

Informal Spotlight Session

“Youth Driving Change: inter-generational collaboration for the SDGs”

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

Concept Note

Organizers:

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Permanent Mission of Indonesia

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: one 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, UNDP, #Generation17

Welcome performance:

AY Young, Battery Tour, Founder, #Generation17 young leader

Speakers:

Opening Segment

- H. E. Arrmanatha Nasir, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the UN in NY
- Gwynne Gauntlett, UNDP Global Digital Fundraising and Marketing Lead

Interactive Panel Session

- Shomy Chowdhury, Awareness 360, Founder, #Generation17 young leader
- Daniel Calarco, International Youth Watch, Founder, #Generation17 young leader
- Yemi Akinyemi Dele, Founder of Moonshot Platform
- Matyáš Boháček, SPOTER Sign Language, Moonshot Awardee

- Rosario del Pilar Diaz Garavito, Founder of The Millennials Movement and Former Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Caucus Coordinator - Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY)

Q&A moderated by Nadine

Closing:

Sophia Kim, Vice President at Samsung Electronics (video message)

The 2023 Partnership Forum of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) will be held on Tuesday, 31 January 2023, from 9:00 am to 5:45 pm (EDT), back-to-back with the Council's Coordination Segment, at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Under the main theme of the 2023 ECOSOC and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), *“Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels”*, the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will bring together UN Member States and stakeholders – from civil society, the private sector, scientists, women, youth, local governments and many others – to discuss innovative efforts that are driving action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to highlight the contributions that partnerships can make in this regard.

An analytical summary will be prepared to capture the key policy messages of the Forum along with the messages of the Coordination Segment, which will serve as an input to the July 2023 HLPF and the 2023 SDG Summit as well as the overall work of the ECOSOC and other key inter-governmental processes throughout 2023.

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