ONLINE GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM 2020

JOBS FOR YOUTH POST COVID-19: YOUNG LEADERS EXCHANGE AND DEBATE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DECENT WORK WITH INTERNAIONALEXPERTS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 – 28 AUGUST 2020
⏰ 3 WEEKS, 40 HRS

Information Note
INTRODUCTION

As the world economy is slowly recovering from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for strategies to promote employment-rich growth to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda of the United Nations System is more urgent than ever. The Online Global Youth Forum 2020 is a platform for young women and men leaders to collaborate digitally with experts from United Nations (UN) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) in the design of social and economic recovery strategies that promote jobs for youth post COVID-19 pandemic.

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the online Forum is to contribute to the promotion of Decent Work and Social Justice worldwide. The immediate objective is to strengthen the knowledge of participants about the United Nations Sustainable Development Framework in general, and about strategies to promote jobs under conditions of Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity (VUCA) post COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will also strengthen their knowledge about the human-centered approach to sustainable development of the International Labour Organization (ILO), selected other UN Agencies and INGO. Participants will build network relations with leading experts working in the UN Agencies and INGO.

At the end of the Forum participants will be able to:

• Gain deeper insights into the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
• Specify the causal link between sustainable development and employment-rich growth (SDG8)
• Study the pathways towards decent work post COVID-19 pandemic and be better equipped and prepared
• Assess the range of employment opportunities in the UN system open to junior professionals who want to support decent work and social justice.

PARTICIPANTS

Students and other young people who are interested in learning about and practicing on the nexus between sustainable development and decent work.
The learning cycle underpinning the Forum has three stages:
- A pre-Forum digital learning and collaboration phase (15 hours),
- A one week online Forum event (15 hours), and
- A post-Forum e-coaching phase (10 hours).

In the pre-Forum digital learning and collaboration phase held in Virtual Reality facilities, participants are divided into small teams. Each team will be asked to describe their predictions and hopes for the future (the year 2030) as they relate to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda of the United Nations focusing on SDG8. The first phase of the pre-Forum reveals the key assumptions we use to imagine the future. In the second part of the pre-Forum the teams will create an imaginative description of what they have to do to get to the preferable future.

The actual Forum comprises of electives in Virtual Reality on employment promotion aspects of the UN Sustainable Development Agenda. Participants will be able to choose upfront selected electives and then to engage with UN and INGO experts in small group sessions. The Forum also offers an online hackathon continuing the group work done in the pre-Forum phase and webinars with high-level UN officials.

The after-Forum phase comprises of online Q&A sessions organized and the possibility to participate in a Community of Practice with peers working as interns, fellows, associate experts and junior programme officers in the UN system.
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FORMAT AND METHODOLOGY

This innovative e-learning activity applies cutting edge digital learning technology in order to fully immerse participants and facilitate interaction with the resource persons. The sessions are highly engaging and different methods used, such as virtual reality conferencing, online hackathons, webinars, and group work to make the content interesting, relevant and entertaining.

Participants who attend all sessions and successfully complete the learning assignments during the activity required will receive a Certificate of Participation.

LANGUAGES

Participants will be required to have a good knowledge of English as the training materials available on the e-platform and the sessions with resource persons from the UN and INGO will be held in English.

DURATION AND COURSE LOAD

The learning activity takes place from 10th to 28th of August. The Pre-Forum distance from the 10th to 14th August. The On-line Forum from the 17th to 21th of August while the after Forum Phase is scheduled to take place in the week from the 24th to 28th August.

The total course load is 40 hours; distrusted in 3 weeks. During week One and Two a total of 3 hours of study per day is required and in week Three a total of 2 hours per day is required.

APPLICATIONS AND FEES

Participants to apply in the Forum should fill their application not later than 26 July 2020 on this link: https://oarf2.itcilo.org/MIF/A3713457/en

The participation fee is 990 Euro. Participants to join the Virtual Reality sessions should have access to an Oculus Quest headset (cost approximately 500 Euro).
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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