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# SUMMER GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM 2021

YOUTH AT THE FOREFRONT OF ACHIEVING THE 2030 AGENDA  
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

2 – 20 AUGUST 2021

 3 WEEKS, 60 HOURS

*Information Note*



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## OVERVIEW

Far from being mere beneficiaries of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, young people are recognized as having been among the architects in its development, and should continue to be engaged in the frameworks and processes that support its implementation, follow-up and review.

With its disproportionate effects on young people, however, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated inequalities along already existing divides, and it now risks reducing the productive potential of an entire generation. As the Decade of Action calls for accelerating sustainable solutions to the world's biggest challenges, it is important to continue including youth in their design and implementation.

As the training arm of the International Labour Organization, the ITCILO invites participants to the Summer 2021 edition of its Global Youth Forum – an experiential learning platform bringing youth at the forefront of efforts aimed at supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieving its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## KEY FEATURES

- A **core faculty** of UN international development practitioners and youth ambassadors, young entrepreneurs, experts from the private sector, international and civil society organizations, each working to advance the SDGs;
- **Experiential learning** activities in an environment conducive to idea sharing, peer learning and networking;
- A **group project** enabling participants to apply the skills and knowledge acquired over the course of the Forum directly;
- **Course electives** structured around the three pillars of sustainable development (Environmental Sustainability Track, Social Sustainability Track and Economic Sustainability Track) which participants select based on subject-matter interest;
- **Leadership and Career Labs** fostering career design and soft skills development;
- An **ITCILO Certificate of Achievement** upon completion of key course activities.

## IS THE GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM FOR YOU?

The Global Youth Forum welcomes **undergraduate, graduate students** and **young professionals** interested in pursuing an international career to accelerate SDG achievement.

## WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

Over the course of the three-week Global Youth Forum, you'll expand your knowledge of:

- The **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and SDG synergies;
- Context and prospects of global **youth employment** in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- **Youth leadership, engagement, and empowerment** to accelerate SDG achievement;
- **Diversity and inclusion** for equality in international development;
- **Leadership** and **soft skills** for the design, planning, and pursuit of an international career.
- Fundamentals of **project design** and **implementation** for SDG impact.

## WHY JOIN?

The Global Youth Forum equips participants with core conceptual and practical tools to pursue an international career for the acceleration of SDG achievement.

Specifically, it will enable you to:

- Acquire an in-depth understanding of the **2030 Agenda SDGs** and the roles youth play in supporting their achievement;
- Design and develop a **group project** for SDGs advancement to be implemented at the local, national, or global level.
- Expand your **network** by interacting with international development practitioners, key experts and like-minded peers committed to sustainable development;
- Develop your **soft skills** to unleash your potential and bring about change.

## COURSE DURATION AND DELIVERY METHOD

The three-week Global Youth Forum consists of **60 learning hours that combine different learning methodologies, including live webinars, breakout activities to boost discussion, interactive games, and a group project.**

The Global Youth Forum will be mainly **synchronous**, meaning that participants will be expected to be online during specified hours throughout the Forum. The timetable will be shared with successful applicants shortly before the start of the Forum.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

### WEEK 1: 20 HOURS, 2-6 AUGUST (online live sessions)

The 1<sup>st</sup> week of the Forum features:

1. **Plenary sessions** with international development practitioners and youth ambassadors from the UN System and beyond;
2. **Course electives** on the 2030 Agenda tracks of People, Planet and Prosperity, hosted by experts from the private sector, international and civil society organizations;
3. **Group discussions** on lessons learned and next steps for youth in support of SDG attainment.

### WEEK 2: 20 HOURS, 9-13 AUGUST (online live sessions)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the Forum features:

1. **Leadership and Career Labs** with international career coaches on how to design your career and develop your soft skills for SDG Impact;
2. **Group discussion sessions** with inspiring young leaders to exchange ideas and practical tips on how to pursue a career in international organizations.

### WEEK 3: 20 HOURS, 16-20 AUGUST (a mix of online live sessions and asynchronous group work)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the Forum features:

1. **Sessions** on foundational group work skills for international development, identifying SDG synergies, and more;
2. **Asynchronous, self-paced learning** for the completion of group work and final project design;
3. **Final project group presentations** from participants, in closing of the Forum.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are kindly asked to send us:

- A completed online registration form: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/CST/A9713878/en>
- If you are financed by your organization (or a donor), an official sponsorship letter is required to finalize your registration. The letter can be uploaded to the application form or sent by email to [itcilo\\_youthforum@itcilo.org](mailto:itcilo_youthforum@itcilo.org).
- If you pay the course fees directly, please note that the payment is due before enrolment in the course. More details about payment methods can be found [here](#).

## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

**26 July 2021**

## FEES

Total costs per participant: € **990**.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

**Language:** English

**Certificate:** On completion of all required course activities, participants will obtain an ITCILO Certificate of Achievement

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## WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION POLICY, AND REFUNDS FOR OPEN COURSES

If an enrolled participant wishes or must withdraw from a course, they may choose to apply to a different course or be substituted by another candidate. The participant must notify the Centre, in writing, of their decision at least 14 days prior to the start date of the course. Cancellation of participation in regular courses will result in the following penalties:

- 14 days or more prior to the start date of the course: No penalty, 100% refund of amount paid less applicable bank charges
- 8 to 13 days prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 50% of course price, refund of residual amount paid (if any) less applicable bank charges
- 7 days or less prior to the start date of the course: Penalty of 100% of course price

## INFO

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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