



Fourth International Youth Forum.

22-23 October 2024 at United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok

Draft Concept Note

Partnering with the Youth to achieve SDG: Moving from policy to action

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Background

The International Youth Forum on Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is a pivotal event aimed at empowering young leaders to advocate for human rights and contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. This forum provides a platform for youth from diverse backgrounds to engage in meaningful dialogue, share innovative ideas, and collaborate on actionable solutions to global challenges. It brings together young delegates from all over the world to exchange views, share experiences on different issues, detect common preoccupations and develop realistic action plans to rebuild communities that meet the needs and aspirations of young people. The youth forum is expected to bring together about two hundred participants of diverse backgrounds and knowledge from different parts of the world. The interactive panel discussions and workshops will be introduced during the event, and participants will directly engage in dialogues to identify and share practical, evidence-based solutions that can support Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals.

The International Youth Forum on Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals 2024 will take place from October 22 & 23 2024 in the United Nations Conference Centre Bangkok, Thailand. The event is being jointly hosted by (TBC) in collaboration with various public and private partners. The conference will also create an inclusive platform for youth, enabling them to review the SDGs' progress and share ideas, experiences and innovative approaches for effectively contributing to the SDG framework and its implementation. In addition, the event allows people to voice their ideas and concerns and make suggestions directly. The 17 Sustainable Development (Global) Goals – especially Goal 16, Peace & Justice - will be focused on it relates to Human Rights and used as a way of supporting learning about Peace & Justice (its causes and consequences; positives and negatives) and educating peers, colleagues, policymakers, politicians, and the public on key issues relating to Peace & Social Justice.

Main theme

The International Youth Forum 2024, The main theme for this year is “**Partnering with the Youth to achieve SDG: Moving from policy to action.**” This main theme has been selected to fulfil the principal opinions and roles of young people towards initiating the implementation of Sustainable development goals as well as the importance of youth partnering and working together with the governments, intergovernmental organizations. This IYFBangkok 2024 will emphasize the realization of Peace, Social Justice, Human Rights and Sustainable Development for a better world. It will be provided with the opportunity for young people to express, progress themselves free from fear and threat and raise their voices to thrive for participate in development discourses that affect and impact them. This event aims to be an interactive dialogue avenue of significance to form,



educate, and increase awareness of the challenges and entitlements of Youth in the different levels of society they represent. Therefore, with the above-anticipated theme, all participants present, such as the young people, youth leaders, activists, entrepreneurs, public and private sector officers, media personnel, NGO / CSO representatives and students, will gather to call for action and structure experience on the issue of Youth, Human Rights and Sustainable Development and chart a course towards its presenting innovative solution and idea for "World We All Want". The Bangkok Youth Declaration and Resolution will be made as an outcome document. It will also enhance youth contribution and vision toward a peaceful and inclusive society.

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We all can be part of this. Let's Change the World together!

Focus on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals

Particular attention will be given to Goal 16—*Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions*—in its relation to Human Rights. The forum will leverage this goal as a framework for educating peers, colleagues, policymakers, politicians, and the public on the key issues related to Peace and Social Justice.

The youth of today have the potential to be the first generation to end extreme poverty, the most determined generation to end injustice and inequality, and the last generation to face the dire threats of climate change. Together, we can make significant strides towards these goals. Let us join forces to change the world!

Topics to be Covered

Decides that the scope of the International Youth Forum will encompass the following elements, and that these elements will be reflected in the outcome document, entitled “Proceedings of IYFBangkok”,

Human Rights Education: Understanding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its relevance today.

SDG Integration: Exploring how human rights are integral to achieving the SDGs.

Youth Leadership: Empowering young people to take leadership roles in their communities.

Innovative Solutions: Showcasing innovative approaches to addressing human rights issues and achieving the SDGs.

Global Partnerships: Building partnerships between youth organizations, NGOs, and international bodies.



Summit of the Future Outcomes: Discussing the outcomes of the UN Summit of the Future and their implications for youth advocacy and global cooperation.

Key activities

Workshops and Training Sessions: Interactive sessions on human rights advocacy, SDG implementation, and leadership skills. ***Panel Discussions:*** Expert panels discussing the intersection of human rights and sustainable development. ***Networking Opportunities:*** Facilitated networking sessions to build connections and foster collaboration. ***Action Plan Development:*** Collaborative sessions to develop concrete action plans for participants to implement post-forum.

Adoption of United Nations High Level Events

The United Nations has been instrumental in promoting human rights and sustainable development through various summits and initiatives. The upcoming UN summits will continue to focus on these critical areas

UN Summit on the Future (2024): This summit will address emerging global challenges and set the agenda for future international cooperation. Key topics will include climate change, technological advancements, and global health.

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF): An annual event that reviews progress on the SDGs and provides a platform for sharing best practices and innovative solutions.

UN Human Rights Council Sessions: Regular sessions that address pressing human rights issues and promote international human rights standards.

Conclusion

The International Youth Forum on Human Rights and SDG is a unique opportunity for young leaders to engage with global issues, develop their advocacy skills, and contribute to a more just and sustainable world. By participating in this forum, youth will be better equipped to champion human rights and drive progress towards the SDGs in their communities and beyond.

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