your country did not make a statement at this event, these speeches can give you a good idea of what real diplomats say when speaking about mental health and youth.

Statements submitted by Member States and other participants at the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly

2024

Summary: During the 77th Session of the World Health Assembly, Member States discussed mental health under agenda item 11.2 (“Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases”). If your country is listed in the first column under Committee A, which is titled “Items 11.1, 11.2”, you should read the statement to see if there is any reference to mental health. Two examples are provided below. These are good examples of what real ambassadors say during Committee A meetings and could be useful to helping you write your own statement that you will have a chance to deliver during the General Discussion segment of the simulation.

Political Groups (cont.)

STATEMENTS (cont.)

Agenda Item 11.2: Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

2024

Summary: This is Grenada's statement on agenda item 11.2 that contains many comments on mental health. While these comments are general, they can be applied to the mental health of adolescents. Compare this statement with the one delivered at the Event on Mental Health of Children and Young People listed above.

Regional Groups

Asia Pacific

[Publication by ASEAN. Shaping a Green, Connected, and Sustainable Tomorrow](#) **2024**

Summary: The review contains several publications on the topic of youth shaping a sustainable future. From the climate change issues to partnerships and gender equality, the articles described in depth the current situation in the ASEAN countries.

[1 Million by 2021 Showcase: Over 8 Million African Youth Reached in AUC Chairperson's Initiative. Press release, African Union](#) **2022**

Summary: Issued at the 35th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly, this press release reports the outcome of the "1 Million by 2021" initiative.

["Youth Development" Section. African Union Website](#) **2021**

Summary: The African Union webpage dedicated to Youth Development contains a summary of the current policies and programs on the topic of education, economic development, poverty eradication, and youth employment. It is useful to understand the key priority areas adopted at a continental level.

[1 Million by 2021. African Union](#) **2020**

Summary: This webpage offers an overview of the initiative called "1 Million by 2021", launched at the 2nd Pan African Youth Forum. Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Engagement are the key areas of the policy adopted ("4E").

Regional Groups

Latin America and the Caribbean

EU-LAC Forum Recommendations

2023

Summary: The document contains official recommendations requested by civil society organizations and networks from Latin America & the Caribbean and the European Union attending the EU-LAC Forum 2023. It summarizes the key points of the debates on youth shaping a resilient society.

OAS "Official Documents of the Summits of the Americas Process: From Lima (2018) to Los Angeles (2022)"

2022

Summary: The OAS publication contains the mandates agreed by consensus by the States in the form of Political Commitments in the Ninth Summit of the Americas held in Los Angeles, United States in 2022. It contains youth-focused recommendations on the theme of shaping green, digital and sustainable future and development.

Regional Groups

Europe

[OECD Education Working Paper No. 318:
"Enhancing Green Career Guidance Systems for
Sustainable Futures"](#)

2024

Summary: This working paper contains statistics and case studies on the current situation on achieving green careers for youth, in line with the values of the Agenda 2030.

[OECD/ILO Policy Paper: "Youth at Work in the G20:
Progress and Policy Action towards the Antalya
Goal"](#)

2023

Summary: This policy paper focuses on young people aged 15 to 29 who are Not in Employment, Education or Training (the NEET rate). The purpose of this publication is to take stock of progress towards the goal agreed by G20 Leaders in Antalya in 2015 to reduce the share of young people in their countries who are most at risk of being permanently left behind in the labor market by 15% by 2025.

[The Commonwealth Global Youth Development
Index Update Report 2023](#)

2023

Summary: Published during the Commonwealth Year of Youth and for the 50th anniversary of the Commonwealth Youth Programme, this report reflects on progress made over more than a decade and to develop new strategies for strengthening the enabling environment for youth empowerment.

Regional Groups (cont.)

Europe (cont.)

[The Commonwealth Youth Programme, "Year of Youth 2023/24"](#)

2023

Summary: In Commonwealth member countries, 2023/24 is the Year of Youth. The webpage contains relevant information about pan-Commonwealth initiatives that address global issues affecting young people like climate change, gender equality and unemployment.

[OECD "Recommendation of the Council on Creating Better Opportunities for Young People"](#)

2022

Summary: Adopted by the OECD Council at Ministerial level on 10 June 2022, these recommendations summaries government-wide strategies and policy principles to improve youth measures in all relevant areas, including skills and competencies, labour market outcomes and social inclusion and youth well-being. It also addresses age-based inequalities by promoting their participation and representation in public and political life, and strengthen administrative and technical capacities.

Asia-Pacific

[“The Challenges of Youth and Informal Employment in selected Asia-Pacific Countries” Working Paper, UNESCAP](#)

2022

Summary: This working paper analyzes the phenomenon of informal youth employment among Asia-Pacific countries, highlighting the key role of Sustainable Development Goals for future policies on youth employment and development.

Africa

CONCEPT NOTE "Africa's Youth Voices"

2024

Summary: This concept note describes the current situation of youth engagement and initiatives organized in Africa in line with the UN Youth Strategy. It outlines the challenges and difficulties young Africans are currently experiencing in achieving some of the SDGs.

Latin American & Caribbean

[UNDP Side Event. "Youth shaping sustainable and innovative solutions for Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions"](#)

2024

Summary: The UNDP has organized a specific webinar on the topic of "Youth shaping sustainable and innovative solutions for Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions". The webpage reported the objectives of the side event, in line with the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2014 with a special consideration for Latin American and Caribbean countries.

[Publication by UNDP. "Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals and Effective Local Governance: A Strategy for their Acceleration in Latin America and the Caribbean"](#)

2023

Summary: The document provides a detailed overview of the status of the implementation of SDGs in Latin and Caribbean regions, suggesting strategies and solutions to reach the 2030 Agenda.

[Article on "The 2030 Agenda: Are Latin America and the Caribbean on Track to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030?"](#)

2023

Summary: The briefing note describes the current efforts made by Latin America and Caribbean countries to meet the SDGs goals by 2030.

Europe

[UNECE Youth Dialogue: Shaping the Future of the Region. Concept Note](#)

2022

Summary: The concept note contains the key information on the relevant workshops organized in the context of the UNECE Youth Dialogue. Protagonists of the discussions of youth shaping the future were the UN Youth Delegates from Pan-European countries.

[Unite Network of Young Peacebuilders -\(UNOY\)](#) [information on Youth NGOs assigned to delegates](#)

2024

Summary: UNOY is a network of around 130 youth organisations in 70 countries, united around the vision of a world free from violence, where young people have the power to transform conflict and actively partner for peace. Many of the youth NGOs that were assigned to delegates come from this network and you can find links to their website to learn more about what they do. The following youth NGOs are featured on the UNOY website: Positive Peace Ethiopia, International Centre for Peace, Human Rights and Development in Africa, Pan-African Peacemakers Alliance, Youth Social Advocacy Team, Solidarity Youth Voluntary Organization, Centre for Democracy and Development, Youth Social Advocacy Team, Minority Rights Foundation, Youth for Peace DRC, Community Solutions Zimbabwe, Groupement de Promotion Integrale, Peace Agents Network, Looking Into the Future, Réseau des Jeunes Sahéliens pour le Climat, United Network of Youth for Peace and Diplomacy, Angel Support Foundation, Positive Peace Group, Motum, The Millennials Movement, Juventud Unida en Acción, Plurielles, UNA Mongolia, The Road to Rights, Impact Voices, YCoalition International, Rural Empowerment & Institutional Development, Youth for Peace International, Sustainable Cooperation for Peace & Security, Youth Voice Network, Center for Intercultural Dialogue, Service Civil International, Eltazim Initiative, Kayan Foundation for Peace and Development, Justice Call, I Learn.

[Summit for the Future: Shaping #OurCommonFuture](#)

2024

Summary: This official UN website provides a detailed record of what was accomplished at the Summit of the Future and the Action Days that preceded it. One section focuses on the contributions of youth to this important event.

[Empowering Educators and Youth: Shaping a Sustainable Future](#)

2024

Summary: The article analyzes the role of educators in achieving SDGs through youth engagement. It presents several examples of how educators could get involved in influencing youth to make their voices heard.

[Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth. "What is Decent Jobs for Youth?"](#)

2024

Summary: The webpage reports the global initiative called "Decent Jobs for Youth", that brings many groups and organizations that are working to ensure that young people have access to decent work, in line and at scale with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

[Article on THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN TRANSNATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVISM](#)

2023

Summary: The article analyzes how social media represents a potent instrument for activism, offering individuals and movements a platform to generate awareness.

[Columbia University's Publication on "Fostering Youth-led Innovations to Accelerate Progress on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: A Guide for Policy Makers"](#)

2023

Summary: Developed in partnership with the Columbia and Waterloo Universities and several Youth Organizations, this guide includes case studies and insights from experts around the world, highlighting the important role of youth in driving sustainable development, climate action, and innovation.

[Publication on "Preparing youth inclusive sustainable world"](#)

2023

Summary: This document offers a detailed radiography of the status of SDGs achievements towards the youth generations. It provides examples and inputs on how youth policies could be implemented by governments.

[Green and Digital Futures: Enabling Youth For 'Just Transitions'. Policy brief by the Geneva Graduate Institute](#)

2023

Summary: This policy brief provides data and statistics on the current situation of youth engagement and its inequalities within Europe and globally. It also suggests how solutions could be developed to drive youth towards a just and equitable future.

[OECD Working Paper The Gender Equality and Environment Intersection](#)

2023

Summary: The study reflects on the challenges at the intersection of climate change, environmental degradation, biodiversity loss and gender inequality. It reviews existing research and evidence and explores knowledge gaps in this field.

[Save The Children Report on "Progressing National SDGs Implementation 2022 Policy Brief: Leave No One Behind"](#)

2022

Summary: This policy brief spotlights how efforts of governments to leave no one behind in SDG Implementation are faring in 2022 based on the Voluntary National Reviews presented to the High-Level Political Forum in New York.

[Stockholm50 Report "Charting a youth vision for a just and sustainable future"](#)

2022

Summary: The report aims to draw global attention to youth-led innovations as a keystone element of current and future climate, political and social policy planning, encouraging investment and promotion of these innovations. It also analyzes some criticisms and challenges posed by the past 50 years, including the pandemic, to reach a youth vision for sustainable development.

[World Economic Forum Article on “How to address the widening youth skills gap”](#) **2022**

Summary: This article illustrates how the world’s youth deserve more to ensure their participation in the global economy. From businesses to governments, nonprofits, and NGOs, it recognizes the urgency of the skilling challenge posed by the Covid-19 to prepare youth for a more sustainable future.

[Article on “Activism and Social Media: Youth Participation and Communication”](#) **2021**

Summary: The publication focuses on young people’s online experience in social activism movements, including their preferences, themes, usage of language, and perceived impact.

[“Is the future ready for youth?”. Publication by ILO](#) **2021**

Summary: The publication analyzes some of the most critical challenges in youth employment in the past decades, suggesting policies and measures to move forward to green futures for younger generations.

[Global Shapers Community. “Covid-19 youth survey: Report - world health organization.”](#) **2021**

Summary: Published by the Global Shapers Community, this report testimonies how Covid-19 has impacted the SDGs from a youth perspective, showing how youth from different gender and regions has provided diverse answers. It also provides useful recommendations, as well as data on the relation between youth and information networks and social media.

[Oxfam Discussion Paper: “Youth Leadership, Engagement and Participation: Theory of change”](#) **2020**

Summary: This paper aims to help design strategies for collective impact by supporting youth leadership, engagement and participation. It illustrates how young people are already creating change and how they can be further supported, contributing to create broader, transformational societal change.

Article on “YOUTH-LED ENTREPRENEURSHIP: DRIVING MICRO-MOVEMENTS FOR CHANGE” **2020**

Summary: The article reports the case study of several realities in underdeveloped areas of rural India where there are examples of inclusive entrepreneurship. It shows how supporting micro-movements is the key for youth-led entrepreneurship.

Evidence Synthesis Paper on “Young, Female and African: Barriers, Interventions and Opportunities for Female Youth Employment in Africa.” **2020**

Summary: The publication focuses on the themes of gender equality and access to work in Africa, identifying the main barriers and challenges as well as proving possible interventions and measures to be adopted. The case study of some African Region is the chance to further comprehend the interlink between gender equality, youth and employment in shaping a sustainable future.

Article “Bridging the urban-rural digital divide and mobilizing technology for poverty eradication: challenges and gaps” **2019**

Summary: This article focuses on how technologies impact poverty eradication, comparing the situation in UN regions. It offers examples of policy recommendations countries can adopt.

ESU PUBLICATION “EUROPEAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS’ CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 2030 AGENDA” **2018**

Summary: This publication gathered all the relevant initiatives conducted by youth-focused organizations. It also provides information on barriers to youth participation in decision-making processes.

Article on “ Latest Youth Solutions Report Showcases 50 Projects to Support SDGs” **2018**

Summary: This article focuses on the Youth Solutions Report, which collects over 50 examples of youth-led initiatives around the globe to promote some of the SDGs.

Asia-Pacific

Report on “YOUTH AT THE HEART OF SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC”, UNESCAP

2015

Summary: The report is issued by the United Nations Development Group Asia-Pacific Thematic Working Group on Youth and aims to provide information regarding the youth sustainable development related to people, planet, health, and partnerships.

Latin America & Caribbean

Publication on “Latin American and Caribbean youth and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” **2021**

Summary: The Working Group on Youth of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean has examined the role of youth in achieving the SDGs framework, outlining the challenges and opportunities related to their regions.

Africa

Youth Development Data Dashboard

2021

Summary: This data dashboard gathered by the African Union collects information on youth development country by country.

Europe

[Next Generation EU by the European Union](#)

2024

Summary: The webpage illustrates the “Next Generation EU”, a plan adopted by the European Union for greener, more digital, more resilient European countries. It includes investment projects in several areas such as education, institutions, and work, with a special focus on youth.

[Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard by the European Union](#)

2024

Summary: The Recovery and Resilience Facility and Plans represent the funding provided by the European Commission for the “Next Generation EU”. This scoreboard shows country-by-country projects adopted on the specific topic (e.g. green transition, digital transformation, policies for new generations, institutional resilience, smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth).