

Informal Spotlight Session

“Youth Driving Change: inter-generational collaboration for SDG”

31 January 2023, [3pm-4pm EST (EDT)]

Concept Note

Organizers:

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Indonesia

Guests:

Moonshot Platform
Generation17
Samsung
Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY)

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Problem statement

Children and youth are particularly affected by the current multidimensional crisis and the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, youth show extraordinary strength, leadership, and resilience. At this very moment and across the globe, young people and their organizations are acting for sustainable development and leveraging on the power of technology, innovation and partnerships to strengthen intergenerational solidarity. Young people are positive agents of change, their work provides great potential to support states in addressing the various challenges pertaining to development, and to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. Therefore, their work needs to be better supported by stakeholders at all levels. Particularly, partnerships between the public and private sector have shown in multiple cases a positive impact on youth movements, organizations and initiatives.

Objectives:

- Showcase young leaders' experience in leading transformational change to support efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda through technology, innovation and partnerships with the private and public sectors.
- Create a space for interaction and exchange with different stakeholders, youth networks and initiatives.

- Stocktake points, on inter-generational collaborations, that are pertinent to be consistently and sustainably brought up in various upcoming forums on sustainable development agendas.

Discussion questions:

- Share concrete examples of the impacts that your initiative/work brings to the country(s). How does government(s) and people benefit from it?
- What's the role of technology and innovation in your work?
- Why are intergenerational collaborations important for progress towards the SDGs in your context?
- How can civil society organizations, local governments, parliamentarians, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations, and other key stakeholders support young people and their organizations, movements, and networks?
- How can technology and innovation be used by policymakers to create a more enabling environment for young people, including their demand-driven entrepreneurship?

Proposed format:

Hybrid conference with in-person moderator and speakers (in person and online)

- 5 minutes: Live performance by young leader AY Young (SDG 7 and 17) in the opening to welcome participants and energize the session
- 5 minutes: Opening segment by Representative from the Permanent Mission of Indonesia and Representative from UNDP
- 35 minutes: Interactive panel discussion: Generation17, MGCY and Moonshot Platform
- 10 minutes: Q&A
- 5 minutes: Closing: 1 short video for the closing remarks, that will include a keynote from a Samsung representative + wrap up by moderator highlighting key messages.

Speakers/moderator:

Moderator: Nadine Khaouli (SDG 1, 2, 3, 10, 17)

Welcome performance:

AY Young

Speakers:

Opening Segment (5 minutes)

- Representative from the Permanent Mission of Indonesia
- Representative from UNDP

Interactive Panel Session (35 minutes)

- Generation17 young leaders:
 - ➔ Shomy Chowdhury (SDG 1, 3, 5, 6 and 17) and
 - ➔ Daniel Calarco (SDG 10, 16,17) (TBC)
- Moonshot Platform:

- ➔ Yemi Akinyemi Dele, Founder of Moonshot Platform
- ➔ Matyáš Boháček (SPOTER Sign Language)

- MGCY: Speaker TBD

Closing:

Representative from Samsung (video message)