



Thinking Globally

Acting Locally

Guidelines

An initiative driven by youth, to
serve and empower youth

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All you need to know about Youth Action Hubs:

The youth alone represent over 1.5 billion people and is the largest youth population recorded to date. Recognizing their potential, UNCTAD believes that young people can play a major role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In line with the United Nations youth strategy that was adopted in September 2018, UNCTAD wants to contribute to efforts made globally to empower youth and have the voice of young men and women heard. UNCTAD holds an innovative approach to include youth in its work, based on the principle of “about youth, with youth” and aims at working together with them in a more systematic manner.

The Youth Action Hubs is an initiative that was launched at the second UNCTAD Youth Forum held in October 2018. It allows youth to:

- 1) engage *globally* to give their views on matters within UNCTAD’s mandate and use this input to inform UNCTAD’s work,
- 2) create a space that will inspire youth to take action *locally* as game changers in their communities and countries.



Here's how an Action Hub operates:

- ▶ It is a physical or virtual meeting held regularly at city/national level
- ▶ It consists of max. 30 men and women aged between 18-30
- ▶ It is managed by a Coordinator who works closely with UNCTAD Youth Team and Coordinators of other Action Hubs
- ▶ Every meeting can discuss or research a pre-set topic and prepare inputs for UNCTAD reports or initiatives, but also talk about concrete activities at local level to implement projects related to the sustainable development goals (SDGs)



Get involved in an Action Hub !

- ▶ You should live within 150km of their local Action Hub
- ▶ You're a highly motivated individual taking initiatives & being a game changer
- ▶ You want to enhance your community in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



Ready to start?

Two types of outcomes can be provided:

- ▶ Conclusions of meetings will be collected in a report to be sent by the Coordinator to UNCTAD for further processing
- ▶ Action Plans will be formulated to contribute to SDGs' related projects at local level
- ▶ Communications outside of the country are in English
- ▶ Reports are no longer than 800 words or 2 pages, with possible exception on a case by case basis

.....and now **WE CAN SHAPE THE WORLD WE WANT!**

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