



VATICAN YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

YOUTH AND THE SDGS - CHALLENGES AND
OPPORTUNITIES

SOLUTIONS

ALESSANDRA SALGADO (COSTA RICA)

Networking Communities

This solution aims to raise awareness of the specific needs of communities with high social risk specifically aiming to provide a space for children and youth in high-risk communities, where they can foster their skills in a range of areas. This space also prevent children and youth from common problems such as child labour, child abuse or exploitation, low levels of schooling or vulnerability to vices.

ANA PAOLA GARCÍA VILLAGÓMEZ (BOLIVIA)

Por una educación inclusiva y preventiva contra la trata de personas

This solution proposes the development of workshops and educational programs that allow the Guaraní community to overcome the situation of abuse and slavery that they suffered until recent times. Through a campaign, this solution endeavours to change the general mindset and promote the necessity of educating boys, girls and generally all youth.

ANGEL VERSETTI (RUSSIA)

Financing Models to Boost Investments in Sustainable Businesses

The objective of the solution is to boost investments, lending and transfer of managerial skills and business knowledge from private corporate and financial sectors to resource-efficient and sustainable businesses. This will be achieved by optimizing information flows and creating linkages of investor networks, bank groups and corporations with resource-efficient business clusters and sustainable innovation hubs.

AUSTELINO DIAS TAVARES (CAPE VERDE)

Um ato de Amor às famílias

This initiative will give women resources for their empowerment, to ensure that they have the necessary independence and skills to develop their own ventures. Through the creation of a fund of support of their small business, Um ato de Amor às famílias, aims to create a more fair and just society, in which women are free of violence, and can have their own economic means with decent work.

BELÉN LÓPEZ ARRIETA (ECUADOR)

Atención integral a las mujeres que han sido víctimas de trata, con especial énfasis en su reinserción laboral

This project aims to achieve the reinsertion of women who have been victims of human trafficking through different stages. Victims will be provided shelter and enrolled in a Quito-based program that will provide the necessary technical and practical skills to find suitable employment.

BSART ÇOPA (ALBANIA)

International Scholarship Effort (ISE)

International Scholarship Effort aims at helping students from unrepresented developing countries to go to study in Western academic institutions by easing the application process, so they are fairly assessed on their academic and extracurricular achievement- rather than socioeconomic conditions.

BRITTANY FRIED (USA)

Teaching for Empowerment

Developing an empowerment curriculum to be implemented by Catholic and United Nations (UN)-associated schools, and disseminated to international education-related actors, will build engaged citizens; cultivate norms of social responsibility; and lead to greater involvement of youth in resolving national and international social issues.

CHRISTOPHER MARCHIO (INDONESIA)

Reducing Unemployment Rate while Increasing Economic Growth Rate with FAA System

FAA System works as a step-by-step process to assist and improve the growth and opportunities of start-up companies. Through a comprehensive advertising and communications strategy the FAA system will promote these companies to potential investors, working as an incubator for innovation.

CLAYTON LOUIS FERRARA (USA)

The Hive

Recognising that solving the most pressing environmental and social problems facing humanity is currently a fractured and disjointed process, the Hive aims to rectify this process. It brings a new method of creating solutions that can be replicated to solve global issues by bringing together stakeholders at a local level to design, develop, and scale action in the SDGs.

DANIEL PÉREZ GONZÁLEZ (CUBA)

La Compañía Infantil de Teatro La Colmenita: un proyecto que contribuye al cumplimiento de los ODS desde Cuba

La Colmenita is a children's theatre company that aims to contribute to the ethical and aesthetic education by representing classics of Cuban and universal cultures and promotes learning through different artistic disciplines, games and co-creative processes. It aims to educate with values through theatre, music, games and cultural exchange through different training programs for vulnerable groups. It will endeavour to contribute to the country's educational institutionalization.

DARSHATHA DAMITH GAMAGE (SRI LANKA)

Dynamic Education

This solution aims to create a global knowledge and experience sharing platform aiming to promote better understanding of industry requirements, learning potentials and emerging trends, inculcating them into the teaching experience. This will ensure the continued enhancement in the quality of education, driving decent work and economic growth.

ELEANOR MARGETTS (UK)

Operationalising Environmental Rights to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals

This solution aims to lessen the extent and effects of climate change in accordance with all SDGs through writing a comprehensive guide to environmental education so that bad habits can be changed at a ground level, and to ensure that future generations develop good practices in sustaining the planet for others. It will also contribute to the "greening" approach to environmental rights so as to take part in the much-needed shift wherein they are recognised as intrinsically important to the enjoyment of all other rights. And to recognise that economic development and environmental sustainability can and should work in partnership.

FELIX SPIRA (GERMANY)

Sustainability Hub Model

This solution aims to establish student-led and staff-supported Sustainability Hubs to empower students to embed the SDGs into education, research, community, operations and governance at institutions of higher education around the world.

FRANCO MARCELO MAESTRI (ARGENTINA)

(1) Alimentación Sustentable / (2) Desarrollo de Empresas Junior en Argentina

These two initiatives defend more sustainable models both in food consumption and in business. The first project promotes the consumption of vegetarian products, considering the excesses of the livestock industry in Argentina. The second aims to develop a business model that supports sustainability and looks for the common good. These companies receive the name of Empresa Junior and both social responsibility and sustainability are their key values.

GABRIEL MARQUIM (BRAZIL)

Casa Vincular

This solution aims to provide food, health services as well as capacity building resources to homeless people in the city of Recife (Brazil). In order to achieve these goals, the Casa Vincular will rely on crowdfunding, elaboration and selling of self-generated products, volunteers, and partnerships with the private and public sector.

GABRIELA FALLA JIMÉNEZ (COSTA RICA)

Restauración integral de personas víctimas de trata de personas con fines sexuales

This solution aims to give victims of human trafficking for sexual exploitation in Costa Rica the necessary psychological, spiritual, and educational support to overcome the trauma generated by the violation of human rights inflicted upon them. The project develops workshops, activities, and capacity building programs to achieve the social inclusion of this population, raise awareness about their situation and develop preventive programs.

GABRIELA MAY LAGUNES (MEXICO)

Centre of Engineering for International Development at UCL: Strengthening Global Connexions for Development from Universities

This solution aims to create a centre dedicated to international development with a structure that could be reproduced by any other university. The Center of Engineering for International Development at UCL establishes the needed procedures and partnerships to facilitate the collaboration between staff, students and global stakeholders in order to engineer sustainable and efficient solutions for the SDGs.

IXCHEL YGLESIAS GONZÁLEZ BÁEZ (MEXICO)

Erradicar la trata de personas con fines de explotación sexual para que las mujeres tengan una vida libre de violencia

This solution aims to consolidate and disseminate four models of support; attention, sensibilization, prevention and eradication of human trafficking for sexual abuse and prostitution, looking for gender equality and women's empowerment in Mexico. In order to do so, the project has built sensibilization and formative tools to end with the pimp's system. This project will be based at the Albergue ANTHUS in Puebla and will create educative community programs for abuse prevention and women's empowerment at schools. The initiative will start in Puebla, and will try to extend through other shelters in Mexico through the signing of agreement and joint pledges on the topic.

LADAN AFSHARI (IRAN)

Special court for the prosecution of ISIS

The objective of this solution is to create a special court with specific jurisdictional power over ISIS child recruitment crimes in the Syrian war. The court will not only aim to prosecute criminals but also ensure the rehabilitation of the children and reintegrated them back into society.

JARED NOETZEL (USA)

The ONE Campaign: A Global, Multi-faith Youth Voice for the SDGs

This project aims to use advocacy and campaigning tools to accomplish policy changes in the United States in fighting against extreme poverty and preventable diseases. In order to do so, the ONE will rely in faith communities, which are effective pressure groups and involve young people in the process. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to promote smart policies and increase the U.S. Federal Government's financial commitment to these matters.

JELLYFERLYNE JOSEPH (MALAYSIA)

Advocacy and Community Empowerment Program

This project aims to make youth voices heard in the Sabah state in Malaysia, raising awareness about the injustices the migrant workers' children suffer in that area. The main objectives of this program are to empower marginalized young people, giving them a platform in which they can share their stories and seek opportunities for their self-development as well as advocating for youth issues to various stakeholders.

JOANNA MARASZEK (POLAND)

Project Tajikistan. Energy for Education

This project aims to create a platform for Polish and Tajikistan students to learn about renewable energy and energy efficiency, aiming to diminish the country's energy crisis. The project will be materialized in bringing electric power to a local library in Tajikistan. This initiative also aims to promote women's role in STEM and promote that more women are involved in this field, especially in Tajikistan.

JOANNES PAULUS YIMBESALU (CAMEROON)

School Toilets Save Lives

This initiative promotes safe hygiene and sanitation practices in schools by constructing pit latrines in poor communities in rural Cameroon so children can stay in school and learn in an environment that is not only free from disease but ensures their safety and wellbeing. This initiative will also present health education programs like hand washing practices to families and communities.

JORDAN IMAHORI (CANADA)

Evaporative Cooling Vests

The solution seeks to reduce heat-related deaths and medical complications in the construction industries of countries where severe heat-stress is a workplace hazard. The evaporative cooling vests use the evaporation of water to cool the user and are capable of reducing the impact of high temperatures on the wearer's health. They also incorporate the features of traditional high-visibility construction vests and are certified to ISO, ANSI, OEKO, and REACH standards, allowing workers to wear them in lieu of regular safety equipment.

JOVANA SAVIC (SERBIA)

Global Diaspora Youth Entrepreneurship Network (no title on the title section, mentioned later on the text)

GloDYEN aims to give youth in the diaspora the necessary entrepreneurial skills to develop business ventures in their countries of origin and contribute to their economic development. The initiative consists of business training, mentoring opportunities, youth investor networking events in Brussels, as well as the development of partnerships for the goals in their home countries. With this, GloDYEN works for boosting job opportunities and economic development in developing countries, long term sustainable partnerships on global, regional, national and local levels and empowering youth so they are able to start initiatives in developing their own respective communities.

KATIE WOOD (AUSTRALIA)

Shifting our economic paradigm through the lens of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander environmental perspectives

This initiative aims to bring economic and business leaders together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community leaders to develop and deliver specific projects that can concurrently provide economic, social, cultural and environmental prosperity. It looks for the development of partnerships between the private sector and the indigenous communities as well as the empowerment of the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders in the process of economic development.

KHALID AHMAD (UK)

Multi-faith Pods

This project proposes the creation of multi-faith pods, spaces in which young people from different religions will come together for the implementation of the SDGs. The initiative aims to reach wider awareness about the SDGs by using the support of the different faith communities, local NGOs and social media. The goals of this solution are both improving the inter-faith dialogue within local communities as well as involving a larger number of people in the SDG implementation.

MALAV SANGHAVI (INDIA)

LifeCradle

LifeCradle is a low cost cardboard incubator that can be used in under-developed or developing countries. The objective of LifeCradle is to provide basic facilities to children's survival during the first days of life. It is designed to function as a make-shift cot for the child once it leaves neonatal care, providing it with adequate, hygienic living conditions at home, while costing 90% less than existing incubators in the market.

MARIA CRISTINA BAGAFORO (PHILIPPINES)

The Road to the Promise Land: Human Development and Inner Capacity Building Sustenance Program for Abused Women and Children of Bahay Pangarap Women's Center Foundation

The Road to the Promise Land Project aims to successfully reintegrate victims of violence, abuse and sexual exploitation by providing quality education, spiritual formation, and legal assistance. It aims to provide protective custody and care for women and girls, offering them psycho-social interventions and services for healing and rehabilitation.

MARIANA RUENES DE LA FUENTE (MEXICO AND SPAIN)

Youth Empowerment and Sustainability Y.E.S

This initiative aims to boost social cohesion, allow sustainable solutions to emerge in the local context, empower local leaders and promote an efficient allocation of resources. In order to achieve these, the project will collaborate with local schools in the organization of a competition for sustainable development projects developed by students. The students and teachers will vote for their favourite initiatives which will receive Y.E.S support and training. All the winning initiatives at the local level will then gather at an award ceremony, celebrating the respective efforts of the schools, teachers and students'.

MARIYEH AZIZIAN (IRAN)

Vaccine delivery with Microneedle arrays as a solution to achieve sustainable development goals #3: Good health and well-being

The suggested solution aims to eradicate influenza, measles, malaria, and HPV diseases through the research, development, localization of microneedle technology. Further, this innovative solution aims to improve the general accessibility for such medicines and technology.

MATEO BOTERO PÉREZ (COLOMBIA)

Agencia Internacional para Negocios Sostenible -AINS

This project proposes the creation of an international agency that promotes and supports businesses that encourage decent work, contribute positively to the State's economy, develop comparative and competitive advantages and contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. Business should meet certain sustainable development standards, with special emphasis on social responsibility, since all of them must allocate part of their resources to environmental, educational, infrastructure, technology and innovation programs.

MOLLY BURHANS (USA)

Catholic Geographic System / GoodLands

The Catholic Geographic System will facilitate ecological land-use planning that benefits the world's ecosystems and people while promoting interoperability among Catholic organizations. The Catholic Geographic System consists of three sections; the Catholic Geographic Information System Center (CGISC) which provides data infrastructure for a hub of Catholic NGOs data, knowledge management, and education. The Catholic Geographic, Inc. which provides cartography services and an online store for map products. And the Catholic Geographic Society, which provides a platform venue for telling stories about people and the planet in relation to faith. GodLands, a conservation and ecological planning organization that takes the information we map and puts it to work for environmental stewardship purposes – it also measures and tracks the success and outcomes of environmental programs.

MUTEVU WINNIE NDUKU (KENYA)

Using art to create awareness on human trafficking at the grassroots and improve the capacity of the artists

The objective of this initiative is to use art to disseminate information about human trafficking and provide social-economic empowerment to young people. In this sense, dance and drama will be used as an effective tool to raise awareness about human trafficking in a language that the general public can understand. In addition to this, the initiative will work towards the artists' empowerment and will give them the opportunity to network with relevant stakeholders in sustainable development.

MUTIARA DINANTI SIREGAR (INDONESIA)

Comprehensive Agriculture Training Program for Southeast Asian Countries while Harmonizing their Bilateral Relationships

This solution works towards 3 goals: leveraging agriculture productivity in Southeast Asia, tackling food security, while decreasing the sector's unemployment rate. This will be achieved by offering trusted comprehensive agricultural training services to the unemployed and smallholder farmers by experienced professionals sourced from developed neighbouring countries. The program consists of three course levels (basic, intermediate and advanced) of 2 weeks, 1 month and 2 months length respectively.

NNEWUIHE OBINNA EMMANUEL (NIGERIA)

Mobile Phone Enabled Micro-Health Insurance Plan

The aim of this initiative is to improve the access to health care in Nigeria by expanding micro-health insurance coverage to low-income population through advocacy and mobile technology. The project will partner with mobile networks operators, health maintenance organizations and Investors to ensure insurance coverage to all regarding their economic status. The key indicators of this solution will be knowledge indicators (knowledge of what insurance is and where to purchase it) and health promotion and prevention indicators.

PATRICK GAGE (USA)

Hotels Summit on Human Trafficking

The "Hotels' Summit on Human Trafficking" will mobilize hospitality executives to advance anti-slavery measures in their industry; encourage sustainable, cross-company collaboration; and break down barriers of economic competition in pursuit of SDG 8. This project will gather 30-50 hospitality executives to discuss how they and their companies can fight sexual exploitation and labour rights abuse. The conference will last two days, divided by topic. Presenters will highlight the industry's connection to trafficking, promoting wider proliferation of human trafficking hotlines, supply chain authentication, debating on logistical, social, and financial feasibility, and perhaps signing pledge to fight human trafficking at its conclusion.

PEGGY TSE (HONG KONG)

Health Impact Fund

The Health Impact Fund is a financing mechanism that fairly rewards new medicines based on their effectiveness while ensuring the affordability and accessibility to all patients including those in developing countries. Pharmaceutical innovators worldwide would have the option of registering new medicines with the HIF. By registering, a firm would agree to provide its drug at or below cost anywhere it is needed and, in exchange for foregoing normal sales profits, would be rewarded based on the HIF's assessment of the drug's health impact. The HIF would have a fixed pool of money to pay out annually. Every year, any HIF-registered product would receive a share of the pool equal to its share of the health impact achieved by all registered products. This solution aims to end with price, access, 10/90 gap (10% medicines-90% preventable diseases in developing countries) and potential of abandoned drugs issues.

PIERO PICATTO (ARGENTINA)

Yo no sé de qué se trata la trata

The goal of this project is to end the social invisibility of sexual exploitation and forced labour by creating an educational curriculum that addresses these matters, promoting a meaningful sociocultural change that finishes these practices. The project elaborates educational materials both for students and instructors as well as organize activities, workshops, and seminars to raise awareness about these issues both at the local, national, and global levels.

SIENNA NORDQUIST (USA)

Sustainable Development Guardians

This project aims to train individuals through debate education to best implement the SDGs at the local level. Those who complete the training will become an SDG Guardian and will work towards the SDGs in their communities. Although it is open to everyone, these educational programs have a particular focus on youth, providing them with sustainable development education as well as income opportunities through their work towards the implementation of an SDG in their environment.

SREERAM KONGESERI (INDIA)

Project Gati

The Project Gati proposes the creation of an educational game that can be downloaded from the internet for free. It targets the illiterate, semi-literate and school dropouts and provides them with the opportunity to explore alternative career choices. The game will not only be an educational tool but also develop player's critical thinking and problem solving skills. At the end of the game, players will receive information about educational and training programs close to their location, leading to more people signing up to be a part of formal or non-formal education system. The initiative will count with the support and assistance of educational institutions and NGOs.

SURABHI BAJPAI (INDIA)

Nutri-Garden : Community-led Nutrition Intervention

Nutri-garden aims to attenuate malnutrition by creating an information and communications technology based community-driven nutrition intervention tool. The initiative's primary goal is to mobilize communities towards the understanding of the problem of malnutrition in India and give them the necessary tools, techniques and support to enable them to design a solution. It will have a special focus on women's empowerment, providing them with information and knowledge and encouraging their independent decision making.

TOMAS HORVATH (SLOVAKIA)
Choose right and be an example

The main aim of this solution is to raise awareness about the impact that our daily decisions have globally, informing the general public about the stories behind the products they consume. Through the creation of interactive materials and events, this campaign hopes to create a sense of awareness and attachment among those participating. In addition this solution hopes to design a 'Consumer Compass,' a guide for consumers to make responsible consumption choices.

VANESSA BERHE (SWEDEN/ERITREA)
The RIEM Project (Rehabilitation and Integration of Eritrean Migrants)

This initiative aims to equip migrants and refugees coming from Eritrea with all the necessary tools to reach their full potential. The project consists of both the psychological rehabilitation and social inclusion of the Eritrean migrants in their new environment.

VANESSA TULLO (ITALY)
Fighting human trafficking: supporting sustainable social and economical development of Nigerian women and girls sexually exploited in Italy

This project aims to create IT tools that timely connect victims of trafficking with rescuing operators to those in Italy involved in orientation and assistance activities. This initiative also tries to increase the number of available protection structures and shelters specialised in potential victims of human trafficking cases management and effectively reintegrate the victims socially through adequate capacity building activities and economic partnerships.

YANINA SOLEDAD BASILICO (ARGENTINA)
Eficiencia de la comunicación para la prevención

This solution aims to increase the visibility of human trafficking cases through efficient communications campaigns. The project proposes the elaboration of laws that compel mass media to incorporate free spaces for these campaigns, the creation of interdisciplinary communications team and securing the necessary funds for these projects according to their relevance on each State.