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9-12 August 2017
United Nations Headquarters
New York



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2017 SUMMER YOUTH ASSEMBLY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

#SocietyForAll: Equity and Inclusion for a Sustainable Future

THE YOUTH ASSEMBLY

The Youth Assembly at the United Nations is the global gathering of the next generation of world leaders, social entrepreneurs, activists, and champions of sustainable development. It provides a unique platform for meaningful dialogue and partnership between youth, civil society, the private sector, and the United Nations. At the assembly, young people are equipped with the necessary tools, knowledge, and skills to create action-oriented solutions that help achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

CONCEPT NOTE

As the largest and most interconnected youth population in history, today's generation is a remarkable force to be reckoned with. While young people are among those constantly affected by global challenges, they remain at the frontline of innovation and change with their unique set of skills and perspectives. Their participation, therefore, is fundamental to addressing the world's most pressing issues, such as poverty, injustice, and climate change.

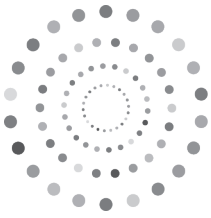
The Youth Assembly – now in its 20th session – presents both an enormous opportunity and a challenge to stimulate and ensure youth engagement and participation in the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. With an emphasis on the 2030 Agenda's principle of "leaving no one behind", the conference will tackle cross-cutting issues with innovative solutions. It provides capacity-building opportunities and the necessary tools for participants to develop a better understanding of their role and the steps they can take toward action and implementation.

The conference will tackle a variety of topics under four interrelated tracks – social, economic, environmental, and youth. Sessions are organized in the format of panels, workshops, debates, keynotes, and presentations. The social track focuses on tackling people-centric issues such as the refugee crisis, gender equality, education, and inclusive narratives; while the economic track takes a closer look into the structures and processes that drive inclusive economic growth. The environmental track showcases new perspectives and ideas in the green sustainability agenda; while the youth track concentrates on capacity-building and youth engagement or participation in various spheres such as policy-making, social entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation.

Guided by this agenda, the conference will provide a platform for nearly 1,000 young leaders from over 100 countries to learn and share practical knowledge and skills with experienced professionals and fellow attendees. It aims to introduce and promote various perspectives on addressing development challenges and transform the way young people think, act, and speak about critical issues of the 21st century. By and large, it would highlight the importance of dialogue, partnership, and collaboration in driving inclusive and sustainable development at both local and global levels.

OUTCOME

Executive summaries and recommendations of the focal discussions will be put forward at the closing session and will be made publicly available after the conference to all participants and relevant stakeholders.



Welcome Message from FAF Executive Director

Delegates, Presenters, Guests and Partners,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2017 Summer Youth Assembly at the United Nations. I would like to thank our lead endorsers, His Excellency Mr. Macharia Kamau and the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations; His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Mendonça e Moura and the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations; and His Excellency Dr. Amrith Rohan Perera and the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations. I also would like to express our gratitude to Her Excellency Madame Simona-Mirela Miculescu, Representative of the Secretary-General and the Head of UN Office in Belgrade, for joining us once again as the Honorary Chair.

For the past forty-four years Friendship Ambassadors Foundation has been at the forefront of the global youth leadership and cultural exchange programs. The FAF's long history in providing youth-focused programs that are aligned with United Nations' missions and goals has resulted in invaluable opportunities for participants to learn from world leaders and social advocates about fostering multicultural dialogues, while encouraging social equality and mutual understanding across the globe.

The agenda of this year's conference will focus on "Society For All: Equity and Inclusion for a Sustainable Future". Guided by the overarching principle of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, "leaving no one behind," the conference will explore cross-cutting issues and solutions for achieving sustainable development in the social, economic, and environmental dimensions.

I strongly believe that the next two days will present you with fresh perspectives and new sets of skills in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and ensuring that no one is left behind. Your collective knowledge and experience will enrich the current discussion in transforming the SDGs into personal, measurable and creative plan of action.

It is my hope that this experience will fine-tune your leadership skills by enabling you to set clear and conscience vision that is aligned with sustainable development values and goals. While on this journey, I hope that you will look for commonalities rather than differences and remain sensitive to your fellow men's cultural and traditional uniqueness and encourage dialogue through open communication and compassionate listening.

Set goals. Be committed to see them through. Learn and be curious. Encourage relationships that are respectful. Unify, empower, and include all. Be mindful that many great men have walked before you. And above all, each and every day, ACT toward a greater positive and long-lasting IMPACT!

Warmly,

Biana Kovic
Executive Director
Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, Inc.



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Throughout the
conference

Youth Assembly Information Desk

10-11 AUGUST 2017

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Social Media Feature by *Great Big Story* and *Global Young Voices*

11 AUGUST 2017

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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***Dear World* Portrait Shoot**

9 August 2017, Wednesday • General Assembly Hall

OPENING

🕒 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Call to Order

Video: UNRocks Music Group's "Strong UN, Better World"

Opening Remarks

Biana Kovic, Executive Director, Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, Inc. @FriendshipAmbas

United Nations Official Welcome

H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the 71st United Nations General Assembly @UN_PGA

Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary General's Envoy on Youth @UNYouthEnvoy

H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the UN @KenyaMissionUN

H.E. Mr. Amrith Rohan Perrera, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations @SLUNNewYork

H.E. Ms. Cristina Pucarinho, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations and Chargé d'Affaires

10 August 2017, Thursday • Conference Rooms

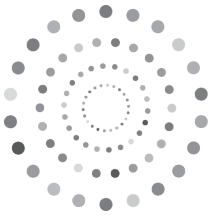
SESSION I

🕒 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Conference Room 4

Empowering Youth to Take Action on the Global Refugee Crisis ♥

- **Rabita Tareque**, Global Advocate at the Permanent Observer Mission of the OIC to the United Nations @rabita_tareque @OICatUN
- **Federica Scala**, Legal Officer/External Relations Department at International Development Law Organization @IDLO
- **Alexandra Raymond**, Donor Engagement Manager at the International Rescue Committee @theIRC
- **Serena Parekh**, Associate professor of Philosophy at Northeastern University
- **Firas Kayal**, Senior Policy Advisor, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees @KayalFiras @Refugees



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SESSION I

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Conference Room 2 **STEM as a Key to Achieving the SDGs** ★

- **Moderator: Chitra Nawbatt**, Global Head of Market Solutions at Genpact, Adjunct Professor Rutgers Business School @chitranawbatt
- **David Pennock**, Assistant Managing Director of Microsoft Research @pennockd @MSFTResearch
- **Jana Levene**, Business Development, Google's Area 120 @Google @googleideas
- **Stefan Oberman**, Chief of Staff at AeroFarms @AeroFarms
- **Robin Roberts**, Global Digital Project Director, Novartis @Novartis

Conference Room 11 **Building a Global Movement to End Violence Against Children 101** ♥

- **Susan Bissell**, Director, Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children @GPToEndViolence
- **Arelys Bellorini**, Representative to the UN, World Vision International @WorldVision
- **Sarah Stevenson**, Senior Representative, ChildFund Alliance @ChildFundAll

Conference Room 12 **Microsoft YouthSpark 1: MakeCode.com** (Closed Session) ★

- **Todd Beard**, Microsoft YouthSpark Innovative Educator @TeacherBeard @Microsoft

SESSION II

🕒 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Conference Room 4 **Technology as a Force for Inclusion** ♥

- **Paul Edlund**, Chief Technologist, Core Technologies at Microsoft @Microsoft
- **Antuan Santana**, Community Manager, Microsoft Citizenship and Public Affairs @Microsoft

Conference Room 2 **Mainstreaming Youth in All Spheres of Society** ★

- **Isabel Pérez Dobarro**, Project Leader, Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youth @isaperezdobarro @SDSNYouth
- **George Osaso**, Assistant Director Youth Development, Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs, Kenya (Invited)
- **Madhuka Wickramarachchi**, Representative of the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN @SLUNNewYork
- **Alessandro Motter**, Senior Policy Advisor for Economic and Social Affairs at the Inter-Parliamentary Union @sandromotter @IPUparliament

Conference Room 11 **Out With Exclusion, In With Rights** ♥

- **Mary Kate Costello**, Senior Policy Analyst & UN Representative, The Hunger Project @HungerProject @MKisOK

Conference Room 12 **Using Values-Based Communications for Social Inclusion** ♥

- **Lucy Odigie-Turley**, Opinion & Media Research Coordinator, The Opportunity Agenda @oppagenda

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM **Lunch Break**

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM **Resolution Social Venture Forum** 📍 Conference Room E



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SESSION III ☉ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Conference Room 4 **Improving Labour Market Outcomes for Inclusive and Sustainable Societies** ■

- **Moderator: Dino Corell**, Programme Analyst at International Labour Organization (ILO) @DinoCorell @ILO
- **Angela Jhanji**, Strategy Manager at Accenture @angelajhanji @AccentureStrat
- **Sandra Gutierrez**, Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Youth & Community Development @NYCYouth
- **Zephaniah N. Smith**, Member of the National Council, United Nations Association @UNAUSA
- **Alyssa Chassman**, Founder & Executive Director, The IDHouse @@AlyssaChassman @theidhouse

Conference Room 2 **World Bank Group** ■

- **Angelica Silvero**, Head of Speakers Bureau at World Bank Group @AngelicaSilvero @WorldBank
- **Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo**, Disability Advisor in the Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience (GP SURR) Global Practice of the World Bank Group @McNhlapo @WorldBank

Conference Room 11 **Power Differentials: How to Reach the Most Vulnerable** ♥

- **Matt Kertman**, Senior Communications Associate, BRAC USA @mattkertman @bracworld
- **Dristy Shrestha**, Program Associate, Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative

Conference Room 12 **Microsoft YouthSpark 2: TechPitch2017** (Closed Session) ★

- **Todd Beard**, Microsoft YouthSpark Innovative Educator @TeacherBeard @Microsoft

SESSION IV ☉ 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Conference Room 4 **Dear World: An Interactive Storytelling and Portrait Experience** (Runs until 5:15 PM) ★

- **Lynetria "Fresh" Johnson**, Storyteller, Dear World @dearworld

Conference Room 2 **Opportunities in "Technovation" to Create the World We Want and Achieve Gender Equality** ♥

- **Moderator: Allyson Humphrey**, Global Youth Focal Point, UN Women @UN_Women
- **Shaun Johnson**, Co-Founder of Startup Institute @StartupInst
- **Rosario Diaz Caravito**, Founder and CEO at The Millennials Movement @millennial_mvmt
- **Shruti Kapoor**, Founder of Sayfty @SayftyCom
- **Ari Eisenstat**, Co Executive Director at UN Global Sustainability Index Institute
- **Namisha Bahl**, VP of Marketing and Brand Partnerships at Mogul @onMogul

Conference Room 11 **From Ideas to Action: How to Design a Successful Venture for the SDGs** ■

- **Marie Louise Wiegert**, President, Ideas for Action @marie_weigert @Ideas4Action
- **Neelam Sakaria**, Associate, Search and Selection, Echoing Green @neesakaria @EchoingGreen

Conference Room 12 **Introduction to Finding U.S. Grants** ■

- **Kate Amanna**, New York Lead, Social Sector Outreach @FCNewYork
- **Susan Shiroma**, Senior Social Sector Librarian @fdncenter



11 August 2017, Friday • Conference Rooms

SESSION I ☀ 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Conference Room 1 **Environment, Poverty and an Inclusive Green Economy** 🌐

- **Moderator: Tim Scott**, Senior Policy Advisor on Environment at the United Nations Development Programme @TimScott2030 @UNDP
- **Ana Cristina Garcia-Sierra**, Project Officer, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youth Initiative @SDSN-Youth
- **Liz Carlile**, Director of Communication, IIED @IIED
- **Joel Paque**, Senior Policy Advisor at the Nature Conservancy's External Affairs and Global Cities Program @nature_org
- **Elizabeth Yeampierre**, Executive Director of UPROSE @yeampierre @UPROSE

Conference Room 2 **The Power of Youth: Making A Difference Through Sustainable Tourism** ★

- **Sandra Carvao**, Chief, Communications, UNWTO (Travel.Enjoy.Respect Video) @UNWTO
- **Daniella Foster**, Senior Director of Global Corporate Responsibility, Hilton Worldwide @HiltonNewsroom
- **Russ Hedge**, Representative of WYSE Travel Confederation and Hostelling International @WYSETC
- **Susan Reichle**, President, International Youth Foundation @IYFTweets
- **Shawnice Jackson**, Global Advisory Committee Member, Reconnecting Youth
- **Kelley Louise**, Executive Director, Travel SocialGood / Travel Blogger @TravelPlusGood
- **Shoaib Rizvi**, Outstanding Youth Delegate, 2017 Winter Youth Assembly / Intern, UNWTO @shoaibrizvig6

Conference Room 11 **Wikimedia: Health, Science, & Inclusion Through Wikipedia** ♥

- **Esther Jackson**, Public Services Librarian, New York Botanical Garden @NYBG
- **Felix Richter, MD**, PhD student, Mount Sinai @FelixRichter91
- **Abhishek Suryawanshi**, Founder, Wikipedia Club Pune @WikiClubPune

Conference Room 12 **Microsoft YouthSpark 1: MakeCode.com** (Closed Session) ★

- **Todd Beard**, Microsoft YouthSpark Innovative Educator @TeacherBeard @Microsoft

SESSION II ☀ 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Conference Room 1 **Everyone in for The 2030 Agenda: Working Together and Leaving No One Behind** ★

- **Karen Newman**, UN Consultant for the United Nations Development Program @knewman2000
- **David Baxter**, International Development and PPP Consultant/ Sustainability and Resiliency Strategist
- **Isabel Pérez Dobarro**, Project Leader, Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youth @isaperezdobarro @SDSNYouth
- **Natalia Caruso**, Director of Partnerships, MADRE @MADREspeaks

Conference Room 2 **Shaping The Narrative of an Inclusive Society** ♥

- **Lucy Odigie-Turley**, Opinion & Media Research Coordinator, The Opportunity Agenda @oppagenda (Invited)
- **Bernadette Anat**, Teen Community Lead, Instagram @HeyBerna
- **Courtney Coupe**, VP Content, Great Big Story @greatbigstory, @greatbigpress
- **Amy Lieberman**, United Nations Correspondent, Devex @amylieberman @Devex
- **Lynetria "Fresh" Johnson**, Storyteller, Dear World @DearWorld
- **Camilla Curnis**, Co-founder, Global Young Voices @GYVNews



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SESSION II ☀ 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Conference Room 11

Dialogue for Change: Bringing the Youth Perspective into Global Decision Making 🌐

- **Liz Carlile**, Director of Communication, IIED @IIED
- **Heather McGray**, Director of the Climate Justice Resilience Fund (CIRF) @HMcGray
- **Janet Murray**, Business Coach, Climate-KIC @ClimateKIC

Conference Room 12

Civic Engagement and Urban Innovation ★

- **Eric Verkerke**, Creative Director, Civ:Lab @smarcitysimon
- **Simon Sylvester-Chaudhuri**, Executive Director, Civ:Lab
- **Ana Ynestrillas**, Director of Operations, Civ:Lab

11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Resolution Social Venture Finals 📍 Conference Room E

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Lunch Break

SESSION III ☀ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Conference Room 1

Youth, Peace, and Security ★

- **Moderator: Isabel Pérez Dobarro**, UN-Focal Point & Arts Twenty Thirty Project Lead, SDSN-Youth, @isaperezdobarro, @SDSNYouth
- **Henk-Jan Brinkman**, Chief Policy, Planning and Application in the Peacebuilding Support Office of the UN
- **Erika Weinthal**, Associate Dean for International Programs, Lee Hill Snowdon Professor of Environmental Policy, Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment
- **Oliver Libby**, Co-Founder & Managing Director, The Resolution Project @ResolutionProj
- **Lauren Barredo**, Head of Partnerships, UN SDSN
- **Lama Ranjous**, Academic Advisory Committee, SDSN-Youth: Youth, Peace, and Security
- **Jude Chisom Erundu**, Operations Project Officer, SDSN-Youth
- **Ileri Jaiyeoba**, Founder and Executive Director, Code Red
- **Brady Halligan**, Director of Strategic Partnerships & Enrollment, The Green Program

Conference Room 2

Debate: Impact of Technology in the Modern World (Runs until 6:00 PM) ★

Conference Room 11

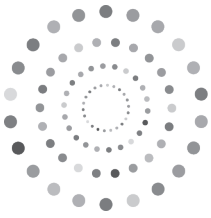
A Society for All: Stories from Across Borders ★

- **Camilla Curnis**, Co-Founder/ President, Global Young Voices @GYVNews
- **Edy Semaan**, Co-Founder, Global Young Voices @GYVNews
- Global Young Voices Contributors: **Robert Cain**, **Alberto Curnis**, **Sara Livio**, **Brittany Timney**, and **Zuwaina Al Daraai**

Conference Room 12

Microsoft YouthSpark 2: TechPitch 2017 (Closed Session) ★

- **Todd Beard**, Microsoft YouthSpark Innovative Educator @TeacherBeard @Microsoft



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SESSION IV ☉ 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Conference Room 1 **Film Screening: "Salam Neighbor"**

- Produced by **Living On One & 1001 Media**, In Association: **Ryot, Tent, AFI Docs & NBCUniversal Impact Grant**

Conference Room 2 **Continuation of Debate: Impact of Technology in the Modern World ★**

Conference Room 11 **Open Working Group: From Delegate to Game-Changer ★**

- Moderator: **Raina Kadavil**, President, Global Ambassadors @*Raina_Kadavil*
- Youth Assembly Alumni: **Swarochish Goswami**, **Isabela Barriga** @*Isabela_Barriga*, **Razan Alaqeel** @*Razan_Alaqeel*, and **George Rosenfeld** @*GeorgeRosenfeld*

Conference Room 12 **Inclusive Project Design ★**

- **Jaya Sarkar**, Vice President, Programs, Trickle Up @*trickleuporg*
- **Josh Trautwein**, Executive Director, Fresh Truck, Boston @*theFreshTruck*

12 August 2017, Saturday • General Assembly Hall

CLOSING ☉ 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Call to Order

Keynote

Ravi Karkara, Senior Advisor Strategic Partnership and Advocacy to the Assistant Secretary-General/Deputy Executive Director @*ravikarkara*

Summary of Session Outcomes

Isabel Pérez Dobarro, Project Leader, Sustainable Development Solutions Network Youth @*isaperezdobarro* @*SDSNYouth*

Resolution Social Venture Challenge Awarding

George Tsiatis, CEO & Co-Founder, *The Resolution Project* @*ResolutionProj*

Scholarship & Outstanding Youth Delegate Awarding

Dear World Closing Keynote and Portrait Highlights

Closing Remarks

H.E. Ms. Simona-Mirela Miculescu, Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of UN Office in Belgrade; Honorary Chair of the Youth Assembly at the UN @*SMiculescu*

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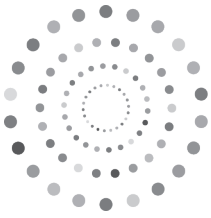
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