

Open Call: Bring Your Young Leaders to the Generation Connect Global Youth Summit!

What is the Generation Connect Global Youth Summit?

The Generation Connect Global Youth Summit will be held on 2-4 June 2022, in Kigali, Rwanda, preceding the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) under the WTDC's theme "Connecting the unconnected to achieve sustainable development". The Generation Connect Global Youth Summit will be in hybrid format. Youth aged 18-29 are invited to participate physically. Virtual participation will also be open to youth aged 15 and above.

What you can do to help make this Summit a Success:



Join the Generation Connect Global Youth Summit and bring your young leaders! Whether its young entrepreneurs, social change-makers or promising young engineers and policy specialists from your administration, company or university - show the world your next generation of talented young leaders. We need every ITU Member and region represented to help create an international movement of passionate youth advocates of change, who are using technology and ICTs in shaping our future.

Why your support matters – how youth will benefit:



The Generation Connect Global Youth Summit is the first of its kind and an exciting opportunity to foster sustainable innovation and digital inclusion. By coming to the Summit, your youth representatives will build new digital skills, debate and network with global decision makers of the ICT sector including decision makers, business leaders and make an impact on a global stage.



This Youth Summit is action-oriented; one of the key outputs will be a Youth Declaration to submit to world leaders at WTDC. The experience of participating in the Summit, will encourage young participants to go back to their countries, communities and organizations and redouble their efforts as global digital change makers.

Co-created Summit Programme with Youth at the Centre

As digital natives, youth are both leaders of today's rapidly changing environment, and the future. To keep youth at the centre of our mission and design a Youth Summit for youth with youth, we have engaged in co-design practices with ITU staff and youth from around the world.

As a result of this process, the structure, content, and outcomes of the Generation Connect Global Youth Summit are designed to meaningfully empower, engage, and encourage the participation of youth in the digital development dialogue, an essential step towards a more equitable and inclusive digital future.

We aim to have real impact on the lives of young people around the world and to ensure meaningful participation of youth in ITU as key stakeholders in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

