Youth Taking Action to Implement the 2030 Agenda
1-2 February 2016
United Nations Headquarters, New York

1 February 2016

10:00 – 10.45 AM OPENING SESSION

Opening remarks by:

- H.E. Mr. Oh Joon, President of ECOSOC
- Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Youth.

Keynote addresses by a youth delegate and youth organization representative.

10:45 AM – 1:00 PM SETTING THE STAGE

The 2030 Agenda for sustainable development includes specific goals and targets related to youth. In addition, the success of this Agenda will depend on how all sectors of societies engage in its implementation, beyond what is of direct concern to them, and contribute to follow-up and accountability mechanisms to be established in this context. This session aims at launching the discussion on the role young people can play in implementing the 2030 Agenda, on the main obstacles for their inclusive and meaningful participation, and on what should be done, including in terms of new governance mechanisms, to overcome them.

Moderator: Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Interaction with two Ministers of youth

Interactive discussion

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS on the themes:

- Education
- Youth employment and entrepreneurship
- Climate change
- Poverty, inequalities and youth empowerment in urban areas
- Health
- Peaceful and inclusive societies
- Gender equality

One or two entities of the UN system will lead or co-lead each session.
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM  PLENARY SESSION on reporting on the outcome of the breakout sessions by the moderators of these sessions

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  Reception hosted by the President of ECOSOC

2 February 2016

10:00 – 11:00 AM  PLENARY SESSION on the outcome of global youth events

Presentation on the outcomes of the Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security, held in Amman on 21-22 August 2015, the 9th UNESCO Youth Forum, held in Paris on 26-28 October 2015, and other relevant events, including those led by youth organizations.

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  BREAKOUT SESSIONS on key regional priorities for youth development, as follows:

- Africa
- Europe
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Asia and the Pacific
- Western Asia

3:00 – 3:30 PM  PLENARY SESSION on reporting on the outcome of the breakout sessions by the moderators of these sessions

3:30 – 5:40 PM  TOWN HALL SESSION on promoting new partnerships involving youth to implement the 2030 Agenda

This session aims at identifying innovative partnerships between the youth and the UN system, Governments and civil society to promote implementation of the Agenda. The discussion will also address technology tools to ensure vibrant communication around the new Development Goals and to monitor their implementation. Relevant initiatives taken in that context will be showcased.

Moderator: A representative of a partner organization of the Major Group for Children and Youth

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5:40 PM – 6 PM  CLOSING SESSION

Closing remarks by:

- A Minister of Youth
- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Youth.
- H.E. Mr. Oh Joon, President of ECOSOC