

ECOSOC Youth Forum 2021 pre-event Prospering and thriving

23 March session 1: 7 to 8 a.m. EST (New York time); 12 to 1 p.m. CET (Geneva time)

24 March session 2: 1 to 2 p.m. EST (New York time); 6 to 7 p.m. CET (Geneva time)

Young people are navigating lost incomes, limited social protection and rising prices for essential goods and services (SDG 8) as the result of COVID-19. The number of young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) has increased dramatically. Social protection measures, which are normally designed to help people in moments of crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic, rarely sufficiently address the specific needs of young people. As a result, youth worldwide are uniquely vulnerable to the socio-economic consequences of COVID-19 and can be pushed irreparably into extreme poverty (SDG 1).

In the context of COVID-19, this pre-event to the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2021 breakout session on the same topic will address key challenges young people face in fighting SDG 1 (No poverty) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). They may discuss how investing in a new global deal post-COVID-19 could enable young people to live in dignity; will ensure women have the same prospects and opportunities as men; and will protect the sick, the vulnerable, and minorities of all kinds.

Youth leaders will discuss, elaborate and bring innovative policy ideas.

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23 March 2021
Moderated by Ms. Zarja Vojta
Financing for Development; why should youth care? by Mr. Chris Garroway, Economist, United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office, India
Together and stronger, by Mr. Basson Engelbrecht, CGES Business Unit Executive, founder of Hoorah, South Africa
<i>Open floor discussion</i>
Panel: Ms. Daniela Perozo, Dominican Republic, Mr. Muhammad Sarim Raza, Pakistan, Mr. Pepijn Tielens, the Netherlands
<i>Open floor discussion</i>
The power of impact, by Ms. Alena Dique, Coordinator, Youth Action Hub Oman
<i>Open floor discussion</i>
Panel: Ms. Roshanna Trim, Barbados, Mr. Doris Mwikali, Kenya, Ms. Kanika Sahijwani, India
<i>Open floor discussion</i>
24 March 2021
Moderated by Mr. Ndusimo Mngomezulu
Financing for Development; why it matters, by Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier, Head of the UNCTAD New York Office of the Secretary-General
A global new deal for youth employment, by Ms. Eugenia Novoa, Ecuador
Youth skills development in the era of the fourth industrial revolution, by Kathy Liu, World Economic Forum Global Shaper
Breakout groups
Return to plenary room