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	Brazil	Edgard Carneiro Vieira	Master's Student in International Affairs at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and holds a B.A. in International Relations from the University of Brasília. Former intern in the Office of the Secretary-General at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Previously, worked as International Trade Consultant at BMJ & Associates.
	China, studies in the Netherlands	Serena Zheng	UNCTAD youth delegate and member of Youth Action Hub the Netherlands dealing with social media, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. Nyenrode Business Universiteit graduate, co-founder of foundation for NVVS education in China, Strong passion for SDGs; lived in 4 countries and speaks 5 languages
	Colombia	Erika Tascón Hoyos	Finished her bachelor degree in international business. Currently she is doing an internship at UNCTAD and is committed to achieving the SDGs by working with the UNCTAD Youth members around the world. #Youth4Youth Considers trade is a Good way to make a change and support development; a strong feeling coming from a region that suffered a civil war. Interested in evolving in an international environment.
	Egypt	Karam Azzam	Coordinator of Youth Action Hub Egypt, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. A professional young lawyer from Egypt, Holds a master degree in commercial laws and international investments, PhD candidate and a member of various international legal entities. Karam participated in many youth forums, international investments conferences and meetings. He believes that we should all work together in favor of achieving prosperity for all, and advocates the SDGs through his UNCTAD Youth Action Hub's network in his country.


	Indonesia	Elyza Amalia Dianty	<p>Vice Coordinator of UNCTAD Youth Action Hub of Indonesia, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. A soon to graduate with a Law degree majoring in Economic Law. Co-founder of Empowering Creative Entrepreneurship Indonesia, a newly founded sosial media platform that primarily focused to promote accessible sustainable and integrated creative economy and e-business products that are locally sourced. Passionate about socio-economic sustainable trade and exchange of views among youth for a better future.</p>
	Italy	Daniele Guadagnolo	<p>Coordinator of Youth Action Hub Italy, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. Economist, passionate about sustainability, international relations and languages. He believes in the vision of the UN and he is committed to tackle the SDGs.</p>
	Italy	Nadia Paleari	<p>Member of Youth Action Hub Italy, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. MA in Cultural Diplomacy. Arts and Digital Media for International Relations and Global Communication. Contributed as a coordinator to the International Careers Festival in Rome for 4 years in a row (to the largest festival about diplomacy for youth in Europe). Became PR Manager and then Vice President of BETA Italy, the Italian branch of Bringing Europeans Together Association, and contributed as an editor in the "Environment" news section of the website. Organized, in the role of Deputy Director, Milan Model European Union 2018, the first international EU-policy making simulation in Italy.</p>

	Italy	Roberta Mancini	Member of Youth Action Hub Italy, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. Student in Oriental Languages. Assisted social services in the management of refugees with cultural and language mediation for adults and children, teaching Italian. Took part in the International Careers Festival in Rome. Passionate about the many issues that people suffer from these days.
	Kenya	Gerry Kiruthu	Received a BSc. in Business Administration from Seton Hall University in New Jersey, USA. His concentration in finance and economics sparked his interest in global trade and is now an intern in the Office of the Secretary General at UNCTAD working on Communications and External Relations and eFounders Fellowship Initiative.
	Mexico	Gino Cavalli Saenz	An International Relations & International Political Economy student. Comes from a multicultural background being both Mexican and Italian. Lived in many different places in the world such as Mexico, USA, Spain, Netherlands & Switzerland. Areas of expertise are Political Economics, EU Foreign Policy and the Geopolitics of Disruptive Technologies such as Blockchain and Decentralized Finance. He is an avid sports enthusiast and is currently intern at UNCTAD, working on the eFounders Fellowship Initiative.
	The Netherlands	Laurens Verploegh	Coordinator of Youth Action Hub the Netherlands, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. Student Logistics Engineer. Interested in technology and sports. Promotes youth empowerment and manages sustainable development projects.

	Oman	Alena Dique	<p>Coordinator of Youth Action Hub Oman, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. Youngest manager at work to be trained in the Executive Leadership development for Project and Stakeholder Management. A Communication and Quantitative techniques professional and a Sustainable Development Goals Advocate, first and current youth representative of Oman for UNCTAD Youth and United Nations Economic and Social Council ECOSOC Youth delegation at UN New York. Youth Speaker at United Nations Geneva in 2018 on “A Mindset Makeover” and at United Nations Headquarters on “SDG 8: Decent work and Economic Growth” in 2019. Co-Author of Papers: Green Innovation and Sustainable Businesses at the US Library of Congress. First student from Oman to win the scholastic award in London for her master’s research at University of Wales for SME Business Innovation. Finalist of the prestigious Women in Tech Awards Middle East under the category of Young Leader of the Year 2018. TedxMuscat speaker on Independent Intelligence.</p>
	Spain	Silvia Chilet Jorge	<p>Coordinator of Youth Action Hub Spain, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. Lawyer. Dynamic and proactive, with a passion for international connections and to help solving problems.</p>
	Switzerland	Marina Kälin	<p>Part of UNCTAD youth and Coordinator of Youth Action Hub Switzerland, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. Took part in the UNCTAD Youth Forum 2018 in Geneva. Her interest lie in creating gender equality and reducing inequalities. This is was a core part of her studies in hospitality and thesis research in gender equity. She is interested in labour market dynamics and finds SDGs to be a key inspiration for her job in executive search within the sports industry.</p>

	United Kingdom	Sanya Rajpal	Member of Youth Action Hub United Kingdom, a youth initiative supported by UNCTAD. Passionate and driven change-maker who has worked on development and advocacy projects since the age of 14. As a Lawyer, and recent graduate of Education and International Development MA, her focus has been social transformation, through the lives of individuals, businesses and in communities across the world. Alongside her academic pursuits, she has built a Business that delivers policy consultancy, program development and training in: education, cognitive/social skill development, social entrepreneurship, employability, and health and well-being. She is extraordinarily passionate about meaningful sustainable development and hopes to continue learning and expanding her impact in global society.
	Czech Republic, lives in United Kingdom	Lucie Obrtelova	Young European Ambassador and the EU Young Leader of Industry in addition to being a member of the UNCTAD Youth Network. Completing Masters in European Politics and Policy at University College London (UCL). Primary research areas are industrial policy, labour markets regulation, and decent work. Undertook various internships in both public and private sector and have been actively involved in various project supporting the SDGs to contribute to development of approaches that protect privacy, human rights, and values (ethics).
	The Netherlands	Désirée van Gorp	Senior Advisor Professor International Business and chairman of the International Advisory Board at Nyenrode Business Universiteit. Visiting professor at the Renmin Universiteit in Beijing, China and MIP Politecnico di Milano in Italy. Teaches and conducts research on topics such as Global Sourcing, Offshoring, Outsourcing, New technologies & Innovation and International Business & Diplomacy.

	Romania	Andreea Bulisache	<p>Advisor</p> <p>Experienced business strategy professional with over 14 year of experience working for multinationals in telecommunications and information technology. Most recently part of the business development strategy team at Microsoft shaping strategic partnerships and acquisitions in the space of AI and Intelligent Cloud. Actively advising start-ups in ag tech and smart cities particularly around technology choices as well as business models. International MBA from Nyenrode Business Universiteit, Netherlands with specialization in Business Sustainability. Graduated with a thesis on Orchestrated Collaboration Models for Smart Cities, sponsored by IBM Europe.</p>
	The Netherlands	Arlette Verploegh	<p>Chief of Communications and External Relations at UNCTAD and formerly Deputy Chief of Staff in UNCTAD Office of the Secretary-General with over 20 years UN experience. Manages high-level programmes and partnerships and launched initiatives in the ecommerce field such as online world entrepreneurship programme and the eFounders Fellowship with Alibaba Business School and UNCTAD Youth Network. Mentor. LL.M University of Leyden. Interested in innovation, entrepreneurship, Global Goals and giving a voice to the youth.</p>
	France	Viridiana Garcia-Quiles	<p>UNCTAD Youth Network Coordinator. Currently working in programme management in the Office of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in Geneva where she supports the Secretary-General in his functions by providing substantive inputs on a range of development-related issues, and coordinates the SG's programme of bilateral meetings and missions abroad. As part of her support to the Secretary-General's special projects, she is working on the eFounders Initiative, an innovative project aimed at training young entrepreneurs in developing countries, jointly managed by UNCTAD and the Alibaba Business School. She also plays a strategic role in the activities of the UNCTAD Youth Network, and of the UNCTAD Innovation Challenge. Prior to joining UNCTAD, she worked at the Social Development Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in Beirut, Lebanon, in the Office of the Secretary-General of the OECD and as a policy analyst at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Holds a master's degree in Development Economics from the Paris School of Economics (PSE), a master's in Population and Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and a master's in Public Affairs from Sciences-Po Paris.</p>

	Slovenia	Zarja Vojta	UNCTAD Youth Network Coordinator and Public Information Officer, with academic specialization in Sustainable Development and Conflict Resolution. Worked in the European Parliament in areas of employment and social affairs. Professional interests include raising awareness of the importance of youth inclusion in policy-making and working towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.
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