

UNCTAD Youth network

Become involved and make a difference!

Join the UNCTAD Youth Network and embark on a journey with over 9000 dynamic youth worldwide who are committed to drive positive social change and improve the state of economic affairs at local, regional and international levels to make our world a better place and achieve prosperity for all.

Following the principle “For youth, by youth”, the UNCTAD Youth Network is an action-oriented initiative led by young people that enables you to connect, communicate and create positive impact with other youth across the world.

As a member of the UNCTAD Youth Network you will be able to share your voice on what’s important to you and work together with the next generation of young leaders from every corner of the world to accelerate systemic change driven by ethical youth leadership.

Why joining the UNCTAD Youth Network?

- ❖ **Have your voice heard** - share your views by taking part in dialogues with global stakeholders at our Youth Forums, international events, virtual discussions and campaigns;
- ❖ **Networking opportunities** - interact with a community of like-minded young game changers, digital entrepreneurs, global stakeholders, industry visionaries and academic thinkers at networking events;
- ❖ **Got a project idea?** - reach out to other youth for knowledge support and expand the scope and impact of your initiative;
- ❖ **Influence** - get involved in a local Youth Action Hub to set up sustainable development goals related projects at community level and advocate at international level;
- ❖ **Keep up with the latest trends** - stay informed on latest trade and development news by following UNCTAD Youth on social media and participate in our work.

FAQs

What is the UNCTAD Youth Network? It is a community of action-driven young change makers interested in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Created in 2016 at UNCTAD’s 14th Ministerial Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, the Youth Network aims at accelerating economic growth and prosperity for all.

What does the UNCTAD Youth Network do? It offers a platform to young people interested in trade and development issues to get involved with global stakeholders and share their views on relevant issues, work with fellow youth in preparing inputs to UNCTAD meetings, participate in virtual discussions, have their voices heard at major youth events and much more.

Who can participate in the Youth Network? Young men and women between the ages of 18 and 30, with an interest in the sustainable development goals and trade and development issues.

How can you become a member? You can subscribe online at unctad.org/youth

Do I get paid as a member? No, participation is done on a voluntary basis.

What is the UNCTAD Youth Forum? It is organized every two years as part of a major UNCTAD event. It offers young people many opportunities to network and participate in discussions with member states and other global stakeholders and build a narrative with fellow youth about the future they want to see.

Can the UNCTAD Youth Network fund youth-led projects? The UNCTAD Youth Network does not offer financial support to individuals or organizations.

What is the Youth Action Hub community? It is an initiative launched at UNCTAD's Youth Forum in 2018 that allows purpose-driven youth to take action at community level through grassroots projects in line with the sustainable development goals.

How can you join a Hub in your country? Check the Youth Action Hubs page where you can find the nearest place to you where a Youth Action Hub is located.

You have a question that is not covered in the FAQs. For any further questions you have, please send an email to unctadyouth@unctad.org