



# **"Youth shaping sustainable and innovative solutions: Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of crises"**

*Engaging Youth and Member States Representatives*

16 - 18 April 2024

## **PROGRAMME and STATEMENTS**

### **FIRST DAY**

**TUESDAY  
16 APRIL**

#### **ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL: WORKING WITH AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**– Trusteeship Chamber**

*(Lead entities: UNDESA, UNYO, MGCY and ICMYO)*

**10:00 AM – 10:40 AM**

Performance by Ms. Rocío Rojas Monsalve, musician from Chile

- Welcoming by [H.E. Ms. Paula Narváez, President of the Economic and Social Council](#)
- Message by [Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations](#)
- [Message from Ms. Sarah Baharaki](#), Global Youth Ambassador, Theirworld, and Representative of the Major Group on Children and Youth (MGCY)

#### **Moderated conversation: Youth for Solutions and Innovation (Discussions with young leaders around the world)**

This session will provide an opportunity for the world's young people to leverage their experiences, expertise and creative approaches to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs. Speakers will propose solutions to support youth in overcoming the significant challenges they face, including the impacts of major conflicts worldwide and their devastating repercussions in the global economic, social, and humanitarian context, as well as the need to build youth resilience to future shocks. Speakers will amplify the voices of young people and enhance their meaningful engagement and participation in policy development in key areas of their interest, such as poverty, decent work,

economic security, social inclusion and cohesion, climate action, enhancing youth resilience and building peace.

**10:40 AM – 11:20 AM**

Ms. Augusta Saraiva, Economic Reporter, UN Correspondent, Bloomberg News (Moderator)

- Dr. Felipe Paullier, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs
- Ms. Oumaima Makhoul, Data Scientist at Intel and Data Focal Point of the Youth SPI Platform, MGCY
- Ms. Terry Otieno, Co-Chair of the United Nations Office for Disaster Reduction (UNDRR) Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism and Global Focal Point in DRR Working Group, MGCY
- Ms. Narabene Farka Zeinaba, Telecom Engineer, President of the Network of Sahelian Youth for Climate (RJSCLIM-Mali), Youth4Climate champion, National Vice-President of Mali's Junior Chamber International, and Member of the National Steering Committee of the Global Environmental Fund's Micro-Financing Program (PMF-FEM)
- Ms. Justice Faith Betty, Co-founder of the Organization, "Révolutionnaire"

**11:20 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Welcoming Address**

- [H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis, President of the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly](#)

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**TUESDAY  
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**SPOTLIGHT SESSION - YOUTH IN A WORLD WITHOUT POVERTY**

**– Trusteeship Chamber**

*Lead entities: UNDP and Global Youth Caucus for Decent Jobs and Sustainable Economies*

*Co-organizers: UN Women, and Migration Youth and Children Platform*

**11:30 AM – 11:45 AM**

- Mr. Yi Jun Mock, Generation17 Young Leader
- Ms. Mahlet Redi, Global Youth Caucus for Decent Jobs and Sustainable Economies, MGCY

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**TUESDAY  
16 APRIL**

**PROGRESSING FROM POVERTY TO PROSPERITY: YOUTH AS AGENTS OF CHANGE**

**– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber**

**Lead entities: UNDP and Global Youth Caucus for Decent Jobs and Sustainable Economies**  
**Co-organizers: UN Women, and Migration Youth and Children Platform**

This session will highlight the urgent need for targeted interventions to address multidimensional poverty, focusing on empowering young people as catalysts for change. It will discuss challenges, opportunities, and tools for poverty eradication. It will promote multi-stakeholder collaboration and advocate increased investment in youth and gender-focused programs to break the poverty cycle.

**11:45 AM – 1:00 PM**

Ms. Sophia Fei Ya Chen, Global Focal Point (GFP), Global Youth Caucus for Decent Jobs and Sustainable Economies, MGCY; and Mr. Murilo Fragoso Slomka de Oliveira, Founder, the Blossom Project (Moderators)

- Opening remarks: Francine Pickup, Deputy Assistant Administrator & Deputy Director in the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP
- Mr. Elliot Harris Reyes, Head of International Community Programs & LATAM at CITI, Mexico
- Ms. Bénédicte Mundele Kuvuna, Founder and Manager, Surprise Tropical
- Ms. Mwinji Nachinga, African Youth Commission and Commonwealth Youth Human Rights and Democracy Network
- Mr. Abobakar Sediq Miakhel, Co-Founder, AILEM
- Ms. Asami Segundo, Ikalahan youth leader, Philippines
- Closing remarks: Lopa Banerjee, Director of the Civil Society Division, UN Women

**Intervention from the floor**

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**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: SIDE EVENTS**

**TUESDAY  
16 APRIL**

## **SPOTLIGHT SESSION - YOUTH AND PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES**

**– Trusteeship Chamber**

**Lead entities: UNFPA, MGCY and UNOY Peacebuilders**  
**Co-organizers: UNDP, UNODC, UNAOC, UNODA, OHCHR and Global Youth Caucus on SDG16 (GYC on SDG16).**

**3:00 PM – 3:15 PM**

- Ms. Haddy Jonga, Executive Member, Think Young Women

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## **ENGAGING YOUTH IN BUILDING PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES**

**– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber**

**TUESDAY  
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**Lead entities: UNFPA, MGCY and the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders)**  
**UN co-organizers: UNDP, UNODC, UNAOC, UNODA, OHCHR and Global Youth Caucus on SDG16 (GYC on SDG16).**

The session will underscore the crucial role of youth in shaping sustainable solutions amidst the current turbulent global landscape and the pivotal year of 2024, marked by historic elections and critical decision-making processes. Against the backdrop of escalating conflicts, pervasive polarization, and persistent crises, this session emphasises youth's pivotal role in promoting peace, justice, human rights and inclusive development. By addressing the barriers to meaningful youth participation, including mistrust between youth and governments, discriminatory practices, financial barriers and protection concerns, this session aims to explore opportunities for innovation and collaboration and foster an environment where young people can actively shape their societies. By leveraging the frameworks of the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda and the New Agenda for Peace, this session seeks to enhance young people's participation in democratic governance and peacebuilding efforts, thereby realizing the transformative potential of the SDGs and fostering a more just and sustainable world for generations to come.

**3:15 PM – 4:30 PM**

Ms. Andrea Carstensen, GYC Member for SDG16 GFP, Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY). (Moderator)

- Mr. Rolando Pelicot, Co-founder of Fipie and Council Member of the Resolution Project
- Mr. Claude Mbuyi Kabamba, Executive Secretary of the National Youth Council of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Ms. Janada Medugu Gadzama, Youth Peace Champion, UNODC Strive Juvenile Initiative;
- Mr. Mohamed Ibn Sory Diakit , President of the Union of Youth for Sustainable Development
- Ms. Bahia Gatti, Executive Director of the OAJNU (Organizaci n Argentina de J venes para las Naciones Unidas) and Regional Coordinator of the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders)

**Intervention from the floor**

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## **URBAN YOUTH LEADING CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNITY RESILIENCE INITIATIVES AND SUSTAINING PEACE**

**– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber**

**Lead entities: UN HABITAT, UN DESA, UN-Habitat Youth Advisory Board, Accept International**  
**Co-organizers: AFS Intercultural Programs, IAAI – Glocha, International Youth Conference**

Discover how urban youth drive solutions for resilient communities amid climate challenges and conflicts. This session unites varied stakeholders to weave youth insights into development strategies, forming alliances to propel Sustainable Development Goals 11, 13, and 16, and contribute to the Pact of the Future.

**4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Mr. Ali Mustafa, Representative to the United Nations, AFS Intercultural Programs, Advisor to Youth Representative Steering Committee United Nations Department of Global Communications

- Mr. Yosuke Nagai, Founder & Executive Director, Accept International
- Ms. Milagros Costabel Bionda, Board Member, UN-Habitat Youth Advisory Board
- Miroslav Polzer, Founder & CEO, IAAI GloCha
- Ms. Sarah Syed, Climate activist, Canada
- Ms. Alexandra Kulik, president of Sempre a Frente Foundation, representative of Lublin European Youth Capital 2023

**Intervention from the floor**

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**TUESDAY  
16 APRIL  
(PART A -In  
PERSON)**

## **CONNECTING, AMPLIFYING, AND LEVERAGING – NETWORKING RECEPTION (By Invitation Only)**

**Location: Ford Foundation**

*Lead entity: UN Foundation*

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**6:15 PM – 8:00 PM**

Participants at the Youth Forum attended the reception in person.

- [Statement by H.E. Ms. Paula Narváez](#), President of the Economic and Social Council

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**-END OF THE FIRST DAY-**

## SECOND DAY

WEDNESDAY  
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(PART B-  
VIRTUAL)

### CONNECTING, AMPLIFYING, AND LEVERAGING – VIRTUAL NETWORKING SESSION FOR YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS

Virtual connection: TBC  
*Lead entities: MGCY and ICMYO*

7:30 AM – 8:50 AM

Participants to the ECOSOC Youth Forum would be invited to attend a VIRTUAL networking session organized around discussion groups facilitated by moderators.

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### YOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – CHALLENGES, PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS FOR REALIZING THE SDGs & THE DECADE OF ACTION

*Breakout sessions with Government officials and youth leaders*

The regional breakout sessions will help identify the development needs for youth at the regional level and consider how best to articulate and mainstream them in the context of achieving the SDGs. These sessions may build on the outcomes of youth consultations, fora, and other forms of youth engagement as part of the regional SDG review processes hosted by the various UN Regional Commissions.

#### **ASIA AND THE PACIFIC – Conference Room 6**

*Lead entities: UN ESCAP, UNDP, MGCY, Pacific Youth Council*  
*Co-organizers: ILO, UNESCO, International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF APRO) and SAARC Youth Platform*

Intergenerational solidarity must ensure that young people can look at the future with hope and they can fulfil their expectations. The Asia-Pacific regional session will highlight the role of young people and young professionals as innovators and will present key recommendations for effective intergenerational, intersectional, and gender-inclusive solutions to accelerate the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- **Master of Ceremony:** Mr. Beniam Gebrezghi, Programme Specialist, Civil Society and Youth, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- **Moderator:** Ms. Mancharee Sangmueang-Skallevold, Chairperson, International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF APRO)

## **ARAB STATES REGION – Conference Room 5**

*Lead entities: UN ESCWA, UNDP Regional Hub and MGCY*

*Co-organizers: UNV*

This session aims to empower youth in the Arab region by addressing their concerns and the intersection of social justice and marginalization. It discusses the impact of violence on youth aspirations and opportunities, analyzes structural impediments, and advocates for systemic reforms and inclusive policies to empower young women and young men equally and foster positive change.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- **Moderator:** Ms. Manal Alshamrani, Biomedical Engineering Student, Mawhiba Foundation and Boston University

## **LATIN AMERICA – Trusteeship Chamber**

*Lead entities: UN ECLAC, Children, Adolescents and Youth Group - MeSCLAC / MGCY LAC Regional Caucus, Corporación de Estudios y Desarrollo Norte Grande and The Millennials Movement*

*Co-organizers: UNFPA, UNDP International Planned Parenthood Federation, Movimiento Mundial por la Infancia*

The Latin American and Caribbean Regional sessions aim to showcase outcomes from regional youth preparatory consultations and local dialogues held within the framework of the 13th ECOSOC Youth Forum and the 7th Forum of LAC Countries on Sustainable Development. These sessions offer a platform to enhance dialogue between youth, Member States, and UN agencies, fostering meaningful and inclusive engagement of children, adolescents, and youth in advancing actions toward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- **Moderators:** Ms. Maria Sujkowska, Children and Youth LAC Caucus, Corporación de Estudios y Desarrollo Norte Grande; Ms. Marianela Vega, Youth Peace and Security Officer Governance, UNDP; Mr. Max Trejo, Secretario General, OIJ; and Ms. Marilyn Holguin, Children and Youth LAC Caucus, The Millennials Movement

## **EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND OTHER STATES - Conference Room 6**

*Lead entities: UN ECE, AEGEE - European Students Forum, and YEE - Youth Environment Europe*

*Co-organizers: Soroptimist International*

Building on the ECE Regional Youth Report, this session will focus on the SDGs 1, 2, 13, 16, and 17, stressing the urgency of filling social protection gaps in the region. Through youth-driven discussions, it will tackle barriers in implementing tangible solutions to achieve the SDGs under review and offer insights in preparation for the High-Level Political Forum and the Summit of the Future.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM



- **Moderators:** Ms. Cristina Arnés Sanz, AEGEE-Europe and Major Group for Children and Youth, and Ms. Sofia Calicchio, UN Youth Delegate for Soroptimist International

## **AFRICA - Trusteeship Chamber**

*Lead entities: UNOSAA, UN ECA*

*Co-organizers: UNDP, ILO and African Union Commission - African Union Youth Envoy*

The Session will deepen policy discussions among Africa’s Youth, policy and decision makers on the use of Artificial Intelligence technologies and the acceleration of SDG implementation in Africa, addressing the SDGs under review by 2024 HLPF and the ECOSOC Youth Forum. It will examine closely how Artificial Intelligence can work for African Priorities and the SDGs including ending poverty and hunger, achieve the health targets, clean and affordable Energy, Climate action, peace Justice and strong institutions and partnerships for the goals. It will bring forward looking, practical, innovative, transformative, actionable commitments and policy recommendations. These policy recommendations will inform the ECOSOC Presidential statement, the 2024 High Level political Forum, the 2024 Summit for the Future and the 2024 UNGA and beyond.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

- **Moderator:** Ms. Chido Mpemba, African Union Youth Envoy
- [Statement by H.E. Ms. Paula Narváez, President of the Economic and Social Council](#)

## **THE CARIBBEAN – Conference Room 5**

*Lead entity: UN ECLAC; and Caribbean Regional Youth Council, CARICOM Youth Ambassadors*

*Co-organizer: UN Resident Coordinator Office for Trinidad and Tobago*

The Caribbean Regional session will provide a space to present the results of the youth regional preparatory consultations and local dialogues in the framework of the 13<sup>th</sup> ECOSOC Youth Forum and the 7<sup>th</sup> Forum of LAC Countries on Sustainable Development, providing an opportunity to promote and strengthen the dialogue with Member States and UN agencies, for a meaningful and inclusive children, youth and adolescent (CYA) participation in the acceleration of action towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

- **Moderators:** Ms. TeHilla Maloney, Caribbean Regional Youth Council (CRYC) & Caribbean Global Focal Point for the United Nations’ Major Group for Children and Youth and Ms. Samantha Rampersad, CARICOM Youth Ambassador

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## **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: SIDE EVENTS**



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## SPOTLIGHT SESSION - YOUTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE

– Trusteeship Chamber

*Lead entities: UNEP, Official Children and Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC, Sendai Stakeholders, Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (MGCY)*

*Co-organizers: UNDP, UNDRR, Sustainable Consumption and Production Constituency (MGCY) and SDG7 Constituency (MGCY)*

- Ms. Renee Cooper, Youth Climate Fellow, Climate Investment Fund

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**3:00 PM – 3:15 PM**

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## FINANCING OUR FUTURE: ROAD TO A ROBUST CLIMATE FINANCE SYSTEM FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber

*Lead entities: UNEP, Official Children and Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC, Sendai Stakeholders, Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (MGCY)*

*Co-organizers: UNDP, UNDRR, Sustainable Consumption and Production Constituency (MGCY) and SDG7 Constituency (MGCY)*

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This session will highlight the need for climate finance and a robust financial and economic system in order to tackle the climate crisis. It will discuss the actions needed to address the climate crisis in a just way and how we should finance these, with a specific focus on the rights of future generations and intergenerational equity.

**3:15 PM – 4:30 PM**

Ms. Maria Teresa Parreira, PhD student at Cornell University  
(Moderator)

- Mr. Onel Inanadinia Masardule Herrera, Indigenous Climate Activist
- Ms. Olivia Karp, Youth Climate Advocate
- Mr. Nnaemeka Phil Eke-okocha, UN SDSN
- Ms. Ayisha Siddiqa, Member of the UN Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change
- Ms. Carla Conceição da Graça Lima, Analyst at the European Central Bank

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## SPOTLIGHT SESSION - YOUTH AND GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

– Trusteeship Chamber

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*Lead entities: FAO, Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD) and MGCY*  
*Co-organizer: WFP, UNIDO, Youth NGOs (YOUNGO) - Food and Agriculture Working Group, Youth Representatives to the SENA Group of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, and World Food Forum (WFF) Youth Policy Board*

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**4:30 PM – 4:45 PM**

Ms. Nikita Bhusal, USA Country Representative of YPARD

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**WEDNESDAY  
17 APRIL**

## **FEEDING THE FUTURE: YOUTH AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS FOR ALL**

**– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber**

*Lead entities: FAO, Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD) and MGCY*  
*Co-organizer: WFP, UNIDO, Youth NGOs (YOUNGO) - Food and Agriculture Working Group, Youth Representatives to the SENA Group of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, and World Food Forum (WFF) Youth Policy Board*

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The session aims at giving young people agency and space to provide their ideas, direct experiences and recommendations on the implementation of SDG 2, while identifying concrete actions to build stronger, inclusive and more resilient agrifood systems.

**4:45 PM – 6:00 PM**

Ms. Beatriz Guimarães Almeida, Youth Specialist, FAO (Moderator)

- Ms. Yazmeed Wardman, Master Student, Indigenous Youth Caucus
- Mr. Wenhao Deng, CEO, Zhongke Dynamic
- Ms. Lana Weidgenant, UN Policy Manager, ProVeg International
- Ms. Vanessa Garcia Polanco, Director of Government Relations, National Young Farmers Coalition
- Ms. Aisha Hamman, Lift Africa Foundation

**Intervention from the floor**

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**-END OF THE SECOND DAY-**

**THURSDAY  
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## **SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE: MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS - GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON YOUTH FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**

- Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber  
*Lead entities: UNYO and UNDESA*

### **Plenary Session**

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**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Moderator conversations with interventions from the floor by Ministers and youth representatives**

#### **Opening by presenters of ceremony:**

- Varaidzo Vee Kativhu, Young Leader for the SDGs
- Nahjae Nunes, UNICEF Youth Foresight Fellow & Chair for Policy & Advocacy at the Commonwealth Youth Council

**Panel discussion: Youth at the Center of Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow: cultivating intergenerational partnerships through meaningful youth engagement**

- Mr. Guy Ryder, Under Secretary-General for Policy
- Mr. Felipe Paullier, Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs
- Ms. Chido Mpemba, African Union Chairperson's Envoy on Youth
- Ms. Davila Talemaimaleya, Pacific Youth Council
- Ms. Lydia Vlagsma, Youth Committee, International Disability Alliance (IDA)

**Discussants from the floor: Meaningful Youth Engagement in Action**

**Closing & Wrap-Up by presenters of ceremony**

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## **SDG 17 – WORKING WITH YOUTH AS FULL-FLEDGED PARTNERS: YOUTH AND THE FUTURE OF WORK**

- Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber  
*Lead entities: ILO, MGCY and the World Organization of the Scout Movement*  
*Co-organizers: IOM, ITC and WIPO*

### **Plenary Session**

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The session will focus on: (i) The opportunities to stay ahead of the curve, including through skilling, re-skilling and upskilling youth, and prepare for the ongoing and future changes in the world of work,

together with young people as equal partners, and (ii) concrete actions by governments in creating an enabling environment for job creation in wage and self-employment and by the private sector in boosting the hiring and nurturing of youth talent.

### **11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

Mr. Joaquín Parafita, Youth representative, Education and Life Skills, World Organisation of the Scout Movement and Ms. Susana Puerto, Head, Youth Employment Accelerator, International Labour Organization (Moderators)

- Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (Keynote speaker)-Lectern
- Mr. Joel Amani Mafigi. Refugee youth representative, UNLEASHED – Potentials in Motion (Discussant)-Lectern

#### Panelists (Podium)

- Ms. Rose Nafisa Mashimbo, Refugee youth representative, Stand for Change and Unity
- Mr. Jurriaan Middlehoff, Ambassador for Youth, Education and Work, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Ms. Daniela Karina Suárez García, youth representative, Institute for Development and Attention to Youth from Guanajuato State, Mexico
- Ms. Natalie Valent, Senior Policy Associate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL)
- Ms. Sophia Chen, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth

#### **Intervention from the floor**

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## **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: SIDE EVENTS**

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### **AI FOR AN EQUITABLE FUTURE: A YOUTH-LED DIALOGUE ON AI'S POTENTIAL TO BRIDGE THE GENDER DIGITAL DIVIDE AND EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE**

**– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber**

*Lead entities: ITU, UN Women and MGCY SPI platform*

*Co-organizers: Generation Equality Feminist Action for Climate Justice, Generation Equality: Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality and ITU Generation Connect*

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Through a youth-led dialogue, the session will explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can empower current and future generations, including marginalized communities such as youth and women. Participants will

also examine the opportunities and challenges that AI presents towards the sustainable creation and maintenance of strong institutions.

### **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Ms. Sinead Bovell, Futurist, Founder of WAYE Talks (Moderator)

- Ms. Allison Cohen, Senior Applied AI Projects Manager, Mila
- Ms. Josselyn Abusabal, Pan American Esports Games Champion 2023 & Esports World Cup Silver Medallist
- Mr. Alejandro Daly, Student Scholar Institute of Global Politics, Columbia University
- Ms. Divya Goyal, Consultant on Disability Inclusive Development and Social Policy, UNDP
- Mr. Yash Tamidalla, PhD Student in AI and Sociology and Emerging Technology Focal Point SPI-MGCY

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## **INSIGHTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: THE VOICE OF YOUTH AND MEANINGFUL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE**

– Plenary meeting, Trusteeship Chamber

*Lead entities: UNDP, UNFPA, MGCY and ICMYO*

*Co-organizers: UNESCO, OHCHR, UNYO, UNWOMEN, UNAIDS, SPI Youth Platform, Global Indigenous Youth Caucus, Youth Working/Focus Group for Summit of the Future*

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### **4:00 – 5:45 PM**

**Welcoming words and introduction to the objectives of the session:**

- Dr. Sameh Kamel, Organizing Partner, MGCY
- Ms. Alicja Lelwic-Ojeda, Global Focal Point, Migration Youth and Children Platform, MYCP/MGCY

**Opening remarks:**

- Mr. Marcos Neto, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP
- Dr. Julitta Onabanjo - Principal Adviser on Ageing and Climate Change, UNFPA
- Ms. Yugratna Srivastava, Organizing Partner, Major Group for Children and Youth

**Segment 1: Intergenerational dialogue: Bringing young women's voices to the global decision-making processes**

Ms. Saru Duckworth from the UN Foundation Next Generation Fellow for Jobs and Economic Opportunities (Moderator)

- H.E. Mrs. Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile, former Executive Director of UN Women, former High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Founder of the foundation Horizonte Ciudadano
- Ms. Ropati Charitie, Indigenous Scientist and Scholar

### **Segment 2: Youth Demands for the Pact for the Future**

Ms. Alicja Lelwic-Ojeda, Global Focal Point, Migration Youth and Children Platform, MYCP/MGCY (Moderator)

- Ms. Katherine Sotomayor, Regional Focal Point, Sendai Children and Youth Stakeholder Group, Major Group for Children and Youth
- Mr. Joaquín Parafita, World Organisation of Scouts Movement
- Ms. Mahlet Redi, Global Focal Point, SDG 8 Working Group, Major Group for Children and Youth

### **Segment 3: Youth Recommendations to the Summit of the Future**

Dr. Sameh Kamel, Organizing Partner, MGCY (Moderator)

- Ms. Shannon Lisa, Global Focal Point, Chemicals and Waste Constituency, Major Group for Children and Youth
- Mr. Zubair Junjuna, Generation 17 Young Leader and Founder of ZNotes
- Ms. Cornelia Jarasch, Deputy Political Coordinator, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations
- Mr. Jorge Hernandez-Perez, Association of International Educators at the United Nations, Columbia University
- Ms. Chelsea Antoine, Caribbean Regional Youth Council, Major Group for Children and Youth

### **Presenting the Word Cloud from the Slido, by overall facilitators**

- Dr. Sameh Kamel, Organizing Partner, MGCY
- Ms. Alicja Lelwic-Ojeda, Global Focal Point, Migration Youth and Children Platform, MYCP/MGCY

### **Closing and acknowledgements**

- Dr. Sameh Kamel, Organizing Partner, MGCY
- Ms. Alicja Lelwic-Ojeda, Global Focal Point, Migration Youth and Children Platform, MYCP/MGCY

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## **CLOSING SESSION OF THE ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM**

**– Trusteeship Chamber**

**Lead entity: UNDESA, UNYO, MGCY; and ICMYO**

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**18 APRIL**

**5:45 PM – 6:00 PM**

Closing remarks by:

- [Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations](#)
- [Ms. Mai Thin Yu Mon](#), Co-chair of the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus
- [Dr. Felipe Paullier, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs](#)
- [H.E. Ms. Paula Narváez, President of the Economic and Social Council](#)

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-  **Opening and Closing sessions**
-  **Spotlight sessions**
-  **Plenary sessions**
-  **Regional breakout sessions**
-  **Additional activity**