

GENERATION CONNECT YOUTH ENVOYS APPLICATION 2024

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[About the Generation Connect Youth Envoys](#)

1. Who are the GC Youth Envoys?

The Generation Connect Youth Envoys is a group of inspiring individuals selected at the regional level by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and nominated by the Member States. The Generation Connect Youth Envoys aim to voluntarily support national, regional, and global initiatives concerning ICTs-related issues for young people. This includes involvement in projects targeting youth empowerment through access and use of the ICTs and in activities promoting educational and socio-economic empowerment of the young generation in the digital world. They represent youth voices in discussions, events, and activities related to digital transformation. As changemakers, they voluntarily engage to support ITU's work on providing equal and equitable ICTs opportunities to advance a sustainable and inclusive digital future for the young generation.

2. Do my opinions and interventions represent the ITU and/or the country or region during my participation in events and related activities?

As a GC Youth Envoy, you can share your expertise and opinions in national, regional, and global meetings and forums based on youth related activities. However, your contributions reflect exclusively personal perspectives and are not considered official positions of your country/region or the ITU.

The views and opinions expressed by GC Youth Envoys do not necessarily reflect those of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), its membership, or its Secretariat. The ITU is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by GC Youth Envoys in their capacity and accepts no responsibility or liability for any consequences arising from their interventions or the use of such information. Mention of commercial names, products, or services done by GC Youth Envoys in their activities including but not exclusively through social media channels, does not imply endorsement by the ITU.

3. How long would be my appointment as a GC Youth Envoy?

Your appointment as a GC Youth Envoy is for a duration of two (2) years subject to the condition that you adhere to the terms of engagement applicable to GC Youth Envoys. Additionally, it is required that your age does not exceed 26 years throughout the tenure of your appointment.

4. Which is the value to be a GC Youth Envoy?

Being part of this global youth network offers opportunities to:

- Support national regional and global efforts to achieve socio economic development through the access to and use of ICTs for young people.
- Network with peers from your country, region and globally to increase impact of common youth related activities.

- Support the implementation of selected ITU activities and priorities at national, regional, and global levels.
- Participate in Generation Connect external youth events, regional and global ITU initiatives, including the Global Youth Summit 2024.

5. Can I promote my organization or products/services I am offering in the ICT field during my tenure as a GC Youth Envoy? Are my activities assimilated as ITU youth activities?

No, as a GC Youth Envoy, you are encouraged to share your projects, good practices and challenges from your own activities to benefit and inspire others who may wish to develop similar initiatives. However, it's important to note that this role should not be used as a platform for promoting your professional endeavours or for self-promotion.

Additionally, activities undertaken by GC Youth Envoys are not classified as ITU youth activities. Nonetheless, the ITU reserves the right to compile and report on the overall activities of GC Youth Envoys as required.

6. When I receive an invitation in my capacity as GC Youth Envoys should I inform ITU Secretariat about it?

Yes. Since you received an invitation on this capacity you should inform ITU Secretariat about your participation and outcome of this engagement. This will further enable ITU to include your contribution in the overall GC Youth Envoys annual report.

7. What are the Terms of Engagement for Generation Connect Youth Envoys?

- Co-design /engage/participate in implementation of relevant regional and global initiatives, projects, and events roundtables; consultation groups; events; trainings; workshops and webinars.
- Amplify and champion the work of Generation Connect in your diverse youth communities, through promotion of and active participation in relevant in ITU projects and initiatives.
- Contribute proactively with ideas, and by sharing expertise, good practices, and challenges as result of leading their youth related activities with the Generation Connect team.
- Promote youth digital inclusion recognising and respecting the diversity of ideas and opinions, and maintaining political neutrality in all contributions, focusing only on the scope of themes as agreed with ITU.

[About the application and selection process](#)

8. What are the selection criteria for becoming a GC Youth Envoy?

- Applicants must be between 18 and 24 years old.
- Diverse educational backgrounds are welcome, provided there is a demonstration of knowledge and/or specific interest in ICTs.
- Candidates should showcase measurable outcomes from their past or current activities utilizing ICTs for educational or socioeconomic advancement.

9. Is the application form available in all UN languages?

Yes. The application forms are accessible in the UN official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

10. Is there a participation fee for joining Generation Connect Youth Envoys?

No, there is no participation fee.

11. WHO CAN SUBMIT ON LINE APPLICATIONS:

Only candidates who were nominated by the administrations are eligible to apply.

12. Who can nominate candidates?

Only ITU Member States can nominate up to four candidates, aiming for gender balance.

13. Who confirms my participation?

Applications will be accepted from January 10th to February 10th, 2024. Successful applicants will be notified by the ITU, outlining the subsequent steps.

14. Will related costs for participation in ITU events and other engagements be covered if I am selected?

ITU has not specific fund for such purpose currently. Limited funds for fellowship may become available. ITU is willing to endorse such participation to support the necessary fundraising for this purpose. Furthermore, GC Youth Envoys may be informed of fellowship opportunities through a call for applications, when available.

However, seeking support, including financial assistance, from governmental and private institutions in your network is encouraged.

15. If I applied to be a GC Youth Envoy in the previous years, do I need to reapply for the 2024 call?

Nominations are at the discretion of Member States. Only if you are nominated by your Member State you may fill out this application form.

16. What happen after my period as Generation Connect Youth Envoy ends?

As a GC Youth Envoy alumna, you will remain part of a vibrant youth community advocating and supporting to build in your country, region and globally a more inclusive digital world in which young people have equal and equitable opportunities for their educational and socio-economic development. Additionally, you can continue to be involved in youth activities by mentoring other GC Youth Envoys as well as other young individuals by sharing your expertise and experience in youth related projects.

Finally, you'll have the chance to continue participate in an annual virtual gathering of this global community as a former GC Youth Envoy.