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# ONLINE WINTER GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM 2021

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

25 JANUARY – 5 FEBRUARY 2021

 2 WEEKS, 30 HRS

*Information Note*



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*'The future of humanity and of our planet lies in our hands. It lies also in the hands of today's younger generation who will pass the torch to future generations. We have mapped the road to sustainable development; it will be for all of us to ensure that the journey is successful and its gains irreversible'.*

(Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UN 2015)

## OVERVIEW

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted every aspect of our lives. Even before the onset of the crisis, the social and economic integration of young people was an ongoing challenge.

Now, unless urgent action is taken, young people are likely to suffer severe and long-lasting impacts from the pandemic. ILO surveys show that existing inequalities will worsen, and gains will slide backward. Building a sustainable future requires the energy, creativity, and initiative of young people around the world.

**If you are a young student, graduate, or young professional**, this Forum is the place to discuss the future we want with experts from the United Nations, Private Sector, International NGOs and Academia.

You will have the opportunity to connect with top leaders and passionate peers, build your skills, and gain the knowledge you need to make a difference in the world. Together with other young leaders, you will explore strategies to help create decent jobs for youth, so societies and economies can build back better.

Do you want to help build a sustainable post-pandemic society? **Sign up for the Youth Forum today.**

## KEY FEATURES

- **Learn** directly from internationally recognised experts and your peers in live sessions
- **Experience** immersive learning in an engaging environment highly interactive
- **Participate in the 'Leadership and Skills Lab'** with international coaches to strength your personal capacities
- **Receive continuous feedback and support** from international experts and your peers
- **Earn** your ITCILO Certificate of Participation.

## WHO TAKES THIS COURSE?

This course is for **young students and professionals** who are interested in developing an international professional career contributing to sustainable development and human rights. We invite **students, recent graduates, and junior professionals** to apply.

## WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

The two-week Youth Forum will focus on the following main areas:

- The **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
- The work of **UN agencies, International NGOs, Civil society and Private sector** in a changing world
- How the **UN Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth** aims to improve young peoples' livelihoods
- **Youth leadership** and how young people can **engage in and influence** the international agenda and contribute to sustainable development
- **Participation of vulnerable groups**, including vulnerable youth in inclusive development
- **Leadership and soft skills**, including tips for **career development** to translate aspirations into actions.

## WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

The Forum aims to explore the critical role that young people play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. More specifically, it will enable you to:

- Build an **in-depth understanding of the SDGs** and the roles of various stakeholders in their achievement.
- Identify how young people can **become a part of the solution** of the new normal you want to build
- **Share your vision and innovate for COVID-19 coping mechanisms** for youth
- **Expand your network and get inspired** by high-level international experts and peers passionate about sustainable development.
- **Unleash your potential and develop your soft skills** to bring about change.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The two-week Forum involves 30 learning hours

### WEEK 1: 15 HOURS, 25 TO 31 JANUARY

The 1st week will include: (i) sessions on the UN Sustainable Development Agenda and SDGs; (ii) discussions with international experts from the UN System, Private sector, International NGOs and Civil Society; (iii) practical workshops on how to create innovative solutions to include vulnerable groups to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Agenda.

### WEEK 2: 15 HOURS, 1 TO 5 FEBRUARY

The 2nd week will include: (i) the Leadership and Skills Lab, where international coaches will you unleash your potential and develop your soft skills; and (ii) exchanges with young leaders and professionals that can inspire you.

## VOICES FROM FORMER PARTICIPANTS (2020 SUMMER EDITION)



**Carolina Bonemer Cury, Brazil** “I recommend to participate in the Forum to anyone who is interested in SDGs and in youth engagement. The Forum gives you a very good overview on how to get started, as it can be somewhat difficult to understand how to get engaged in international issues”.



**Wilfred Kiptoo Chemoiwo, Kenya** “The Forum has been amazing and educative. The best part was learning how youth can influence the 2030 agenda, and discuss about the impact of Covid-19 on development cooperation, SDGs and youth employment. I would like to advise you to join the Forum next time, because you get to learn a lot and contribute to create more impactful leaders for tomorrow”.



**Cylus Kiprotich, Kenya** “The training was wonderful. I was so much excited about the session which talked about youth engagement, because youth are the backbone of the society so when we empower the youth, we are empowering the whole society”.



**Ruiyi Yang, China** “It was a great opportunity for us being able to interact with experts from UN agencies, international NGOs and academic institutions...by sharing their experiences they inspired me”.



**Chenzhang Qi, China** “I enrolled in the Global Youth Forum 2020 to learn about UN and its work, as well as to enhance my intercultural communication skills. Attending the Forum was fruitful and inspiring. Considering the detailed arrangements and quality, I highly recommend you to attend the next editions of the Global Youth Forum”.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are kindly asked to send us:

- A completed online registration form: <https://oarf2.itcilo.org/MIF/A9713888/en>
- An official sponsorship letter from your organization (or a donor) or a self-statement (if you cover the course fees by yourself) 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).

## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

**16 January 2021**

## PRICE

The total participation cost per participant is € **900**.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**Language:** the course will be held in English.

**Diploma:** an ITCILO Certificate of Participation will be awarded at the completion of the course.

**Contact:** [itcilo\\_youthforum@itcilo.org](mailto:itcilo_youthforum@itcilo.org)

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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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