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2024 WORLD YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FORUM

TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FUTURE

The World Youth Development Forum (WYDF) is an important platform where young people worldwide can contribute to global development and global efforts are gathered to promote youth development. Responding to President Xi Jinping's proposal at the High-level Dialogue on Global Development in 2022, the WYDF is an important measure to pool youth strength to implement the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Global Development Initiative (GDI) .

The first World Youth Development Forum was held in Beijing in 2022, with President Xi Jinping sending a congratulatory message to the Forum. The second World Youth Development Forum was convened in Beijing and Shenzhen in 2023. The two sessions of the forum have achieved positive results by advancing international youth agenda, advocating for international youth actions and promoting global development and youth development.

The 2024 WYDF, with the theme of "Together for a Better Future", opened in Beijing on August 12 at the International Youth Day. More than 2,000 young people from over 130 countries and 20 international organizations participated both online and on-site.



Group Photo of the Opening Ceremony and Plenary Meeting of the 2024 World Youth Development Forum

The 2024 World Youth Development Forum was co-hosted by the All-China Youth Federation (ACYF), United Nations in China and the Organizing Committee of the World Youth Development Forum, with the support of International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) .

What are the expectations for youth?



A Dong

Chairman of Inter-Ministries Meeting for Implementation of the Medium and Long – Term Youth Development Plan, First Secretary of the Secretariat of Central Committee of Communist Youth League of China

Youth should have a say on where the world is heading. Young people shoulder the responsibilities of our times and contribute to solving global issues.

Amina Mohammed

United Nations Deputy Secretary-General (Video)

Youth need to be equal partners in shaping the policies that impact their lives. Youth need to make their voices heard.





Zhao Fengtao

Vice – Chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency

I hope that young people around the world will contribute more youthful energy to the promotion of more inclusive and resilient global development and building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

Felipe Paullier

United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs

I hope that young people from all over the world can engage in meaningful dialogues to forge partnerships, and take joint actions to provide solutions to common challenges.



At the Dialogue with Ministers

How are the concerns of young people answered?

What are great examples you've seen involving young people in decision-making in China?

Xu Xiao

President of the All-China Youth Federation

The Chinese government has launched the Medium and Long – Term Youth Development Plan (2016–2025). We listen to young people's opinions and conduct research during decision making process, and encourage youth to participate and contribute in economic and social development.

How can the Summit of the Future develop the inclusion and involvement of young people?

Siddharth Chatterjee

United Nations Resident Coordinator in China

The issue of youth and future generations is a very important pillar of the Summit of the Future. The involvement of youth affairs is a crucial window into what is possible into the future.



Dialogue with Ministers at the Plenary Meeting of the 2024 World Youth Development Forum

What platforms or programs exist in your organization to facilitate global youth synergy?

Kevin Frey

Chief Executive Officer of the Generation Unlimited, UNICEF

Generation Unlimited, a leading global Public-Private-Youth Partnership, puts youth at the table.

What strategies can governments and international organizations implement to ensure that youth from marginalized communities have equal access to opportunities?

Fatou Sow Sarr

ECOWAS Commissioner for Human Development and Social Affairs

ECOWAS has come up with many forums and platforms for youth to come together to find their own path and their own needs.

How important do you think digital skills are for the future of youth?

Chido Mpemba

African Union Special Envoy on Youth

Digital skills are especially crucial for alleviating the dire issue of unemployment in Africa.

Which policies or programs do you believe are most effective in promoting youth entrepreneurship and innovation in youth talent development?

Raden Isnanta

Deputy Minister for Youth Development , Ministry of Youth and Sports of Indonesia

We need to make it mandatory for youth to learn, and also hope more volunteers can work to promote the entrepreneurship dynamics of the youth ecosystem.

How to mobilize young people?

Sina Kalhor

Deputy Minister for Youth Affairs , Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs of Iran

We need to show the power of encouragement. It is recognized that the small actions can foster connections and build relationships as a way to enhance youth activity in communication.

What role does the youth play in driving climate action initiatives within the country?

Carlos Jes ú s Vilela Del Carpio

National Youth Secretary of Peru

Only through capacity development can the youth have the capacity to counter the climate challenge and raise innovative solutions.

How can we make the world a better place for young people?

Dennis Ashirov

Deputy Head of the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation

We have a big project to support the youth and the fund is as big as a 29 million. And we have international competitions to promote youth development, including competitions in the area for humanities. We have a lot of pillar projects, and these projects can help us to unite the youth.

How to better involve young people in decision-making processes?

Jessy Dayane Silva Santos

Deputy Secretary of the National Youth Secretariat of Brazil

We are strengthening the participation and dialogue of young people with decision-makers during the Brazilian presidency of the G20 through the Y20 to create channels and platforms for youth.

How can inter-generational cooperation be promoted?

Alina Prohasek

Head of the National Youth Agency of Poland

It is important to try to involve young people as much as possible in decision-making processes, to build a culture of mutual cooperation and to improve inter-generational cooperation.

How can youth innovate in new green technologies?

Xu Shubiao

Deputy General Manager of State Power Investment Corporation Limited

Young people should embrace new technologies, and be enthusiastic about innovation and cooperating with people from other countries.



The Opening Ceremony and Plenary Meeting of the 2024 World Youth Development Forum

Inter-generation Dialogue

The forum had a special session of Inter-generation Dialogue, where representatives of three generations from different countries and fields around the world engaged in a special dialogue online and offline.



Zhong Nanshan, Academician, Chinese Academy of Engineering



*Vladimir Imomovich Norov,
Chairman of the Central Asian
Association of Artificial Intelligence,
Former Secretary-General of the
Shanghai Cooperation Organization,
and Former Foreign Minister of
Uzbekistan*



Wang Yaping, Chinese Astronaut



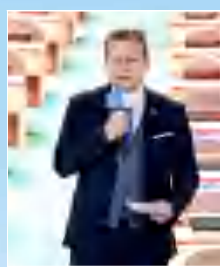
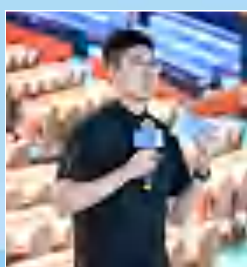
Deng Yawen, Champion of Women's BMX Freestyle of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.



*Ediola Pashlari, Secretary-General of the
World Youth Assembly*

Youth Lightning Talks

Youth delegates delivered Youth Lightning Talks on the theme "Together for a Better Future", focusing on exploring solutions to climate change, agricultural development, education, artificial intelligence and health that affect future generations and global development, and putting forward visions and action initiatives in conjunction with the Summit of the Future in September 2024.



Outcomes

1.The forum launched the International Youth Advocacy for the Summit of the Future, which urged countries to establish effective mechanisms for the implementation of youth development policies and to guarantee the right of young people to development; and expressed young people's pledge to be open-minded, innovative, embrace cooperation, take up common responsibilities and unite in the struggle to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the GDI.



Youth delegates read out the International Youth Advocacy for the Summit of the Future.

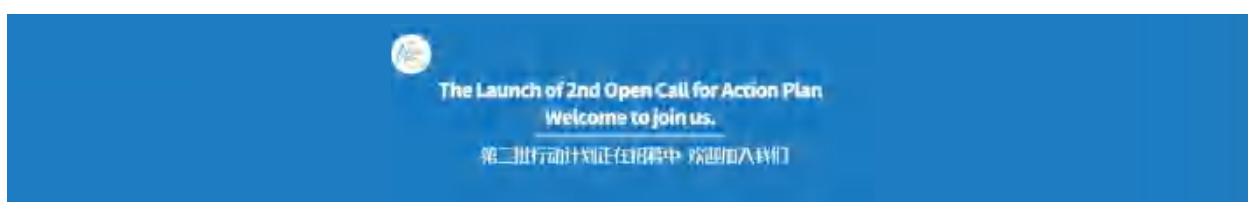
2.The forum launched the 2nd Open Call for the Action Plan for Global Youth Development, the Fund for Action Plan for Global Youth Development and the Youth Green Skills and Entrepreneurship Programme.



The Launch of the Youth Green Skills and Entrepreneurship Programme

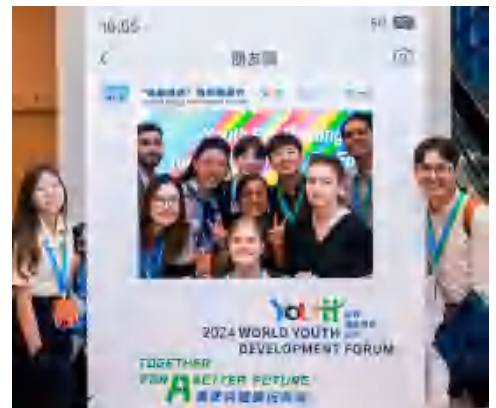


The Launch of the Fund for Action Plan for Global Youth Development



What other activities held in the framework of the forum?

On August 13, the Youth Pre-Meeting for the Summit of the Future was held in Beijing. Over 300 participants, including ministers of youth affairs, youth leaders and youth representatives from nearly 100 countries held group discussions on five topics: Sustainable Development and Financing for Development; International Peace and Security; Scientific and Technological Innovation and Digital Cooperation; Youth and Future Generations; and Transformation of Global Governance. The report was submitted by the All-China Youth Federation to the organizers of the Summit of the Future through diplomatic channels.



From August 14 to 15, four thematic forums were held in Nanning, Hangzhou, Chongqing and Changsha on Green Development, Youth Development-Oriented Cities, Digital Development, and Cultural Inheritance and Innovation respectively. The forums not only provide an opportunity for youth delegates and multi-stakeholders to discuss and exchange, voice their perspectives and recommendations on the most pressing and concerned issues, but also a campaign for young people's voices to be heard, for young people can be included meaningfully in the global decision-making, and contribute to the sustainable development.



Thematic Forum on Green Development



Thematic Forum on Youth Development-Oriented Cities



Thematic Forum on Digital Development



Thematic Forum on Cultural Inheritance and Innovation





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