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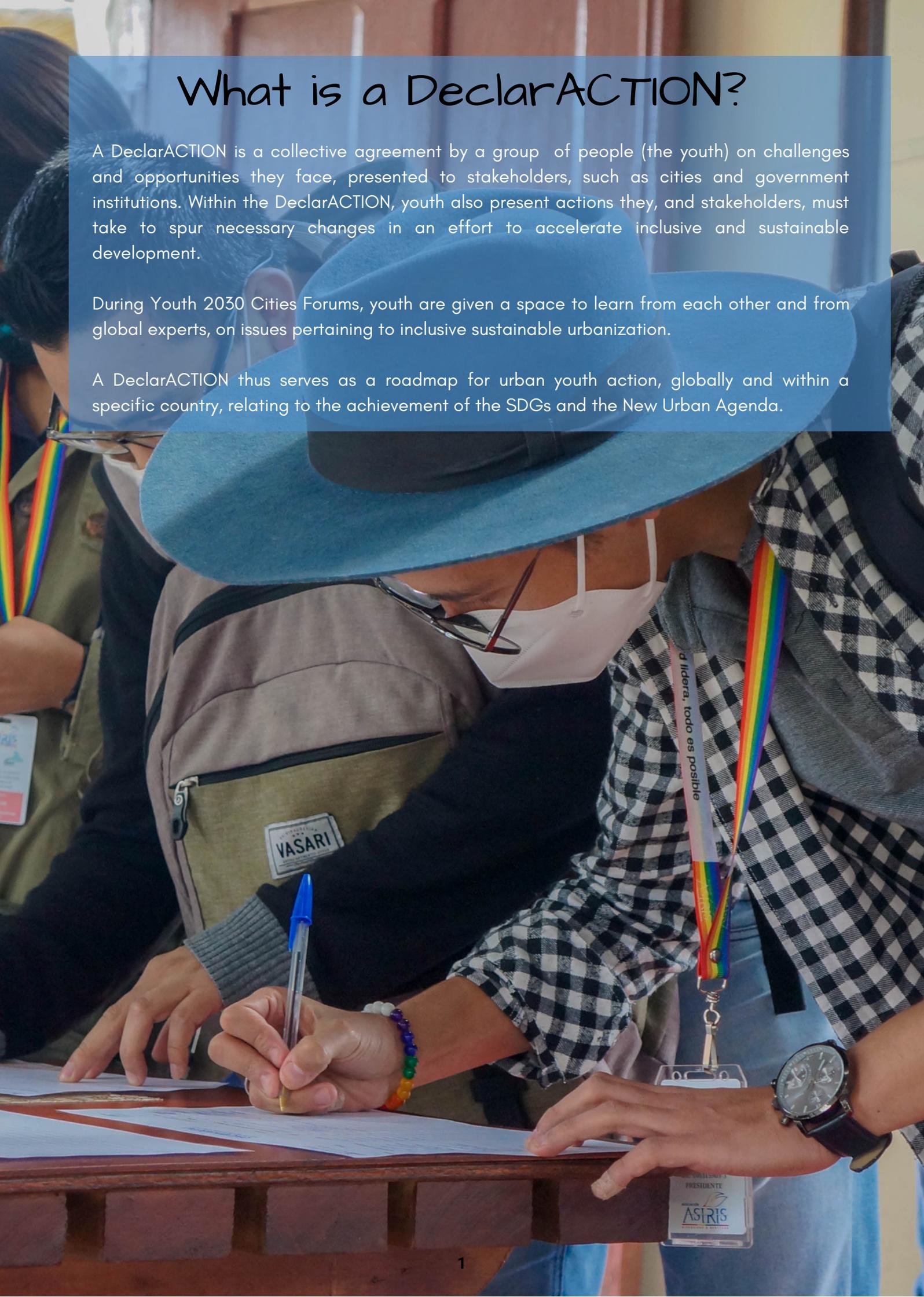


What is a DeclarACTION?

A DeclarACTION is a collective agreement by a group of people (the youth) on challenges and opportunities they face, presented to stakeholders, such as cities and government institutions. Within the DeclarACTION, youth also present actions they, and stakeholders, must take to spur necessary changes in an effort to accelerate inclusive and sustainable development.

During Youth 2030 Cities Forums, youth are given a space to learn from each other and from global experts, on issues pertaining to inclusive sustainable urbanization.

A DeclarACTION thus serves as a roadmap for urban youth action, globally and within a specific country, relating to the achievement of the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda.



Youth 2030 Cities

Youth 2030 Cities is a Fondation Botnar funded UN-Habitat project that started in October 2021 promoting the understanding of how to advance the health and wellbeing of young people in cities globally through enhanced partnerships and use of digital technologies.

UN-Habitat's work on youth and urban governance aligns with and enhances work undertaken by the Healthy Cities for Adolescents (HCA) Fondation Botnar programme to promote young people as agents of change. It also promotes critical recommendations of the New Urban Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals and pillars of the United Nations Youth Strategy.

Youth 2030 Cities has also aligned itself with the SDG Cities flagship programme, guaranteeing youth participation in decision-making for sustainable projects and investments in cities.

In 2019, estimates by the United Nations indicated that there are about 1.2 billion young people between the ages of 15 and 24 years old in the world. 16 percent of the total global population. Statistics also indicate that by 2065, the world's youth population will have reached its peak, at just under 1.4 billion persons.

Globally, youth face diverse and compounding challenges to their empowerment. The World Youth Report indicates that 142 million youth are out of school, 171 million are unemployed and millions more are in precarious or informal work. Furthermore, disparities between countries and their levels of inequality are stark with gender, poverty, rurality, disability and migrant/refugee status all being major elements of disadvantage.

The strategic goal of Youth 2030 Cities is to support and facilitate meaningful youth participation in policy and practice towards sustainable urbanization in key milestone events such as sharing their experiences in sustainable urbanization and ensuring their participation in high-level forums, an objective that was achieved during the High-Level Meeting on Implementation of the NUA in April, 2022 and in the 11th Session of the World Urban Forum in June, 2022.

Nana Agyare, one of the Youth 2030 Cities participants from Ghana, attended the HLM and stated, "When youth are not empowered to understand and make decisions, the aspirations of a sustainably developed world will remain a mirage."

Similarly, Michelle Zuluaga, from Colombia and also a participant in Youth 2030 Cities was present in the HLM and WUF11 remarked that "We, the youth, want you to know that creating healthy, sustainable and clean public spaces is a priority for everybody. We also understand that governance is essential for young people and governments should be more open to the views of the youth."

From conception, Youth 2030 Cities had activities in Ghana, Colombia, Senegal, Vietnam, India and Ecuador. The project rolled out a global survey, and held focus group discussions and training on the SDGs and NUA with youth, ultimately presenting their blueprint for action, in the form of a National DeclarACTION in each of the countries.

A Global DeclarACTION was thereafter presented at the World Urban Forum in Katowice, Poland by the youth and welcomed by the UN-Habitat Executive Director, Md Maimunah Mohd Sharif who remarked that, " If we do not make sustainable change now, what future do we have?"



Global DeclarACTION on Youth and Sustainable Urbanization

Adopted at the UN-Habitat 11th Session of the World Urban Forum

Children and Youth Assembly

and Presented to Madam Executive Director Maimunah Mohd Sharif

Katowice, Poland, June 26th, 2022

We, the representatives of youth organizations from around the world, gathered at the 11th Session of the World Urban Forum of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in the City of Katowice, Poland, on June 26th, 2022, through this DeclarACTION, declare our right to the city and express our intention to work with stakeholders at the local, national and international level to strive for the meaningful inclusion of youth in the sustainable, inclusive, safe and prosperous development of our cities and communities with the goal of leaving no one behind in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

During the Youth 2030 Cities Forums, young people were asked to share the most pertinent challenges facing their local communities. The most important issues across 6 countries were:

-  Environmental degradation and climate change
-  Employment and economic opportunities
-  Youth governance and inclusion
-  Gender equality & sexual reproductive rights
-  Migration and focused displacement
-  Urban safety
-  Mental health and wellbeing

Upon approval of these seven thematical issues by the youth leaders present at WUF11 and further debated during the Children and Youth Assembly and Roundtable, young people from around the world agreed to take concrete action steps in order to improve the circumstances of the achievement of these Sustainable Development Goals and their targets, emphasizing that it can only be in unison with government, private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders that these goals may be achieved.

WE WILL ACT

- 1.To ensure spaces for youth to discuss ideas, support each other, and create movements for positive change in a safe environment where all voices are heard;
2. To demand that youth are involved in government decision-making, public policies and programme development as young ambassadors who seek to generate sustainable impact;
- 3.To demand gender equality, and make sure that we are providing the same opportunities, support, and choices for all genders, requiring that we do not leave any child or young person behind;
- 4.To create an inclusive, democratic, diverse, and participatory society for the defense of indigenous peoples to exercise their rights and preserve their traditions and language;
- 5.To change the educational systems to include curriculum around sexual reproductive rights, mental health, LGBTQIA+ rights, and other critical and often overlooked issues;
- 6.To ensure that access to basic needs including mental health and well-being should not be limited based on gender, sexual orientation, age, race, or socio-economic status;
- 7.In light of the over 100 million refugees worldwide, we must act to guarantee the rights of migrants and refugees as well as demand their protection and basic services including mental health support;
- 8.To educate everyone about the disastrous effects of climate change and demand political action from our governments to implement mechanisms to combat climate change and to hold all stakeholders accountable for sustainable action;
- 9.To assure that youth and the communities they live within have access to affordable and accessible basic services such as water, sanitation, public health, housing, and education.
- 10.To prioritize employment opportunities such as green jobs for youth and provide capacity building to strengthen their job skills;
- 11.To move past these conversations about what must be done to change the world and take urgent steps to positively transform our societies which require youth, national governments, local governments, inter-governmental organizations, civil society, and the private sector to work together;
- 12.Strongly request that youth constitute 20 percent of total attendees at all future events such as the World Urban Forum, High-Level Meeting, and the UN-Habitat Assembly and ensure youth representation at all panels and political debates to guarantee young voices are included in decision-making processes.



TO FULFILL THESE COMMITMENTS, WE BELIEVE ALL OF SOCIETY MUST UNITE. AT THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH ASSEMBLY AT THE WORLD URBAN FORUM IN KATOWICE, POLAND, WE IDENTIFY WHAT EACH KEY STAKEHOLDER NEEDS TO DO TO SUPPORT MEANINGFUL YOUTH ACTION TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

Youth must demand to be part of government decision-making and the creation of spaces where youth voices can be heard. Youth also having the biggest stake in climate change must act and hold stakeholders accountable through harnessing the power of technology and communication.

National governments must prioritize a green agenda that protects the environment and recognizes that the future of the environment dictates the future of all humanity. Governments must also support the safety and inclusion of refugees, migrants, and other displaced and vulnerable persons, guaranteeing their right to basic services such as water, sanitation, public health, housing and education.

Local governments must pass laws that ensure the safety and security of youth and all diversities and strive to become more transparent and less corrupt. In an effort to improve the wellbeing of youth, local governments must support youth employment, capacity building, and mental health services.

The United Nations must augment the voices of youth not only in spaces of innovation and technology but policy-making and sustainable peace-building processes and highlight their initiatives on a global platform. The UN must also create and encourage the use of technologies such as the SDG Scorecard so that youth can better be part of tracking the SDGs.





Inter-governmental organizations must ensure quality education is upheld and spaces for dialogue are open for all youth. Inter-government agencies must recognize their role in inclusive and safe urban planning and action against the harmful effects of climate change.

The private sector must commit to social co-responsibility programs and invest in habitat regeneration and other initiatives that are not solely based on profit in order to secure the revitalization and strengthening of an environment and diverse ecosystem that can last for many generations.

Civil society must provide adequate education about climate change and mental health and well-being. Civil society must also champion inclusion and diversity and create spaces or marginalized voices to be heard.



THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ONE PARTY ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE FROM THE ACTIONS THAT ANOTHER MUST TAKE, BUT RATHER WILL ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF ALL ACTORS WORK TOGETHER, LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF ANOTHER, AND INCLUDE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES IN THE FORMATION OF PUBLIC POLICIES AND PROGRAMMING.

CLOSING:

Highlighted above are young people's recommendations, goals, and actions for localizing the Sustainable Development Goals in towns and cities around the world.

We are ready and willing to partner with our local governments and other stakeholders to join forces toward building more inclusive and sustainable cities and communities.

We ask the governments and local authorities to take urgent steps to ensure that our voices are listened to and actions are taken seriously. As young and responsible citizens who have already been working hard to improve our cities, we commit to continue to be part of the implementation of the action points outlined in this DeclarACTION on Youth and Sustainable Urbanization.



Youth DeclarACTION on Sustainable Urbanization, Otavalo, Ecuador

March 12, 2022

We, the indigenous representatives of youth organizations from Otavalo and its surroundings, gathered at the first National Urban Youth 2030 Cities Forum at the behest of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in the City of Otavalo, Ecuador, on March 12, 2022, in view of our right to the city, and expressing our intention to work with all stakeholders towards the meaningful inclusion of young people in sustainable urbanization, towards inclusive, safe and prosperous cities and communities for generations to come, and,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That indigenous youth are an especially important part of urban settlements and that our dynamism, skills, creativity, and commitment contribute to the construction of a better urban future; That we have unique problems and challenges, which at the same time constitute opportunities to improve cities, such as:

I. Culture and heritage

- Misinformation and the lack of knowledge about indigenous culture;
- The loss of the indigenous language;
- The invisibility of the historical legacy of the community.

II. Environment

- Contamination of water sources;
- Poor waste management;
- Expansion of the agricultural frontier and deforestation;
- Excessive consumption;
- Lack of environmental education.

III. Quality education

- Lack of communication and teacher-student relationship;
- Sexual and reproductive education limited by taboos and stereotypes;
- Lack of importance and focus on mental health;
- Lack of programs that promote civic and culture issues.

IV. Economic growth and employability

- The requirement of years of experience to access a decent job but no opportunities to gain experience;
- The lack of job training for young people.

V. Land and property

- A conformist society and disengagement from the community;
- Bureaucracy in land registration processes;
- Ignorance of processes, laws, and legalization;
- Conflicts between relatives and invasion of property;
- Absence of updated written documentation.

VI. Gender equality

- Harassment, violence, discrimination, and misogyny directed towards indigenous women and girls;
- Femicide; physical and psychological abuse;
- Stereotypes and gender roles that replicate inequality.

That it is necessary to strengthen links and alliances between the various actors of integral development in the city of Otavalo, as well as around the world to create networks of exchange and action. Such actors include:

- 1.The Mayor's Office of Otavalo
- 2.Ministry of Environment
- 3.Ministry of Education
- 4.Ecuador's 221 GADs in a shared effort
- 5.Undersecretariat for Land Use, Land
- 6.Management and Cadastre
- 7.Cantonal Council for the Protection of Rights
- 8.United Nations
- 9.Educational Systems
- 10.Neighborhood and community
- 11.leaders
- 12.Teachers and professors
- 13.Individuals in the community
- 14.Owners of land, plots, and soil

That the coordinated involvement of local and national governments to advance innovative and revolutionary agendas for young people is of fundamental importance;

That the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals is an opportunity to focus on youth action with the purpose of "leaving no one or any territory behind";

That the New Urban Agenda issued in Otavalo in 2016 is another pillar for comprehensive development of young people that can be achieved with their participation;

That for the achievement of the above purposes, it is necessary to enhance the strength that each young person and their organizations, to advance with concrete actions towards a future in which everyone can benefit and prosper, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic situation.

That we have created this space, the Youth2030 National Urban Forum, to openly discuss crucial issues identified by the young participants and to find sustainable and inclusive solutions;

WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

We call for an inclusive, democratic, diverse, and participatory society for the defense of indigenous young people to exercise their rights.

We call for more sustainable systems based on community education, social coresponsibility, and a revival of cultural practices and beliefs.

We seek to reclaim the historical memory of indigenous peoples; who we are, where we are from and where we come from; through tangible and intangible heritage with a human rights approach.

We desire to influence the change of the educational system and generate alternative spaces for the improvement of the quality of life of young people.

We desire a society with equal opportunities for decent work.

We call for the strengthening of indigenous identities, and the recognition of our land and territory from patrimonial and community structures for ours and future generations.

We desire a society in equality between men and women; free of violence and with equal opportunities.

We do not normalize violence.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS:

To fulfill these commitments, we believe all of society must unite. At the Otavalo Youth 2030 Cities Forum, we identified what each key stakeholder needs to do to support meaningful youth action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Young people must:

- Improve our will;
- Take care of our common home, the earth does not belong to human beings, rather human beings belong to the earth;
- Develop together with our peers, processes and projects for sexual and reproductive education;
- Build capacity;
- Monitor and evaluate policies, processes, projects, and activities related to youth;
- Work in a peer-to-peer manner on all axes and levels of action;
- Seek for updates in land legalization processes;
- Seek for the recognition of ownership, and the legalization of indigenous land towards establishing property titles.

National governments must:

- Pass environmentally responsible policies with an ecosystems approach;
- Prioritize the budget for formal education and alternative education;
- Survey students to see the shortcomings in the education system;
- Restore heritage assets from history;
- Improve the quality, access to, and permanence to education;
- Prioritize the mental health of the youth in its diversity; and
- Generate public policies with affirmative actions to access employment and entrepreneurship processes.

Local governments must:

- Strengthen the waste management system from the source;
- Democratize cultural spaces and processes;
- Promote financial education processes;
- Train teachers to reach students more assertively;
- Create spaces of attention in the matter of property titles; and
- Conduct training workshops for community leaders, so that they become a point of information or guidance for citizens who need more direction.

United Nations agencies must:

- Strengthen advocacy; and
- Give training classes for young people to help them cope with working life.

Intergovernmental organizations must:

- Provide spaces for attention and information according to its competence;
- Provide protocols for action; and
- Normalize issues related to mental health, implement talks aimed at students and parents.

Civil society must:

- Continue community volunteering programs such as Cleaning Mingas;
- Create processes of participation and articulation for social generalities;
- Strengthen self-learning processes;
- Create spaces where controversies and taboos are discussed; and
- Conduct workshops on sexuality and creation of spaces for equal dialogue.

Private sector must:

- Invest in reforestation and environmental care;
- Invest in social co-responsibility with an intergenerational approach;
- Create internet access points to facilitate and enhance learning; and
- Offer internship programs to give more experience to young graduates to hone their skills.

CLOSURE:

Above are the recommendations and objectives of young people to localize the Sustainable Development Goals in Ecuador. We are ready and willing to partner with our local governments and other stakeholders to join forces towards building more inclusive and sustainable cities and communities. We call on governments and local authorities to take urgent action to ensure that our voices are heard, and actions are taken seriously. As young and responsible citizens who have already been working hard to improve our cities, we pledge to continue to be part of the implementation of the action points outlined in this "DeclarACTION".

PRESENTED BY:

The participants of the National Urban Forum Youth2030 in Otavalo, Ecuador.



Youth DeclarACTION on Sustainable Urbanization, Quito, Ecuador

March 13, 2022

We, the representatives of youth organizations from Quito and its surroundings, gathered at the first National Urban Youth 2030 Cities Forum at the behest of the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) in the City of Quito, Ecuador, on March 13, 2022, in view of our right to the city, and expressing our intention to work with all stakeholders towards the meaningful inclusion of young people in sustainable development, inclusive, safe and prosperous of our cities and communities for generations to come, and,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That young people are an especially important part of urban settlements and that our dynamism, skills, creativity, and commitment contribute to the construction of a better urban future;

That we have problems and challenges, which at the same time constitute opportunities to improve cities, such as:

I. Environment

- Sacrificing fauna for establishing monocultures;
- Forcing the environment to adapt to human activities
- Reducing the natural terrain in exchange for human activities;
- Overconsumption and the generation of more material desires

II. Economic growth, entrepreneurship, and employment opportunity

- Lack of prior education and job training;
- Lack of citizen awareness;
- Lack of financial education within educational institutions;
- Limited work access;
- Lack of social (experience), financial; (credits/requirements) and government support

III. Gender, LGBTIQ+ and diversity

- Insecurity;
- Dehumanizing living spaces;
- Lack of representativeness in decision-making spaces;
- Reproduction of gender stereotypes in public policies;
- Maintaining rape culture;
- Gentrification and speculation on the right to housing;
- Spaces without identity;
- Lack of urban planning with a gender focus;
- Design of media discourses that make invisible or condemn diversity

IV. Migration and people in a situations of human mobility

- The inclusion of information on human mobility in education systems;
- Loss of collective values;
- Regularization of migrant policies and visibility;
- Opportunities for people in situations of human mobility;
- Discrimination and xenophobia;
- The lack of tolerant policies;
- The lack of construction of economic, social, and cultural knowledge

V. Youth governance

- Lack of youth representation in local governments;
- Lack of public-private partnerships;
- Adult centrism;
- Lack of youth leadership;
- Lack of connectivity in rural areas;
- Invisibility of women within decision-making spaces

That it is necessary to strengthen links and alliances between the various actors integral development in the city of Quito, as well as around the world to create networks of exchange and action. Such actors include:

1. The national government
2. Local government
3. Ministry of Urban Development and Housing
4. Ministry of Environment
5. The Mayor's Office of DMQ
6. Large companies—pioneering projects
7. Academia, schools, and colleges
8. Civil society
9. Media
10. United Nations
11. International organizations
12. Non-governmental organizations
13. LGBTIQ+ Community
14. Host communities and groups
15. Financial institutions and employers

That the coordinated involvement of local and national governments to advance innovative and revolutionary agendas for young people is of fundamental importance;

That the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals is an opportunity to focus on youth action with the purpose of "leaving no one or any territory behind";

That the New Urban Agenda issued in Otavalo in 2016 is another pillar for comprehensive development of young people that can be achieved with their participation;

That for the achievement of the above purposes, it is necessary to enhance the strength that each young person and their organizations, to advance with concrete actions towards a future in which everyone can benefit and prosper, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic situation.

That we have created this space, the Youth 2030 Cities National Urban Forum, to openly discuss crucial issues identified by the young participants and to find sustainable and inclusive solutions;

WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

We intend to be young ambassadors to generate a significant impact;

We seek to make visible the problems and find solutions related to the environment and climate action, gender and diversities, situations of human mobility, youth governance and economic growth and employment options;

We bear in mind the importance of building cities by and for women, diverse communities, and vulnerable populations;

We seek to ensure the safety and integrity of diverse people in all public spaces;

We seek to highlight the need to form spaces that guarantee free expression;

We seek to break patrimonial and discriminatory violence by fully exercising our rights;

We believe that access to basic services should not be limited for women and diverse persons;

We strive to make visible the different realities of human mobility from a point of intersectionality;

We understand human mobility as a right and move towards a reality without discrimination;

We seek to encourage the State to report on spaces for participation;

We seek to appropriate spaces for youth participation;

We aim to territorialize advocacy mechanisms for the creation of public policies; and

We call for the modernization of the state to reduce bureaucracy.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS:

To fulfill these commitments, we believe all of society must unite. At the Youth 2030 Cities Forum in Quito, we identified what each key stakeholder needs to do to support meaningful youth action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Young people must:

- Humanize the recycling process, promote through social networks, create incentives, activation in neighborhoods, community articulation, educate neighbors, and be ambassadors of the cause;
- Create more youth forums and community spaces;
- Actively engage in demanding the fulfillment of their rights unmarked by a heteropatriarchal dynamic;
- Implement subjects that generate knowledge of problems of human mobility and intersectionality
- Together with the academy; generate spaces or platforms for participation for young people;
- Integrate young community leaders into decision-making;
- Contribute to the democratic and intersectional construction of public policy, in addition to the advocacy, opportunity and security of politicians with a focus on human rights; and
- Raise our voices, have an initiative, promote, and participate in spaces of youth inclusion, consider cultural diversity and be willing to make a change with action.

National governments must:

- Implement reforestation programs;
- Propose public policies with a gender focus;
- Generate migration regularization methodologies for people in human mobility;
- Recognize Venezuelans through the State;
- Welcome the proposals, contributions, and observations of young people in the Organic Youth Law; and
- Reform public policies, and delegate local government programs for entrepreneurship and access to employment.

Local governments must:

- Manage solid waste through local support;
- Develop diverse and sustainable cities;
- Strengthen protection systems in relation to young people in diversity; and
- Implement programs graduated by the national government without political bias.

United Nations agencies must:

- Ensure that projects have a gender focus;
- Support and strengthen spaces for inter-institutional articulation; and
- Create awareness campaigns and promote spaces for youth inclusion, creation of action plans for national governments.

Intergovernmental organizations must:

- Promote spaces for dialogue;
- Promote education and social knowledge at the global level; and
- Promote integration through planning and intergovernmental organization, to achieve joint goals.

Civil society must:

- Provide environmental education;
- Actively participate in the dialogue on inclusion and diversity;
- Make visible issues of individual rights; and
- Be aware of the origin of products and services consumed.

Private sector must:

- Invest in reforestation from private institutions;
- Invest in social work projects;
- Implement social co-responsibility policy; and
- Training employees

CLOSURE:

Above are the recommendations and objectives of young people to localize the Sustainable Development Goals in Ecuador. We are ready and willing to partner with our local governments and other stakeholders to join forces towards building more inclusive and sustainable cities and communities. We call on governments and local authorities to take urgent action to ensure that our voices are heard, and actions are taken seriously. As young and responsible citizens who have already been working hard to improve our cities, we pledge to continue to be part of the implementation of the action points outlined in this "DeclarACTION".

PRESENTED BY:

The participants of the National Urban Forum Youth2030 in Quito, Ecuador.



Youth DeclarACTION on Sustainable Urbanization, Accra, Ghana

March 30, 2022

We, the representatives of youth organizations from Ghana, gathered at the first National Urban Youth 2030 Cities Forum of the United Nations Human Settlements System (UN-Habitat) in the City of Accra, Ghana, on March 29-30th, 2022, to declare our right to the city and express our intention to work with all stakeholders towards the meaningful inclusion of youth in the sustainable, inclusive, safe and prosperous development of our cities and communities to create friendlier environments for the next generations.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT

That given the nature of the 2030 Agenda, we, the youth, leverage ALL efforts to live the true meaning of leaving no one behind through localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda as founded on knowledge, understanding and responsibility to ensure that communities/cities are at the center of SDGs achievement.

That the most important issues facing young people in Ghana are:

I. Sanitation

- Limited enforcement of sanitation bylaws.
- Improper waste disposal.
- Increased quantities of plastic waste in water bodies and in the streets.
- Improper management of landfills.

II. Unemployment

- Disconnect in job placement from education system.
- Unemployment and underemployment.
- Limited recognition and appreciation of art.

III. Teenage pregnancy

- Inadequate information on sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- Culture of silence within communities.

IV. Child labour

- Unequal opportunities in communities.
- Lack of action by enforcement bodies

V. Substance abuse

- Poor parental care.
- Peer pressure.
- Broken homes and curiosity.

VI. Political violence

- Incentives from political parties before elections.
- Limited access to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and other soft skills to suit young people.

VII. Open defecation

- Limited sensitization on open defecation.
- Expensive costs for constructing household toilets.
- Lack of enforcement of laws on public health and open defecation

VII. Poverty

- Lack of participation of youth in decision making.
- Expensive healthcare.
- Limited employment opportunities.
- Challenges in accessing education for children and youth.

That it is necessary to strengthen key links that exist between actors in the City of Accra, as well as around the world to create networks for exchange and action. Such actors include-

1. The National Government
2. The Local Government
3. Academia
4. Civil Societies
5. Academia
6. Private Sector
7. United Nations Agencies
8. Community Based Organizations
9. Non-Governmental organizations

That the involvement of the local and national government in advancing innovative and revolutionary agendas for young people is essential;

That the framework of Agenda 2030 and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals requires localizing capacities, especially among youth to be prepared to advance the agenda in their local communities from the ground up;

That the New Urban Agenda is a pillar of comprehensive development that can be achieved at all levels: local, national, regional and international;

That each young person and their actions are important, and strengthen the move towards a future where everyone can benefit and prosper, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

That we, the young people of Ghana, have created this space, the National Youth2030 Urban Forum, to openly discuss critical issues determined by youth participants and find sustainable and inclusive solutions through certain actions defined below.

WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

In the context of the Focus Groups and Training Workshops, as well as in the conversations and ideas that emerged at the Youth2030 National Youth Forum, the youth of Ghana from diverse experiences have established the following SDGs as the most important given our local reality and the shortcomings we see in everyday life:

Decent work and Economic growth

Sustainable Cities and Communities

Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Good Health and Wellbeing

Gender Equality

Sanitation

Climate Action

Water and Sanitation among others

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS:

In order to meet these commitments, all of society must come together.

At the Youth 2030 Cities Forum in Accra, we identified what each key stakeholder must do to support meaningful youth action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Young people must:

- Recycle plastic waste to help reduce the amount of plastic waste in our water bodies and on the street.
- Enhance communication with parents on Sexual and Reproductive Health and rights.
- Young people must step up and avoid taking incentives from political parties before elections.
- Engage in decision making.

The National government must:

- Improve sanitation facilities to curb improper waste disposal.
- Adjust the educational system to constitute more of vocational training.
- Provide seminars on entrepreneurship.
- Introduce sexual and reproductive health and rights information in the school curriculum to educate adolescent girls and boys to enable them have adequate information on their sexual activities and make informed decisions.
- Create equal opportunities in communities to end child labour.
- Create and enforce laws to curb child labour.
- Create employment opportunities to fit the set skills to avoid young.
- Create diverse opportunities for everyone

Local governments must:

- Enforce by-laws on sanitation.
- Properly manage landfills.
- Provide financial support to support youth with artistic skills.
- Providing necessary social amenities within communities.
- Enhance rehabilitation services and awareness on substance abuse.
- Increase public education on open defecation.
- Build toilet facilities for communities.
- Enforce laws regulating public health and open defecation.

The United Nations must:

- Sensitize on the SDGs and youthled development.
- Create synergies with local and national government to enhance action and impact evaluation.

Inter-governmental organizations must:

- Conduct sensitization efforts targeting young people in communities by National Commission on Civic Education (NCCE) before general election to curb political violence

The civil society must:

- Advocate on environmentally safe practices.
- Call for peer coaching and mentorships along with advocating for the elimination of the culture of silence on teenage pregnancies.

The private sector must:

- Make changes in industrial technique to accommodate the education system.
- Allocate job opportunities to youth within communities.
- Build household toilets at reduced prices.

CLOSING:

Highlighted above are young people's recommendations and goals for localizing the Sustainable Development Goals in Ghana. We are ready and willing to partner with our local governments and other stakeholders to join forces towards building more inclusive and sustainable cities and communities.

We ask the governments and local authorities to take urgent steps to ensure that our voices are listened to and actions taken seriously. As young and responsible citizens who have already been working hard to improve our cities, we commit to continue to be part of the implementation of the action points outlined in this "DeclarACTION".

PRESENTED BY:

The participants of the National Urban Forum Youth2030 in Accra, Ghana.



Youth DeclarACTION on Sustainable Urbanization, Thiès, Senegal

March 31, 2022

We, the youth, gathered this Thursday, March 31, 2022, in Thiès during the Youth 2030 Cities Forum, took advantage of this opportunity to exchange and dialogue on the challenges and issues of the 2030 agenda for young people.

Aware of the commitments made by our governments to the international community and the United Nations system to develop dynamic policies to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

Convinced of the potential of the young people we represent to capture the demographic dividend, to ensure quality education, a healthy life, an ideal living environment and sustainable jobs for the development of this youth, we demand from the Government of Senegal the acceleration of the “leave no one behind” strategy action plan.

We ask the State, local and administrative authorities to mobilize resources to have disaggregated data for young people, girls, people with disabilities for the purpose of implementing policies and programs that specifically meet the needs of these targets.

We also ask the State, local and administrative authorities to strengthen the meaningful participation of young people in citizen consultations, in debates on budgetary guidelines, youth employability, access to land, national and international meetings.

We are committed to advocating with local and administrative authorities so that the local development plans of local authorities are articulated on SDGs planning and that this latter can develop spaces for the construction of schools, nursing schools, health posts, centers dedicated to adolescents and above all roofs for this generation.

We are committed to advocating with the State and local authorities for the protection of the environment, the security of urban development plans for the fulfillment and development of young people without any form of discrimination (fun activities, sports playgrounds, green spaces, cultural centres).

We invite the State to consider all forms of insecurity and especially issues related to juvenile justice (long detentions) and facilitate the reintegration of young people in conflict with the law.

We, the youth, are committed to appropriating and popularizing the SDGs in our organizations and in our grassroots communities.

We are committed to contributing to the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs.



Youth DeclarACTION on Sustainable Urbanization, Cali, Colombia

March 19, 2022

We, the representatives of youth organizations from Cali and its surroundings, gathered at the first National Urban Youth 2030 Cities Forum at the behest of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in the City of Cali, Colombia, on March 19, 2022, in view of our right to the city, and expressing our intention to work with all stakeholders towards the meaningful inclusion of young people in sustainable urbanization, towards inclusive, safe and prosperous cities and communities for generations to come, and,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That young people are an especially important part of urban settlements and that our dynamism, capabilities, skills, and commitment contribute to the construction of a better urban future; That we have problems and challenges, which at the same time constitute opportunities to improve cities, such as:

I. Gender equality

- Violations and undesirable comments;
- Homophobia and judgment for the way you dress;
- Mistreatment, racism, and gender stereotyping;
- Wage-inequality for women;
- Exclusion of women in choosing their own sexuality

II. Urban development and pedestrian and road safety

- Poor quality of traffic lights and road safety;
- Lack of respect for pedestrian space;
- Lack of awareness of traffic wardens

III. Youth governance

- Lack of clear communication between government and citizens;
- We do not have relationships with people who can implement the ideas we would like to make happen;
- The institutions we seek help from, are not empowered;
- Poor community support towards developing projects

IV. Economic growth, employment options and entrepreneurship

- Not enough funds to buy basic necessities;
- Lack of employment and entrepreneurship opportunities;
- There are few opportunities for in-depth analysis of options such as solid waste management businesses;
- Lack of educational opportunities for young people and their families

V. Urban expansion and environment

- Environment Pollution;
- Pollution of water resources;
- Failure to care for plants;
- Global warming;
- Failure to care for animals;
- Incompetent and corrupt governments

That it is necessary to strengthen links and alliances between the various actors integral to the development of the city of Cali, as well as around the world to create networks of exchange and action. Such actors include:

1. The Secretariat of Government, Cali
2. The Secretariat of Economic
3. Development, Cali
4. The Sub-secretariat for Disaster Management
5. The Secretariat of Territory & Citizen Participation
6. The Secretariat of Health
7. Mayor's Office of Cali
8. The National Government
9. The Government of Valle del Cauca
10. Prosecutor's Office
11. Police and security guards
12. Universities
13. Business community
14. Local population

That the involvement of the local and national government in advancing innovative and revolutionary agendas for young people is essential;

That the framework of Agenda 2030 and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals requires localizing capacities, especially among youth to be prepared to advance the agenda in their local communities from the ground up;

That the New Urban Agenda is a pillar of comprehensive development that can be achieved at all levels: local, national, regional and international;

That each young person and their actions are important, and strengthen the move towards a future where everyone can benefit and prosper, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

That we, the young people of Ghana, have created this space, the National Youth 2030 Cities Urban Forum, to openly discuss critical issues determined by youth participants and find sustainable and inclusive solutions through certain actions defined below.

WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

We, as young people in the district, see the need to create healthy, sustainable, clean, and safe public spaces.

We will listen carefully to those who help us to act, such as organizations like Vivo Mi Calle.

We will learn to recognize and respect the rules and agreements of dialogue spaces.

We will work wisely together with our colleagues to train ourselves as well-rounded and professional people.

We understand that governance is important for young people and their dreams.

We declare that governments should be more open to young people's views.

We reaffirm that our actions and statements show our abilities.

We are aware of community power, and we will create support networks with families, friends, and neighbors to carry our ideas to fruition

We recognize that communication between neighborhoods and institutions is essential to influence other young people to create support networks and be aware of problems.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS:

To fulfill these commitments, we believe all of society must be united. At the National Urban Forum Youth2030, Cali, we identified what each key stakeholder needs to do to support meaningful youth action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Young people must:

- Not exclude women in sports, work or at home;
- Call for more and better woman protection;
- Seek help from public forces for collective actions;
- Be active for our future and ideas;
- Deploy actions and activities to support other people;
- Communicate to influence other young people;
- Respect authority's issues;
- Be more aware and assertive of those spaces and topics that allow our participation;
- Spread respect and tolerance through their actions;
- Seek solutions, in the community and our city, with respectful dialogue;
- Raise awareness about road safety in social media and through programs;
- Raise awareness that change starts with us on road safety; and
- Strive to be heard and learn how to listen and discuss.

Local governments must:

- Improve communication; meetings and action programs;
- Make laws that protect young people;
- Improve quality of life and give young people support with tools to be able to make a better public place to live together;
- Provide training to be able to have more employment opportunities;
- Provide education opportunities;
- Create scholarships for education and/or entrepreneurship;
- Educate drivers on road safety;
- Improve traffic lights and add more traffic signals;
- Listen to the community to improve pedestrians' quality of life;
- Raise awareness among people to avoid contamination of rainwater channels and other public spaces;
- Create conversation spaces to encourage citizen participation where all young people have a voice and vote; and
- Allocate more green spaces in all neighborhoods.

National governments must:

- Support young people's opinion to have an adequate present and future;
- Create education against driving under alcohol influence;
- Reduce corruption and consider people's opinions;
- Look for natural alternatives to not cut down our forest and use more solar energy; and
- Finance sustainable public policies.

Intergovernmental organizations should:

- Improve public spaces;
- Provide information and make surveys;
- Give more financial support to improve road, pedestrian, and urban safety; and
- Fund programs seeking a better environment.

United Nations agencies must:

- Create networks to allow Cali's youth to meet young people from other countries and exchange ideas;
- Help create pedestrian, road, and urban development safety efforts;
- Provide workshops on environmental care;
- Help young people to be heard; and
- Highlight programs such as Vivo Mi Calle.

Civil society must:

- Support Community Leaders;
- Integrate young people within their development plans;
- Provide training workshops;
- Encourage mental health education; and
- Dialogue to reach an agreement and be able to act.

Private sector must:

- Assist with caring for and maintaining public spaces;
- Create campaigns that help create awareness of climate change impact;
- Donate towards sustainable urbanization; and
- Find solutions to avoid extinction of natural species and habitats.

CLOSURE:

Above are the recommendations and objectives of young people to localize the Sustainable Development Goals in Colombia. We are ready and willing to partner with our local governments and other stakeholders to join forces towards building more inclusive and sustainable cities and communities. We call on governments and local authorities to take urgent action to ensure that our voices are heard, and actions are taken seriously. As young and responsible citizens who have already been working hard to improve our cities, we pledge to continue to be part of the implementation of the action points outlined in this "DeclarACTION".

PRESENTED BY:

The participants of the National Urban Forum in Cali, Colombia.



Youth DeclarACTION on Sustainable Urbanization, Da Nang, Viet Nam

June 12, 2022

We, the representatives of youth organizations from Da Nang and its surroundings, gathered at the first National Urban Youth 2030 Cities Forum at the behest of the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) on 12 June 2022 in view of our right to the city, and expressing our intention to work with all stakeholders towards the meaningful inclusion of young people in sustainable development, inclusive, safe and prosperous of our cities and communities for generations to come, and,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That young people are an especially important part of urban settlements and that our dynamism, skills, creativity, and commitment contribute to the construction of a better urban future;

That we have problems and challenges, which at the same time constitute opportunities to improve cities, such as:

I. Education

- Theory-focused, and impractical; lack of emphasis on real-world problems and experiential learning;
- Lack of adequate education of ethics (civic education); life skills or sex education
- Lack of guidance in the right manner and youth's disorientation
- Pressure from peers, parents, and teachers on achievements
- School bullying
- Inequality in education in regard to access to education and quality of education between rural and urban areas.

II. Environment

- Economic growth at the cost of the environment and nature
- Biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation; wildlife trafficking and use of wildlife products
- Clear climate change impacts; worsening urban heat island effect, and worsening natural disasters
- Improper resilient infrastructure, e.g. drainage systems
- Inadequate green cover in urban areas
- Pollution (solid waste, air, water, noise)
- Overpopulation, unsustainable mass production, and mass consumption
- Greenwashing, e.g., unsustainable eco-tourism

III. Creativity and Innovation

- Lack of spaces (both cyber and physical) for creativity and innovation to thrive
- Lack of mechanisms and initiatives to utilise mundane creativity and innovation
- Limited digitalisation by the government and businesses
- Brain drain

IV. Conflict and Violence

- Cyber-space and media violence
- School bullying
- Domestic violence
- Lack of awareness and adequate attention to non-physical forms of abuse and violence
- Information pollution, e.g. misinformation leading to misconception
- Discrimination

V. Youth governance and partnership

- Lack of opportunities and space for youth participation in large-scale development
- Lack of partnership between stakeholders (public-private-people)
- Lack of information
- Bureaucracy

That it is necessary to strengthen links and alliances between the various actors integral development in the city of Da Nang, as well as around the world to create networks of exchange and action. Such actors include:

- 1.Youth and youth unions, youth organisations
- 2.National government
- 3.Local governments
- 4.Families and communities
- 5.Academia, educational institutions/schools
- 6.Private sector
- 7.International organisations, including United Nations agencies
- 8.Civil society and non-governmental organisations
- 9.Media

That the coordinated involvement of local and national governments to advance innovative and revolutionary agendas for young people is of fundamental importance;

That the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals is an opportunity to encourage and highlight youth action with the purpose of "leaving no one or any territory behind";

That the New Urban Agenda is another pillar for the comprehensive development of young people that can be achieved with their participation;

That for the achievement of the above purposes, it is necessary to enhance the strength that each young person and their organizations, to advance with concrete actions towards a future in which everyone can benefit and prosper, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic situation.

That we have created this space, the Youth 2030 Cities National Urban Forum, to openly discuss crucial issues identified by the young participants and to find sustainable and inclusive solutions; find sustainable and inclusive solutions;

WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

We believe that youth should be acknowledged as an important actor to drive development of today, not only tomorrow and as youth, shall seek to enhance our participation and impact in development problems identified;

We believe that people should be at the centre of development while a healthy and functional Earth system shall underpin development, and that people have the power to impact every aspect of life on Earth;

We realise that development problems are closely interlinked, as Earth is a connected socio-ecological system;

We realise the importance of localisation of problems, impacts of and solutions for problems regarding sustainable matters; that the same problem can have different impacts depending on the geography/topography, and thus, requires customised solutions by all actors;

We are aware of the importance of being proactive, that “it is better to prevent than to cure diseases”;

We recognise that partnership among all stakeholders is critical to achieving sustainable development at all levels, to avoiding overlapping of activities and ineffective use of limited resources;

We seek opportunities to work with different stakeholders, including local government as we all act towards a common goal;

We understand the power of communities, and as we act to make visible pressing problems and solve them within our best ability, we will also empower, and call for active support and actions from families and friends, neighbours and communities;

We aim to create and urge for the creation of spaces for youth participation, knowledge and experience-sharing dialogues on shared-interest development issues among stakeholders, as well as the creation of spaces for creativity and innovation to be experimented and realised;

We strive to make visible discrimination and stigma against LGBTQ+ communities, mental health issues, and exclusion of marginalised groups;

We encourage the idea of harmony between humans and nature by trying to adopt a green lifestyle ourselves and call for adequate attention and action for the environment.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS:

To fulfill these commitments, we believe all of society must unite. At the Youth 2030 Cities Forum in Da Nang, we identified what each key stakeholder needs to do to support meaningful youth action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Young people must:

- Create more platforms and spaces for creativity and innovation, for knowledge and experience-sharing, lesson learning, as well as for community engagement in sustainable development problems;
- Gain and strengthen skills and knowledge on the subjects of sustainable development deemed pressing;
- Raise our voices, create initiatives, promote and participate in campaigns, projects, and programs that are a part of the solutions to problems interested in;
- Inspire, raise awareness, empower, and call for actions by communities using various platforms, including social media;
- Learn to identify and assess problems, false and misleading information; aware of origin of products and services used;
- Reconnect with nature by adopt a green lifestyle: reduce-reuse-recycle, use of public transportation, planting trees and help to conserve nature and biodiversity;
- Have self-awareness; keep track of and tend to our own health and wellbeing;
- Actively seek for opportunities to be engaged in large-scale transformative projects;

National governments must:

- Review and improve public policies to be more inclusive for the marginalised groups, particularly regarding access to quality education and health treatment;
- Integration/mainstreaming/taking into account global change, including environmental change and climate change, into decision-making and policy-making process;
- Open for community engagement in decision-making;
- Reform education to focus more on experimental learning and practice rather than theories, and to integrate mental health, gender and sex education and life skills into formal curricula;
- Promote nature-based solutions and sustainable ecosystem conservation;

National governments must:

- Create initiatives for the adoption of circular economy and green lifestyle; public transportation use;
- Implement inclusive, resilient and eco-friendly urban planning and regeneration;
- Create more platforms and spaces for creativity and innovation, for knowledge and experience-sharing, lesson learning, as well as for community engagement in sustainable development problems;
- Conduct serious social and environmental impact assessment of development projects proposed by investors;
- Have awareness-raising campaigns on different issues, customised for different targeted groups, e.g. parents and families on mental health and education of their children;
- Welcome youth ideas and participation, along with communities', in decision-making and policy-making;
- Application of innovation and technology to solve problems;
- Strengthen waste management system in all stages of the lifecycles.

United Nations Agencies must:

- Support the mainstreaming of responsive approaches (climate-responsive, gender-responsive, e.g.) in policies development;
- Promote international partnership for sustainable development;
- Help to spread knowledge and awareness and form global narratives on pressing issues towards common goals;
- Support youth inclusion in development.

Intergovernmental organisations must:

- Promote platforms and spaces for creativity and innovation, for knowledge and experience-sharing, lesson learning, as well as for community engagement in sustainable development problems;
- Help to spread knowledge and awareness and form global narratives on pressing issues towards common goals;
- Support youth inclusion in development;
- Promote international partnership for sustainable development;

Civil society must:

- Promote platforms and spaces for creativity and innovation, for knowledge and experience-sharing, lesson learning, as well as for community engagement in sustainable development problems;
- Provide training workshops from community and practitioners' perspectives
- Engage communities and youth in programs, and projects;
- Make visible issues faced by communities and individual, especially by the marginalised;
- Help to spread knowledge and awareness on pressing issues.

Private sector must:

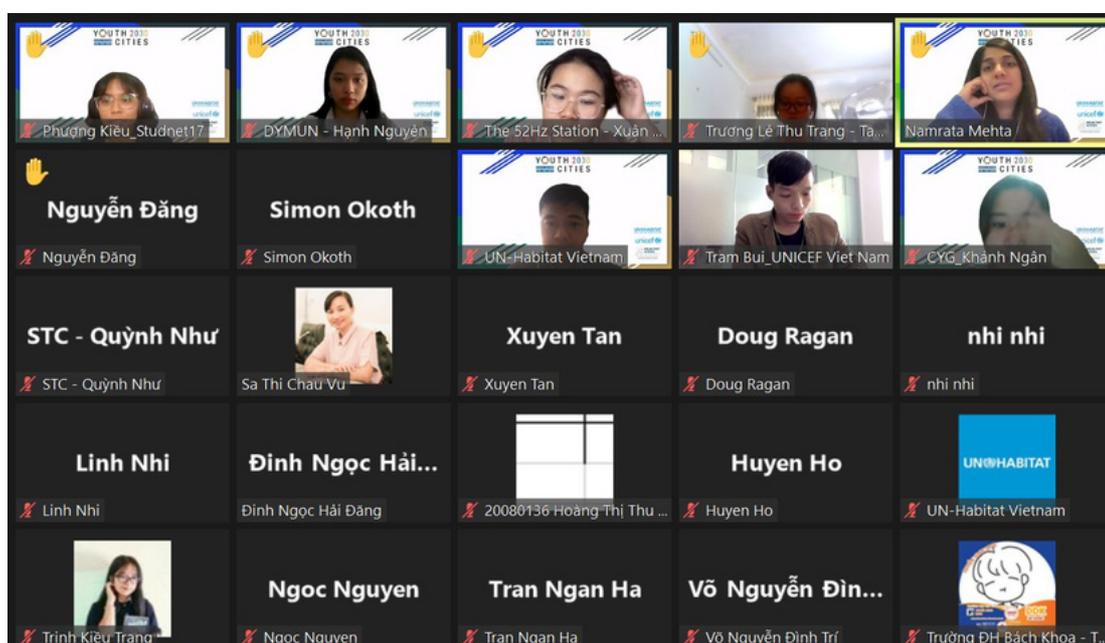
- Be mindful and responsible for social and environmental problems in their businesses;
- Become an active part of the circular economy;
- Create more platforms and spaces for creativity and innovation, for knowledge and experience-sharing, lesson learning, as well as for community engagement in sustainable development problems;
- Support in experimenting/developing new and innovative solutions, including green energies and technologies;
- Invest in and provide financial support for development projects, including social, educational and environmental projects;
- Provide green and decent job opportunities;
- Train employees;

CLOSURE

Above are the recommendations and objectives of young people to localize the Sustainable Development Goals Viet Nam. We are ready and willing to partner with our local governments and other stakeholders to join forces towards building more inclusive and sustainable cities and communities. We call on governments and local authorities to take urgent action to ensure that our voices are heard, and actions are taken seriously. As young and responsible citizens who have already been working hard to improve our cities, we pledge to continue to be part of the implementation of the action points outlined in this "DeclarACTION".

PRESENTED BY:

The participants of the National Urban Forum Youth 2030 Cities in Da Nang, Viet Nam.



Youth DeclarACTION on Sustainable Urbanization, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India

June 14, 2022

We, the representatives of youth organizations from Jaipur and its surroundings, gathered at the first National Urban Youth 2030 Cities Forum at the behest of the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) in the City of Jaipur, India, on 14th June, 2022, in view of our right to the city, and expressing our intention to work with all stakeholders towards the meaningful inclusion of young people in sustainable development, inclusive, safe and prosperous of our cities and communities for generations to come, and,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That young people are an especially important part of urban settlements and that our dynamism, skills, creativity, and commitment contribute to the construction of a better urban future;

That we have problems and challenges, which at the same time constitute opportunities to improve cities, such as:

I. Child Labour

- Due to poverty and need to supplement incomes in large families, children are sent to unorganized labour and are subject to exploitation or all kinds
- Children are forced to drop out of school in urban settlements are forced to work instead
- Children in street situations or those that are orphaned are more at risk of being forced into labour.

II. Extreme Poverty

- Lack of job opportunities with dignified income for youth and adults
- After effects of COVID-19 lockdowns and economic conditions of the country
- People are stuck in a cycle of poverty owing to lack of education

III. Child Abuse

- Lack of age appropriate sex education
- Parents are unaware of this form of abuse and don't believe their children
- Lack of awareness in schools and other institutions
- Children and adults both do not have the language or vocabulary to talk about child abuse

IV. Substance Abuse

- Children in labour or out of school are prone to fall into bad company, such as older youth that already have an addiction to drugs
- Youth are forced into jobs without dignity and manual labour that is grueling in nature hence they seek respite through drugs and alcohol
- Bad politics is played in urban settlements in an effort to buy votes alcohol and other substances are distributed for free at first and then later given conditional to voting habits

V. Child Marriage

- Dowry is still prevalent in communities hence early marriage is an economic decision for most families in poverty
- Lack of education in the family and a pressure to follow archaic traditions
- If a child has dropped out of school they are immediately pressured into marriage, especially if she is a girl

V. Menstrual Hygiene

- People who menstruate are still seen as impure and the first period is traditionally spent in isolation
- Lack of waste management of used sanitary napkins
- Menstrual hygiene products are not seen as an essential expense like clean food, water and shelter

That it is necessary to strengthen links and alliances between the various actors integral development in Jaipur, as well as around the world to create networks of exchange and action. Such actors include:

- 1.Youth and youth unions, youth organisations
- 2.National government
- 3.Local governments
- 4.Families and communities
- 5.Academia, educational institutions/schools
- 6.Private sector
- 7.International organisations, including United Nations agencies
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That for the achievement of the above purposes, it is necessary to enhance the strength that each young person and their organizations, to advance with concrete actions towards a future in which everyone can benefit and prosper, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic situation.

That we have created this space, the Youth 2030 Cities National Urban Forum, to openly discuss crucial issues identified by the young participants and to find sustainable and inclusive solutions; find sustainable and inclusive solutions;

We make the following statement:

Youth are ready to organise, mobilise and raise our voice for our rights

We want a world where discrimination on the basis of caste, class, religion and gender don't exist

We want to break systems that oppress the marginalised communities and those that are most at risk

We want cities to be safer for women and those of diverse genders

We want to participate actively in governance decisions and help our political leaders to choose wisely on our behalf

Access to basic infrastructure is every human being's right and we hope to work positively towards that

We seek to encourage reporting of child rights violations across our city

We seek to leverage advocacy moments and platforms to our advantage

We call for the 'Smart Cities' programme in India to actively engage the young population in their plans and implementation

We want to reduce bureaucracy and corruption in city services and schemes

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS:

To fulfill these commitments, we believe all of society must unite. At the Youth 2030 Cities Forum in Jaipur, we identified what each key stakeholder needs to do to support meaningful youth action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Young people must:

- Bring other young people together and build an active community
- Integrate young community leaders into decision-making
- Raise our voices, have an initiative, promote, and participate in spaces of youth inclusion, consider cultural diversity and be willing to make a change with action
- Create peer - education programs that can support youth who are disconnected from education
- Participate and lead awareness programmes on the issues that they feel are most connected to them
- Support in moral and value education for parents and community

National governments must:

- Support single parents and orphans with pension which helps in education as well
- Create easy to use systems to avail governmental schemes
- Education should be free till high school rather than only till middle school
- Create better waste management systems specially for menstrual hygiene products
- Provide quality education in government schools, at par with the private schools
- Governments must support youth participation and organisations led by youth

Non-Governmental Organisations/Civil Society must:

- Provide awareness and support to the youth to avail schemes and provisions specially those who are most marginalized
- Host and train youth on life skills that help in getting well-paying jobs
- Take the lead of children and youth when it comes to awareness programs meant for community, specially parents

Private Sector must:

- Solve the major bureaucratic problems through technological solutions
- Raise funds to support Civil Society organisations
- Invest in public private partnerships
- Train employees and provide affirmative action in their hiring process

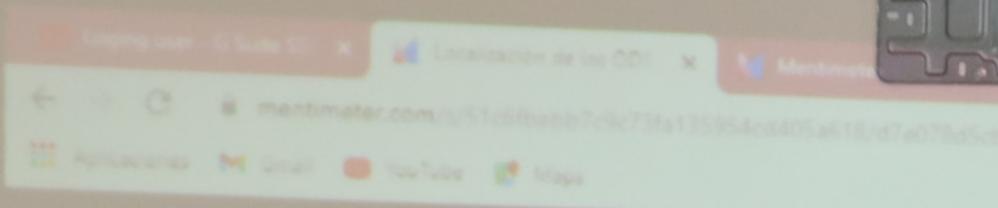
CLOSURE

Above are the recommendations and objectives of young people to localize the Sustainable Development Goals in Jaipur, India. We are ready and willing to partner with our local governments and other stakeholders to join forces towards building more inclusive and sustainable cities and communities. We call on governments and local authorities to take urgent action to ensure that our voices are heard, and actions are taken seriously. As young and responsible citizens who have already been working hard to improve our cities, we pledge to continue to be part of the implementation of the action points outlined in this "DeclarACTION".

PRESENTED BY:

The participants of the National Urban Forum Youth2030 in Jaipur, India.





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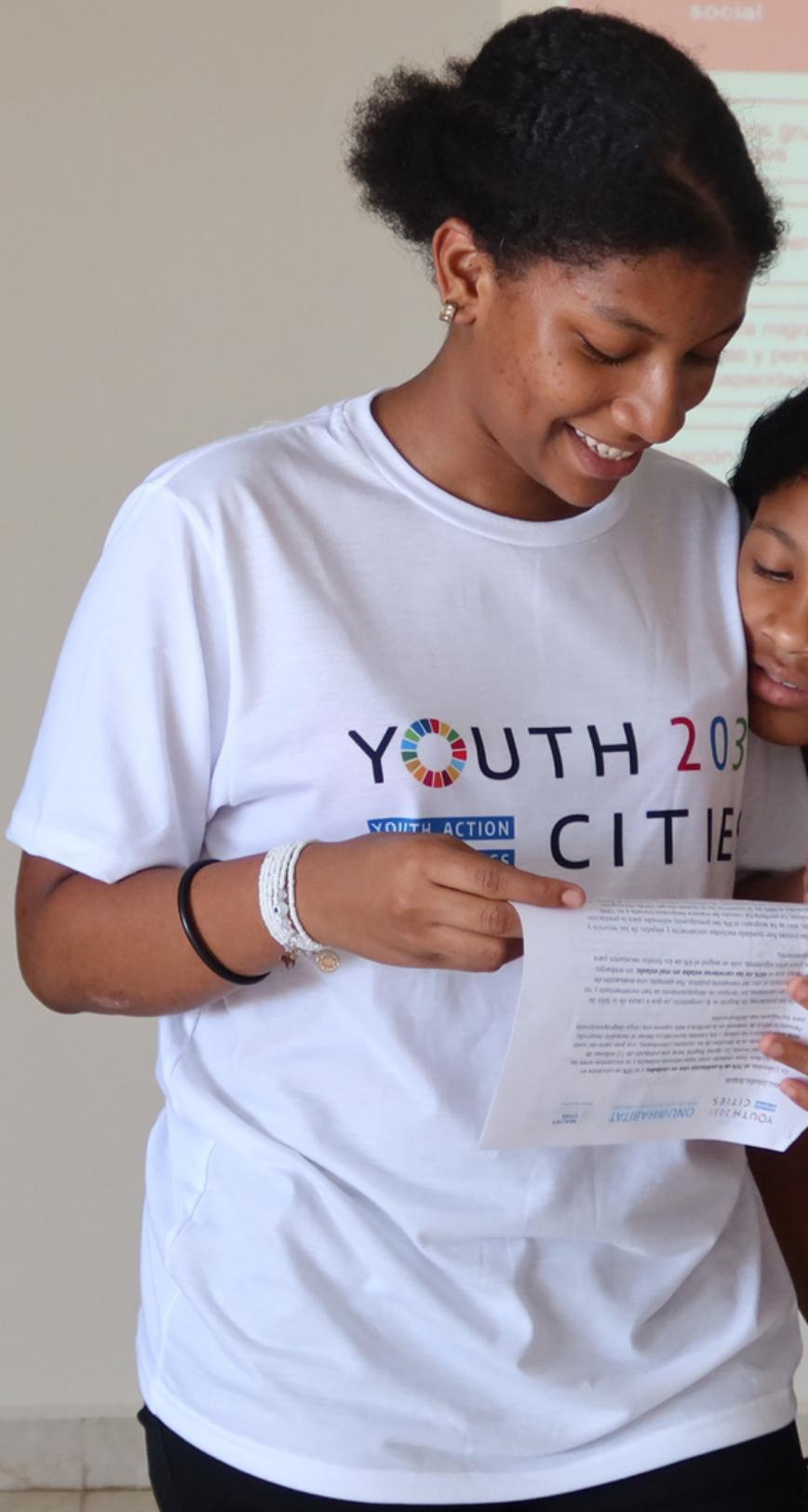
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