



**INTERNATIONAL PEACE20  
YOUTH SUMMIT 2023**  
Kochi, Kerala, South India

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International Peace20 Youth Summit welcomes your organization to be a part of this Global Youth Movement for World Peace and Sustainable Development.

The GLOBAL YOUTH desire to tell the World leaders that they do not want war, conflicts, intolerance and tensions. They want Peace in Action, justice and sustainable development, as they believe that peace and harmony is the only way humanity and world can survive and co-exist peacefully.

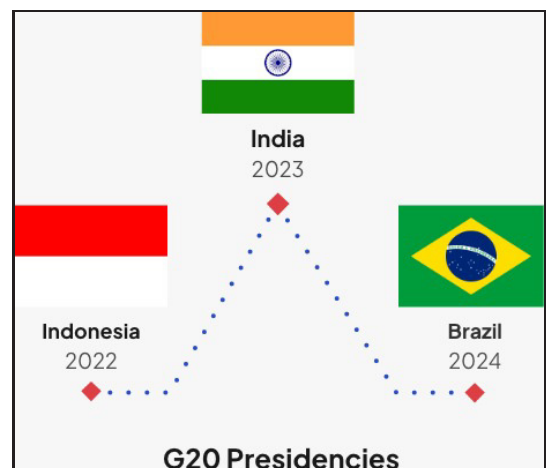


The G20 New Delhi Summit will be chaired by the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

India's presidency began on 1 December 2022, leading up to the summit in the third quarter of 2023. The presidency handover ceremony was held as an intimate event, in which the G20 Presidency gavel was transferred from Indonesian President Joko Widodo to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the close of the Bali summit. Indonesia held the presidency in 2022.

The 2023 G20 New Delhi summit is the upcoming eighteenth meeting of Group of Twenty (G20), a summit scheduled to take place in International Exhibition-Convention Centre (IECC), Pragati Maidan, New Delhi in Sept 2023. It will be the first ever G20 summit to be held in India. Last year it was held in Indonesia. Next year it will be in Brazil.

The India's G20 Presidency would guide the work of the G20 under the theme of - "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth · One Family · One Future" - drawn from the Sanskrit phrase of the Maha Upanishad, which means "The World Is One Family".



## About us

The objective of this Peace Initiative is to organize the "International Peace 20 Youth Summit 2023" in Kochi, Kerala State, India. This "Peace20 Summit" is to give a call from International Youth to G-20 leaders to take effective action for solving the multiple Global Crisis - Conflicts, Climate Change, COVID, Cost of Living (Inflation), in particular to make a pathway for a Fair and Better World for the future generation. "Peace and Development" are two sides of the Coin. "Without Peace there is no Development" and "Without Development there is no Peace".



## Our Goal

To support the Presidency of the Govt. of India hosting the G20 and express solidarity with the Honourable PM of India and the UN Secretary General to implement the SDG's of the UN focusing on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

## Our Vision

World Peace Through Sustainable development.



## Our Mission

The International Peace 20 Youth Summit is conceived as a convening platform for youth to experience and channel peace, celebrate life in all its diversity, and co-create livelihood opportunities to sustain life and wellbeing for people and the planet.



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) to transform our world



# YOUTH2030

WORKING WITH AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



UNITED NATIONS YOUTH STRATEGY

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# UN Youth Strategy

## 1. Context

The world today is home to the largest generation of young people in history, 1.8 billion<sup>1</sup>. Close to 90 per cent of them live in developing countries, where they constitute a large proportion of the population.

Connected to each other like never before, young people want to and already contribute to the resilience of their communities, proposing innovative solutions, driving social progress and inspiring political change, in urban as well as rural contexts. Young people constitute a tremendous and essential asset worth investing in, opening the door to an unparalleled multiplier effect.

At the same time, young people are also facing incredible challenges and even life-threatening risks, disproportionately carried by girls and young women in many parts of the world. These arise when accessing their rights, including to quality education, healthcare or decent work. They also arise in situations of conflict, or when young

people flee home in search of survival, or move for better opportunities. Young people also suffer interpersonal violence, are affected by the slow onsets of climate change or frontline impacts of disasters. They experience intersecting forms of marginalization, and struggle with the brunt of a global erosion of human rights and impeded access to justice.

The way in which the shifting demographics in the world are leveraged, and how young people navigate their transition into adulthood, are critical for the progress of humankind and the health of the planet. With this large and increasing number of young people across the globe, it is abundantly clear that it is only by engaging and working with them, supporting them in standing up for their rights and creating the conditions allowing them to progress and play an active role, that the international community will be able to achieve peace, security, justice, climate resilience and sustainable development for all.

<sup>1</sup> Aged 10 to 24 years. Noting that there is no universally agreed international definition of youth and while recognizing that the UN Secretariat for statistical purposes defines 'youth' as those persons between the ages of 15 and 24 years, this Strategy considers other definitions in use by Agencies, Programmes and/or Member States without prejudice.

## 2. Role of the UN

Building on its unique global convening role, its mandate to serve the world's peoples and its role as a partner and broker, the United Nations<sup>2</sup> is uniquely placed to act as a source of protection and support for young people and a platform through which their needs can be addressed, their voice can be amplified, and their engagement can be advanced.

Moreover, youth development and youth engagement are cross-cutting issues in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>3</sup>, other internationally agreed frameworks as well as a central aspect of Security Council Resolutions 2250 (2015) and 2419 (2018), acknowledging that young people play an important and positive role in the realization of sustainable development, in the prevention of crises and in the advancement of peace.

This Youth Strategy acts as an umbrella framework to guide the entire UN as it steps up its work with and for young people across its three pillars – peace and security, human rights, and sustainable development – in all contexts. It seeks to significantly strengthen the UN's capacity to engage young people and benefit from their views, insights and ideas. It seeks to ensure the UN's work on youth issues is pursued in a coordinated, coherent and holistic manner. Doing so is an imperative, as the Secretary-General advances a series of reforms aimed at reinforcing the relevance and effectiveness of the UN, ensuring that its work delivers the maximum benefit for those it serves.

The UN fully embraces young people's diversity in all its forms. Therefore, the UN seeks to employ and advocate for methods and approaches reflective of this diversity so all young people can reach their full engagement, empowerment and development. The UN recognizes young people as rights-holders, and promotes and facilitates transparency, accountability, and responsiveness from duty bearers toward young people. The strategy uses a human-rights-based, gender-transformative, -sensitive and -responsive approach.

## 3. Vision

A world in which the human rights of every young person are realized; that ensures every young person is empowered to achieve their full potential; and that recognizes young people's agency, resilience and their positive contributions as agents of change.

## 4. Objective of the UN Youth Strategy

The Strategy aims to facilitate increased impact and expanded global, regional and country-level action to address the needs, build the agency and advance the rights of young people in all their diversity around the world, and to ensure their engagement and participation in the implementation, review and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as other relevant global agendas and frameworks.

<sup>2</sup> In this document UN stands for the UN System at large and includes UN agencies, funds and programmes at the global, regional and national level.

<sup>3</sup> Youth related targets are under several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and are interrelated.



## 5. Strengthening the foundations for a UN that delivers with and for young people

Young people's empowerment, development and engagement is an end in itself, as well as a means to build a better world. The UN recognizes it cannot achieve its mission without partnering with young people and ensuring they are not only heard but understood, not only engaged but empowered, and not only supporting but leading global efforts and processes. Young people need to be full-fledged partners in the United Nations work to build a better world for all, as they are both beneficiaries and partners.

Through its Youth Strategy, the UN seeks to become a Leadership Example, Knowledge and Innovation Pioneer, an Investment and Solution Catalyst, and an Accountability Leader, by converging toward commitments and carefully selected actions giving life to each of these.

These cross-cutting system-wide actions and interventions, listed below, will support the overall capacity of the UN to advance and deliver on the five key priority areas outlined in the subsequent section of this strategy.

### A Leadership Example:

The UN will support youth leadership across the organization and build staff awareness and capacity on youth-related issues.

**Mainstreaming structures:** Ensure a Youth Focal Point function in each UN country team and mission, to support the system-wide country level coordination on youth.

**Youth engagement platforms:** Consider putting in place mechanisms, such as e.g. youth advisory boards, within each relevant UN entity, to provide a channel for input and feedback from young people on UN work. This should be done in ways that reflect the diversity of young people and their organisations

**Dialogue opportunities:** Establish regular online and offline engagements between young people and UN Senior managers, including the Secretary-General.

**Capacity building:** Provide orientation briefing on youth issues to Resident Coordinators, UN Entity representatives, and other senior management positions. Build the capacity of staff to understand and address youth needs including by exploring the integration of training and capacity building components into existing training and capacity building programmes across the UN system.

**Roster of experts:** Combine existing rosters of experts on youth issues and expand it to become more diverse.

**Strengthening internship programmes:** Engage with relevant decision-making bodies and identify innovative solutions with a view of establishing minimum quality standards across the UN for internship programmes and advance efforts to ensure adequate compensation of interns and widening of the intern pool.

**Talent management:** Expand and replicate in UN entities successful human resource modalities for attracting young talent, such as the Young Professional Programme, Management Reassignment Programme, fellowship programmes and UN youth volunteers. Promote across the UN system mobility and support career development of young staff.

## A Knowledge and Innovation Pioneer:

The UN will strengthen knowledge production and management systems; become a credible source of expertise on youth development and engagement; and facilitate evidence-based global awareness on the realities and needs of the world's young people.

**Data tool:** Set forth comprehensive data tool for monitoring global, regional and national progress in young people's development using SDG, WPAY, and other indicators, with continued efforts to expand the availability of disaggregated data.

**Online knowledge platform:** Develop a system-wide repository with easy access to all youth-related knowledge and programmes across the UN; this could include a clearinghouse of good practices, case studies, research material, etc.

**UN Youth Academy:** Organize a recurring UN Youth Academy bringing together the UN System and diverse stakeholders to discuss youth realities, trends and prospects while sharing knowledge and experiences.

**Analysis:** Establish a streamlined approach to country-level youth situation analysis and youth-specific indicators as part of the UNDAF/UNSF/Common Country Assessments and national development frameworks, and explore regional and global youth reporting that connects these national youth situation analyses.

**Common research agenda:** Identify subjects of common interest and new joint and forward-looking research, including under-recognised challenges and potentials of young people.

**Youth Innovation Labs:** Drawing on accurate diagnostics, convene multi-stakeholders working group at the country-level to reflect on innovative solutions to existing challenges.

**Youth-led innovation:** Provide targeted and enabling support to youth-led organizations and initiatives to pilot new models and interventions. Disseminate results widely.

**Polling:** Undertake polling initiatives among young people at global, regional, national and local levels to gather their perspectives and inform the UN's work and dedicated processes.

## An Investment and Solution Catalyst:

The UN will accelerate resource mobilization efforts and facilitate partnership solutions to advance the implementation of the UN Youth Strategy and strengthen the funding base and mechanisms for youth-focused programming and youth-led actions at all levels.

**A Global Youth Investment and Partnership Platform<sup>4</sup>:** Create an online umbrella platform to attract and direct investment in youth-related programming towards strengthening existing UN funds that support youth and key UN youth initiatives.

**A common resource mobilization strategy:** Formulate a common, innovative and coordinated resource mobilization strategy with a specific focus on mainstreaming youth across existing funding mechanisms and identifying funding solutions for under-financed areas, such as support for youth-led initiatives, movements, networks and organisations, youth participation mechanisms and youth policy work.

**Results-based communications:** Adopt a system-wide results-based communications approach for donors to clearly see the impact of their investments.

**Solution-based partnerships:** Develop pilot initiatives exploring different models of shared responsibility and actions between the UN and young people. This could include co-conducting evaluations with young people.

**Youth participation funding:** Identify ways to ensure dedicated funding for youth participation in all relevant UN entities and at all levels.

**Joint Programmes:** Mobilize greater resources at the country level by strengthening and expanding UN joint programmes on youth.

<sup>4</sup> The exact set up and modalities are to be explored in further details.

## An Accountability Leader:

The UN will seek to ensure UN entities successfully address youth issues through their programming; effectively and meaningfully engage young people in their work; and track budget allocations and expenditures.

**Guidelines:** Prepare general guidelines for all UN entities to respect the principles of responsive youth development and meaningful youth engagement.

**Markers:** Employ a youth marker system to track progress and ensure UN programming contributes to youth empowerment and intergenerational equity.

**Commitments:** Encourage youth-related commitments and goals by senior UN management as part of their annual compacts.

**Evaluation:** Develop a system-wide approach to impartial impact evaluation of the UN's youth programming.

**Review:** Conduct an annual review of implementation of the Youth Strategy (see section 7).

**Transparency:** Make public information on the implementation of the Youth Strategy.

## 6. Priority Areas of the UN Youth Strategy

The UN is committed to strengthening its capacity to meet new demands and deliver more effectively with and for young people, in line with the ongoing UN Reforms. To do so, the UN must intensify its evidence-based advocacy, policy engagement, partnership and programme

efforts to strengthen international, regional and national commitments to prioritize, invest in, engage and empower young people. In this regard, the UN will leverage both existing and forthcoming system-wide initiatives<sup>5</sup> and step up its efforts in the interconnected priority areas outlined below, which will be operationalized and further substantiated through the Strategy's action plan<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> Such as the Global Partnership for Education, the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, the Global Accelerated Action for the Health of Adolescent, the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth, the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action and other relevant frameworks, existing and forthcoming.

<sup>6</sup> Action Plan forthcoming

## FIRST PRIORITY:

Engagement, Participation and Advocacy  
- Amplify youth voices for the promotion  
of a peaceful, just and sustainable world

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### The UN will:

**Mainstream:** Incorporate across all entities of the UN and work relating to all UN pillars, the need to meaningfully and sustainably engage and partner with young people and their organizations, networks and movements, through formal and informal mechanisms and platforms to realize universal rights-based youth participation;

**Expand:** Review, improve and widen existing UN modalities for cooperation, dialogue and partnerships with youth-led organizations, networks and movements, as well as young people outside of organizations, with a view to ensure concerted efforts to engage those representing most marginalized young people, at international, regional, national and local levels;

**Assist:** Provide guidance and technical support to UN entities for the establishment (where absent) or strengthening of youth engagement mechanisms (building on lessons learned);

**Engage:** Advocate for expanded and meaningful youth participation in intergovernmental forums at the global and regional levels, particularly those related to the SDGs, including through extensive and streamlined support to youth delegates and representatives;

**Set standards:** Advocate for governments to transform the way in which they engage young

people nationally and locally, and apply the principles of meaningful and sustainable youth participation;

**Connect:** Enhance how the UN reaches out, communicates with, listens to and responds to young people, including through a strategic use of its convening capacity and partnerships with tech and communications companies for expansion of large-scale, multi-media outreach and campaigns relevant to young people;

**Strengthen:** Reinforce and expand the UN's capacities and resources to identify, value and showcase contributions of diverse young people;

**Amplify:** Partner with young people who globally, nationally or locally advocate for the values of the UN to amplify and reinforce their voices and increase the reach and impact of global youth movements they are building, including in the context of major UN Summits such as the HLPF under the General Assembly, the Secretary-General's Climate Summit, the 75th anniversary of the UN in 2020, etc.

## SECOND PRIORITY:

Informed and Healthy Foundations -  
Support young people's greater access to  
quality education and health services

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### The UN will:

**Advocate for quality education:** Engage Member States and other partners to ensure universal access to quality education; develop and deliver quality and inclusive education for young people that is learner-centered, adopts a lifelong learning approach, is relevant to their lives and the social,

economic and environmental needs of their communities, promotes sustainable lifestyles and sustainable development;

**Promote non-formal education:** Support and advance youth policy frameworks that include support to non-formal education and its role in the development of young people's knowledge, skills and competencies;

**Ensure accessible and youth-responsive health services and healthy environments:** Incorporate an approach that is inclusive of young people in the UN's support to strengthening national health systems, and promote efforts to provide universal health coverage while addressing social determinants of young people's health and wellbeing;

**Support youth-friendly mental health services:** Ensure accessibility of youth-friendly mental health services, within the greater context of universal health coverage;

**Support sexual and reproductive health and rights:** Leverage the UN's advocacy and programmatic capacities to expand young people's access to youth-friendly and rights-based sexual and reproductive health services, comprehensive sexuality education and information.

### **THIRD PRIORITY:**

Economic Empowerment through Decent Work - Support young people's greater access to decent work and productive employment

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### **The UN will:**

**Uphold global commitment:** Renew and strengthen efforts toward decent work for young people by focusing on evidence-based, scalable and innovative solutions and alliances, that translate into positive outcomes for all, locally and globally, including in fragile situations;

**Advocate for a balanced approach:** Engage Member States and other partners to advocate for a balanced approach to stimulate the youth labour demand and prompt improvements in skills development systems, with the objective of easing the school-to-work transition and reducing the youth NEET<sup>7</sup> rate, particularly among young women and disadvantaged youth;

**Guide and support:** Support Member States and other partners in their efforts to create youth-enabling employment and self-employment ecosystems and to develop and operationalize strategies that prioritize the improvement of both the quantity and quality of jobs for young people through, e.g. public and private investments, economic and labour market policies, skills development, transition to the formal economy, social protection, youth rights at work, and active youth engagement;

**Promote access to services and productive assets:** Ensure access of young people - who are navigating a school-to-work transition in an increasingly dynamic context - to integrated and adequate services as well as productive resources, such as land, finance, digital and other technology related resources, both in rural and urban areas;

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<sup>7</sup> Not in education, employment, or training

**Foster a just transition to a low-carbon and green economy:**

Engage Member States and other partners to accelerate the transition towards green and climate friendly economies through mitigation and adaptation strategies that improve energy efficiency and limit greenhouse gas emissions; and similarly, support Member States and other partners in enhancing the capacity of the green economy to create more and better employment opportunities for young people, in wage and self-employment.

**FOURTH PRIORITY:**

Youth and Human Rights – Protect and promote the rights of young people and support their civic and political engagement

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**The UN will:**

**Protect and promote young people’s human rights:** Prioritize advocacy, policy development and programming to safeguard the human rights of young people and prevent and address widespread and grave human rights violations experienced by young people and ensure a strengthened focus on young people experiencing intersecting forms of discrimination and abuse, as well as young people’s access to justice;

**Raise awareness about the specific situation of young people’s rights:** Promote a deeper understanding of the youth-specific barriers and challenges young people face in accessing their human rights; use this information to identify and advocate for actions that could facilitate young people’s access to their rights;

**Mainstream human rights:** Promote the mainstreaming of all rights of young people (including their right to participate in public affairs) into the work of treaty bodies, special procedures and other human rights mechanisms, and highlight the importance of protecting young human rights defenders and their organizations;

**Promote participation in political and public affairs:** Leverage the capacity of the UN to promote young people’s right to participate in public affairs, including in political and civic processes, platforms and institutions at all levels, such as elections, constitution-making processes, political parties and parliaments;

**Develop capacity and human rights education:** Increase UN’s efforts to promote human rights education and training for youth, as well as global citizenship and sustainable development education, without discrimination, to foster civic awareness and participation, volunteerism and a culture of peace and non-violence among young people.

**FIFTH PRIORITY:**

Peace and Resilience Building – Support young people as catalysts for Peace and Security & Humanitarian Action

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**The UN will:**

**Promote an enabling environment:** Recognize young people’s important and positive contribution to peace and security, prevention of violence, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian and climate action, and foster and protect an

environment conducive to young people's actions (including through reintegration, recovery and resilience activities for youth affected by conflict);

**Promote youth participation in formal peace processes:** Encourage and facilitate the meaningful participation of young people in all phases of formal peace and peacebuilding processes;

**Promote safe public spaces:** Ensure young people have physical areas to gather to live, learn and work, especially in conflict situations, informal settlements, slums, and refugee camps;

**Convene and buttress partnerships:** Strengthen local, national, regional and global partnerships and collaboration, including between youth-led organizations and governments, including through youth, peace and security coalitions, as well as climate change mitigation and adaptation, and disaster risk re-education initiatives;

**Foster continuous dialogue:** Establish and support inclusive, representative, democratic and structured dialogue and consultation platforms for young people's contribution to peace, security, humanitarian and climate actions;

**Reinforce capacity:** Reinforce the capacity of youth-led organizations involved in peace, security, humanitarian and climate action to increase the impact of their work and their organizational sustainability, as well as reinforce capacity of institutional actors to work with young people;

**Expand opportunities:** Create spaces for young people to contribute to the promotion of a culture of peace through participation in intercultural and interreligious dialogue to prevent conflict. Create and promote opportunities for young people to use their skills and networks to develop and foster counter-narratives to messages of violence, extremism and radicalization;

**Protect and support youth in humanitarian settings:** Ensure integrated support for young people in humanitarian settings with a focus on their protection (particularly young women and girls), as well as their engagement in all phases of humanitarian action, including by building their capacity.

## 7. Coordination, Governance and Operationalization

The ownership of the UN Youth Strategy is equally shared by all members of the UN system at the global, regional and national levels.

The Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth will be the public face of the UN Youth Strategy and will lead global advocacy efforts and its High-Level Steering Committee in support of its successful implementation.

### COORDINATION AND GOVERNANCE:

The governance of the UN Youth Strategy will be rooted in existing global, regional and national mechanisms and reinforced by a High-Level Steering Committee.



A successful implementation of the UN Youth Strategy will directly depend on effective and efficient collaboration between UN entities as well as ingenious synergies among the priorities and actions outlined in the Strategy and its Action Plan.

The implementation of the UN Youth Strategy will benefit from the strategic guidance of a High-Level Steering Committee composed of:

- a) The Secretary General's Envoy on Youth
- b) The IANYD co-chairs
- c) a select number of biennially rotating UN Entities (one or two per priority area whose work is central to the Strategy (at ASG level)
- d) 2 biennially rotating representatives of a global youth-led platform/organization.

The High-Level Steering Committee will be chaired by the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (as the Secretary-General's representative on youth issues).

The High-Level Steering Committee will also seek to ensure alignment with other UN processes and the UN reform, guide effective linkages and synergies at all levels, and guide the efforts to mobilize resources and leverage partnerships in support of the strategy. The High-Level Steering Committee will identify a suitable arrangement for its interactions with and reporting to the UN Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG) and will ensure the active engagement of parts of the UN Secretariat and System that address areas of the Strategy that go beyond sustainable development.

Annual reports on Strategy's implementation progress will be prepared by the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth with input from the IANYD and will be discussed by the High-Level Steering Committee, and submitted to the UNSDG and the Secretary-General's Executive Committee.

At the global level, the Interagency Network on Youth Development (IANYD) will pursue its objective to "increase the effectiveness of UN work in youth development by strengthening collaboration and exchange among all relevant UN entities" and support the implementation of the Youth Strategy in cooperation with the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth.

This work includes reviewing overall implementation progress, gathering and analyzing data, generating and sharing lessons learned, providing input to reports, etc.

#### **OPERATIONALIZATION:**

With a view to ensure efficient exchange of information and ideas between the country level and the High-level Steering Committee, Regional Interagency coordination mechanisms on youth will be regularly engaged by the Global IANYD to contribute input. It is expected that Regional IANYDs will closely collaborate with UN Country Teams on the Strategy's implementation and review.

While the strategy will span 12 years until 2030, an initial action plan will be developed and presented to an expanded Senior Management Group meeting (include relevant specialized agencies) for information. The initial action plan will cover the first four years, to then be reviewed, adjusted and renewed for the subsequent quadrennial phases.

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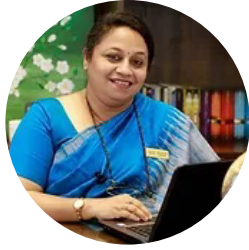


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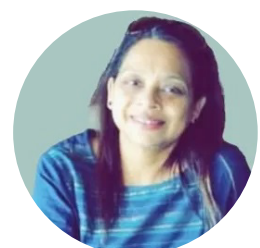
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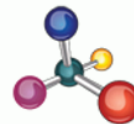
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## Call for Peace and Development by Global Youth

The Youth bear the brunt of contemporary challenges faced by the world such as rising conflicts, inequality, environmental degradation, public health deterioration, loss of livelihoods and unemployment. The global youth is about to create history by telling the World leaders that they do not want war, conflicts, intolerance and tensions and that they want Peace in Action, justice and sustainable development, as they believe that peace and harmony is the only way humanity and world can survive and co-exist peacefully.

During the G20 Presidency of the Government of India hosting the G20 leaders at New Delhi, India, as an expression of solidarity with the G20 nations and the United Nations to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN focusing on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, the global youth is making a pledge to support peace.

Along with the Pledge, a representative section of the global youth will assemble for the International Peace20 Youth Summit at Kochi, India during August 2023 as a Global Youth Movement for World Peace and Sustainable Development. This is conceived as a convening platform for youth to experience and channel peace, celebrate life in all its diversity and co-create livelihood opportunities to sustain life and wellbeing for people and the planet. This will also provide increased interaction and collaboration between the United Nations 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals and the Youth. There is increasing acknowledgement that such initiatives, in addition to instilling hope in the Youth, help hone their capacities for civic engagement thereby becoming active citizens.

In this context, the civil society needs to play a more proactive role in galvanizing the Youth to work for a hopeful, peaceful and creative future. The Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Agenda 2030 is one such platform that can instil hope for the future, harnessing the creative potential of the Youth and their innate motivation to do good.

As per the Peace Pledge, the youth declare their commitment to promote civility, peaceful co-existence and harmony in the society. The Pledge is as follows:

1. We understand that even though there are many different ethnicities, languages, customs and beliefs in the world, we are all members of the one human race and as such our differences are a core aspect of humankind.
2. We understand that whatever be our differences and whatever conflicts we face, we could resolve it amicably and we will empower ourselves to resolve such disputes in a consensual manner, preserving the relationship among people and peace in the community.

3. We understand that Peace will co-exist only with sustainable development, environment harmony, individual liberty and compassion towards all species. We, humans, share our planet earth with plants and animals and we have no right to infringe on the livelihood of any other species and understanding of nature obliges us to maintain the integrity of the environment, so that it can contribute to a healthy planet.

4. Therefore, we promise that, should any strife or dispute arise in our life, we will try to manage it amicably and peacefully as the first step to resolve such issue and we understand that such a culture could lay the foundation to a long term process of positive social transition by making the society just, equal and fair and will instill a commitment to peace and faith in humanity and nature and will work forward towards contributing to the acceleration of UN Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals.

After the International Peace20 Youth Summit, the global youth, with the assistance of former UN officials, would place these Pledge documents to the G20 Leaders and the UN Secretary General, informing their desire to strive for Peace and Sustainable Development in compliance with SDG 16 and 17 of the UN.

Building on the legacy of the IP20 Youth Summit in Bali, a similar summit is planned at Kochi, India on 11-12 August 2023, India a month prior to the official meeting of G20 Leaders in India during September 2023. The International Peace20 Youth Summit Kochi will be a Civil Society initiative for, of and by the Youth to promote peace and sustainable development, locally and globally, and call on the G20 Leaders to advance peace, end conflicts and promote sustainable development. It is understood that to make a pathway for a fair and better world for the future generation, peace and development must go hand-in-hand. Without Peace there is no Development and Without Development there is no Peace.

The Peace Pledge can be signed online using the Peacegate application ([www.peacegate.in](http://www.peacegate.in)). This cause for maintaining peace and harmony for peaceful co-existence is supported by the Indian Institute of Arbitration & Mediation ([www.arbitrationindia.com](http://www.arbitrationindia.com)).

If you are between the age group of 15-32 and would like to participate in this global youth movement and would like to sign the pledge, please sign the Peace Pledge at <https://peacegate.in/ip20ys-pledge>

For more details about the International Peace20 Youth Summit, please visit [www.ip20ysindia.in](http://www.ip20ysindia.in)

We invite you to be part of this revolution to create a loving and caring world. Though individually a small step, collectively a big change!

# Program Agenda

## Day 1

2:00 – 2:20 pm Procession of Dignitaries, Delegates and Youth Peace Ambassadors

2:20 – 2:25 pm Dr. Gayatri Subramanian – Invocation Dance

2:25 – 2:30 pm Prayer (Asatoma Satgamaya)

2:35 - 2:40 pm Lighting the Lamp of Peace (Piano – Showers of Blessings)

Mr. Paramjeet Singh IRS (Chief Guest); Dr. Abraham Joseph (Chief Patron), Shri.

Anand Kumar (Patron), Ms. Rachel Ignatius (VP & Principal, Choice School); Ms. Rita Reddy,

Senior Gender Expert, United Nations, Malaysia; Mr. Thomas Varghese (Chairman) and

Mr. Anil Joseph (Secretary General) will hand over to the Youth to light the Lamp.

2:40 – 2:50 pm Welcome Address – Dr. Abraham Joseph, Chief Patron of IP20Y Summit, Kochi and

Fmr. Chief Socio-Economic Advisor, United Nations, New York.

2:50 – 3:30 pm Address by Dignitaries

Governor of Kerala, His Excellency Shri Arif Mohammad Khan;

Mr. Paramjeet Singh IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax & National President,

Dharma Bharati Mission India - Chief Guest;

Princess Aswathy Thirunal Gowri Lakshmi Bai of Travancore;

Prof. Richard Hay, Ex MP & Patron IP20YS;

Princess Natasha Dematra of Bali, Indonesia (Chief Organizer of the “International Peace20

Summit Event 2022” in Bali, Indonesia;

Shri Anand Kumar, Patron-IP20YS Kochi and Founder, Sai Gramam A Global Village;

UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth;

Ms. Rita Reddy, Senior Gender Expert, United Nations, Malaysia.

3:30 – 3:40 pm SDG Theme Song – St. Theresa’s College, Kochi.

3:40 – 3:50 pm Tree Planting for Climate Action, Dr. Anoop Francis, Chairman and Ms. A.S Gayathry,

Youth Coordinator, Kochi Nature Conservation Society.

3:50 – 4:00 pm Song – Make Me A Channel of Your Peace (Choice School)

4:00 – 4:10 pm Address by Dr. Swayam Sodha (9 years old), Honorary Doctorate by Iconic

Peace Award Council (IPAC), Govt. of India.



4:10 – 4:50 pm Cultural Programs

4:50 – 5:00 pm Vote of Thanks – Mr. Anil Joseph, Secretary General-IP20Y Summit

5:00 – 5:10 pm Song – “We are the World”

5:15 - pm Refreshment

## Day 2 ( International Youth Day designated by the UN )

9:30 – 9:35 am Prayer Song

9:35 – 9:40 am SDG Theme Song – St. Theresa's College, Kochi

9:40 – 9:50 am SDG Report 2023

9:50 – 10:00am International Youth Day Wishes – UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth

10:00 –10:10pm Welcome Address – Mr. Thomas Varghese, Chairman-IP20Y Summit Kochi and  
Fmr. Associate-United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific  
(UN-ESCAP) Bangkok

10:10 – 11:10 pm Session 1: Youth, Peace and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – Role of Civil Society  
Organizations Moderator: Dr. Abraham Joseph, Fmr. UN Chief Socio-Economic Adviser and  
Chief Patron-IP20Y Summit Kochi;  
Panelists: Mr. Paramjeet Singh IRS, National President, Dharma Bharati Mission India;  
Adv. George Poothicote, Director, Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation Kochi;  
Ms. Annapoorna Devi, Sai Gramam – A Global Village, Attingal, Kerala;  
Ms. Kavita Mathew, Partnerships Advisor- Giving Tuesday's Hub.

11:10 – 12:15 pm Session 2: Educational Institutions and Implementation of SDGs – On campus and Beyond  
Introduction: Mr. Omar Hernandez, United Nations Academic Impact, New York, USA;  
Moderator: Ms. Sona Thomas, Coordinator, Teresian Center for Research and Development,  
Kochi, Kerala. Presentations by Youth of Chinmaya School, Vaduthala; Choice School,  
Tripunithura, and Govt. V&HSS Vithura, Thiruvananthapuram; Marian College, Kuttikanam  
and St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam.

12:15 – 1:15 pm Session 3: Business Entities and Implementation of SDGs Moderator: Ratnesh R.,  
Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact India Office, New Delhi;Panelists:  
Ms. Anita Anil, CTO Robokidz-STEM Robotics-Women run Business; Mr. Manu G., Airport Director,  
Cochin International Airport Limited – CIAL (Champion of the Earth Award 2018 by  
United Nations);Mr. Gaurav Rathore, COO, Choice Canning Company, India; Mr. Sujith Kombra-  
Director XYZ ESPINA UAE, CEO Espina IT Solutions; Mr. Nikhil George – Founder & Managing  
Director, Kaleido Health, Kochi.

1:15 – 2:15 pm LUNCH

2:15 – 3:15 pm Session 4: Skills, Livelihoods and Economic Development

Moderator: Dr. George Mathew, Chairman, Indian Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi;

Panelists: Mr. Anil Menon, Head of Training-SB Global Kochi; Ms. Diwia Thomas,

Founder-Papertrail & Social Entrepreneur; Mr. Mohammad Ikan, Director-Society for Training and

Development, Lakshadweep; Ms. Jayanthi Krishnachandran, Manager-Skill Academy &

National Trainer JCI; Mr. Abhinav Soomaney, Director AXYZ Global Technology USA.

3:15 – 4:15 pm Session 5: Gender Equality and Advancement of Women and Girls Moderator: Ms. Rita Reddy,

Gender Expert – U.N System Malaysia – United Nations Development Program and United

Nations Population Fund; Panelists: Sr. Patricia D'Souza, HOD Psychology, Sophia's College,

Mumbai; Dr. V. Bindhu, Principal-Kulapati Munshi Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Thrissur and India's

NGO Delegate to United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; Ms. Alice Lukose,

Founder & Director WIN Society (Women Initiatives Network); Ms. Sandhiya Pachiappan,

United Nations Secretariat, New York.

4:15 – 5:15 pm Closing Session

Address by DIG N. Ravi, Chief-Indian Coast Guard; Address by Mr. Saji Cherian, Minister Culture &

Youth Affairs, Govt. of Kerala; Award Distribution: Peace League Institution Certificates Vote of

Thanks: Ms. Rachel Ignatius, Principal-Choice School & VP-IP20YS Kochi.

5:15 pm - Refreshment

# CONCEPT NOTE

## INTERNATIONAL PEACE20 YOUTH SUMMIT (IP20YS) 2023

### KOCHI, KERALA, INDIA

#### Background and Introduction

The International Peace20 Youth Summit had its inception in Bali, Indonesia in 2022. Prior to the G20 Leaders meeting in Bali, Indonesia, the Youth and Civil Society met in Bali on November 1st and 2nd, 2022, where they organized an International Peace20 Youth Summit (IP20YS) to promote a culture of peace and harmony amongst the Youth. The Summit was organized through the patronage of Prince Dr. Damien Dematra, Princess Natasha Dematra and Princess Cheryl Halpern. An outcome of the Summit was the “Peace Pledge” taken by all participants. They also announced to support and celebrate Indonesia’s G20 leadership and called on G20 Leaders to take effective measures to solve the global multiple crisis – Conflicts, Climate Change, Covid, Cost of Living (Inflation), and in particular to make a pathway for a Fair and Better World for future generations. Also 23,000 signatures were collected from all over the world by fixing their signatures for “Peace Pledge”. Such initiatives by the Civil Society with the leadership and participation of the Youth presented a ray of hope, especially in the context of rising conflicts, inequality, environmental degradation, public health deterioration and other deprivations faced by people across the world. There is increasing acknowledgement that such initiatives, in addition to instilling hope in the Youth, help hone their capacities for civic engagement thereby becoming active citizens. This also presents a great opportunity for the Youth to become active collaborators promoting the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Agenda 2030, which are unequivocally adopted and supported by the Member States. The G20 is a powerful grouping to whom such appeals and efforts from the Youth can usher positive change in the world through global citizenship. Youth are effective ‘Agents of Change’, and should become increasingly aware of the powerful agency they are endowed with for bringing positive change, through non-violent and peaceful means.

#### Building on the Legacy – IP20YS, Kochi

Building on the legacy of the IP20YS in Bali, a similar summit is planned to be held in Kochi, India a month prior to the official meeting of G20 Leaders in India, September 2023. The International Peace20 Youth Summit will be a Civil Society initiative for, of and by the Youth to promote peace and sustainable development, locally and globally, and call on the G20 Leaders to advance peace, end conflicts and promote sustainable development. The summit would serve as a platform for the Youth to express solidarity with millions of people suffering, due to conflicts and climate change.

Like in Bali, the Peace Pledge will be continued as a commitment and vision of the Youth for peaceful and harmonious co-existence between all living beings. The Summit is planned to be held on the 11th and 12th August 2023, coinciding with the International Youth Day, at the Multi-purpose Auditorium, RSET, Rajagiri Valley, Kochi, Kerala. Additionally, youth from outside Kochi and India, can participate in the Summit through online mode.

## **Supporting India's G20 Presidency and Theme**

The IP20YS Kochi supports India's G20 Presidency and theme - "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth · One Family · One Future" - drawn from the ancient Sanskrit text of the Maha Upanishad. Essentially, the theme affirms the value of all life – human, animal, plant, and microorganisms – and their interconnectedness on the planet Earth and in the wider universe. The theme also spotlights LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), with its associated, environmentally sustainable and responsible choices, both at the level of individual lifestyles as well as national development, leading to globally transformative actions resulting in a cleaner, greener and bluer future<sup>1</sup>

. The IP20YS seeks to support and amplify this theme through the Summit.

## **Supporting UN Sustainable Development Goals**

The United Nations views Youth as an integral means and end of the global agenda on Sustainable Development. The following statement from the UN Youth Strategy encapsulates this succinctly:

*Young people's empowerment, development and engagement is an end in itself, as well as a means to build a better world. The UN recognizes it cannot achieve its mission without partnering with young people and ensuring they are not only heard but understood, not only engaged but empowered, and not only supporting but leading global efforts and processes. Young people need to be full-fledged partners in the United Nations work to build a better world for all, as they are both beneficiaries and partners<sup>2</sup>*

. Though Goal 16 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals directly promotes Peace and Justice, every other goal is inextricably linked to long term peace, as they intersect with education, health, gender equality, decent work and good living environment, all having direct implications for the young and future generations. The IP20YS parallels the letter and spirit of Goal 17: Partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals, as the Summit would be a convening platform wherein various partners from civil society, educational institutions, students and representatives from the Government and United Nations gather to interact, inform and learn from each other to better integrate their work on Peace and Sustainable Development with participation of the Youth.

## **IP20YS - Merging the Global and Local Discourse on Sustainable Developmen**

The United Nations has set the global meta discourse on Sustainable Development, also through the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. To implement this and achieve localization of SDGs, wide stakeholder engagement is essential, especially at the local level. In this context, the IP20YS would be an effective platform for representatives from the United Nations to present their views and in turn listen to experiences and initiatives from the ground in implementing Sustainable Development Goals. The Program Schedule of the Summit has been curated with this objective in mind – to link the global and local discourse on Peace and Sustainable Development, which would give a fillip to advancing sustainability consciousness globally, while rooted in local realities. This will also feed into the roadmap for continuing the peace process by working with the Youth even after the conduct of the Summit, through various activities, including by being a channel partner between international organizations such as the UN and local organizations/educational institutions working with the Youth, especially through the UN Youth Office and UN Academic Impact program.

## Peace Pledge

The signing of the Peace pledge will promote a commitment and culture of Peace amongst the youth having multiplier effects for world peace. The pledge can be taken online by the global youth by clicking on this link <https://www.peacegate.in/ip20ys-pledge>. The signatures will be collated and handed over to the G20 Leaders through Honorable Prime Minister of India and to the UN Secretary General. The contents of the Peace Pledge are as follows:

### PEACE PLEDGE

We, the participants in the International Peace20 Youth Summit 2023, together with the Visions of Peace Initiative, make the following pledge, to declare our commitment to promote civility, peaceful co-existence and harmony in the society.

1. We understand that even though there are many different ethnicities, languages, customs and beliefs in the world, we are all members of the one human race and as such our differences are a core aspect of humankind.
2. We understand that whatever be our differences and whatever conflicts we face, we could resolve it amicably and we will empower ourselves to resolve such disputes in a consensual manner, preserving the relationship among people and peace in the community.
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4. Therefore, we promise that, should any strife or dispute arise in our life, we will try to manage it amicably and peacefully by negotiation or mediation as the first step to resolve such issue and we understand that such a culture could lay the foundation to a long term process of positive social transition by making the society just, equal and fair and will instill a commitment to peace and faith in humanity and nature.
5. We sign this Pledge in commemoration of the International Peace20 Youth Summit to be held on 11-12 August 2023 at Kochi, India..

\* For the purpose of signing Peace20 Youth Pledge, Youth is defined as a person between the age group 18 to 31 years.

## Calling Academic institutions to partner with the UN

The United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)

It is an initiative that engages institutions of higher education with the United Nations in supporting and contributing to the realization of the Organization's purposes and principles, including the promotion and protection of human rights, access to education, sustainability and conflict resolution.

<https://www.un.org/en/academic-impact/page/about-unai>

## Calling Corporates, Business Houses and NGOs to partner with the UN

United Nations Global Impact

The world's largest corporate sustainability initiative.

A call to companies to align strategies and operations with universal principles on human right, labour, environment and anti corruption and take actions that advance social goals.

<https://unglobalcompact.org/>



# CERTIFICATE PEACE PLEDGE

This is to certify that

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is a signatory to the Peace Pledge, whereby the signatory declares the commitment to promote civility, peaceful co-existence and harmony in the society and understand that such a culture could lay the foundation to a long term process of positive social transition by making the society just, equal and fair and will instil a commitment to peace and faith in humanity.

This Pledge is signed in commemoration of the International Peace20 Youth Summit to be held on 11-12 August 2023 at Kochi, India, initiated as a supporting event of G20 Presidency of India and towards implementing SDGs of the UN focusing on Peace Justice and Strong Institutions and calling on G20 leaders on saving humanity and planet for the future generation.

Signed Date 05-Jun-2023

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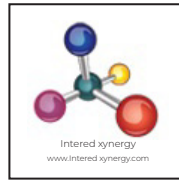


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