

SDSN Youth

Pontifical Academy of Sciences

Vatican Youth Symposium 2018

*Youth Leadership for Integral Human Development
Laudato Si' and the Sustainable Development Goals*

Wednesday, 31 October

Casina Pio IV | Vatican City



About the Symposium

Youth leaders have an important role to play in instilling the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Climate Agreement, and Laudato Si' among the new generation worldwide. The Vatican Youth Symposium is a forum to strengthen global youth movements for sustainable development. Attendees come together to learn from both experts and each other in sessions covering topics such as advocacy, leadership, entrepreneurship, and moral engagement to fortify global youth movements for sustainable development.

Young people are not only the future guardians of our planet but also talented, passionate agents for transformative change in our economies and communities, as well as the way we protect natural ecosystems. Sadly, many are unable to reach their full potential due to a lack of resources. This especially hinders the ability of innovative young people to support the SDGs and their respective targets.

The 2018 Symposium addresses this challenge by training young leaders in global development, specifically, young innovators, entrepreneurs, and activists who will become champions for their causes and catalyze social movements around the biggest issues of our time. With the support of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PAS) and SDSN, leaders from civil society, faith communities, businesses, and academia, will facilitate sessions offering their guidance and partnership with the youth leaders.

Throughout this event, young people will collaborate on concrete actions plans to implement solutions for the 2030 Agenda at both national and regional levels. Together, participants will build a wider understanding of the challenges various organizations and groups face and how youth can build on the lessons shared to continue to progressively mobilize on their own SDG projects and movements in their respective countries.



This year's Symposium participants bring a wealth of expertise in leading and shaping systems change in various sectors, which will equip young changemakers with the knowledge, skills, and guidance to build movements that will provide solutions for the 2030 Agenda and beyond.

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'A better world can be built also as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity. Do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit who proposes bold choices; do not delay when your conscience asks you to take risks in following the Master. The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls. St. Benedict urged the abbots to consult, even the young, before any important decision, because "the Lord often reveals to the younger what is best." (Rule of St. Benedict, III, 3)'.

Letter of Pope Francis to Young People on the occasion of the presentation of the Preparatory Document of the Synod of Bishops, 13 January 2017.





The Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PAS)

Founded in Rome on 17 August 1603, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences' mission is to honour pure science, ensure its freedom and encourage research. It is the only supranational academy of sciences in the world. Its headquarters are in the Casina Pio IV, within the Vatican Gardens. The aims and objectives of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences include: promoting the progress of the mathematical, physical and natural sciences, as well as its epistemological studies; recognizing excellence in science; stimulating an interdisciplinary approach to scientific knowledge; encouraging international interaction; furthering participation in the benefits of science and technology by the greatest number of people and peoples; promoting education and the public's understanding of science; ensuring that science works to advance of the human and moral dimension of man; achieving a role for science which involves the promotion of justice, development, solidarity, peace and fostering the interaction between faith and reason, encouraging the dialogue between science and spiritual, cultural, philosophical and religious values; providing authoritative advice on scientific and technological matters; cooperating with members of other Academies in a friendly spirit to promote such objectives.



UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

In 2012, the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) to mobilize global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical problem solving for sustainable development, including the design and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at local, national and global scales. In 2015, the SDSN launched its official youth division (SDSN Youth) to empower youth globally to create sustainable development solutions. SDSN Youth aims to amplify the youth's unparalleled energy and capacities for generating a wide support in the implementations of the SDGs. The organization mobilizes the necessary resources and capacity building to empower youth's



action.

The Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. These 17 Goals build on the successes of the Millennium Development Goals, while including new areas such as climate change, economic inequality, innovation, sustainable consumption, peace and justice, among other priorities. The goals are interconnected – often the key to success on one will involve tackling issues more commonly associated with another. The SDGs work in the spirit of partnership and pragmatism to make the right choices now to improve life, in a sustainable way, for future generations. They provide clear guidelines and targets for all countries to adopt in accordance with their own priorities and the environmental challenges of the world at large. The SDGs are an inclusive agenda. They tackle the root causes of poverty and unite us together to make a positive change for both people and planet.



People

"We are determined to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment."

Planet

"We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations."

Prosperity

"We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature."

Peace

"We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development."

Partnerships



"We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalised Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focussed in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people."

Symposium Program

Tuesday 30 October 2018

Global Village Dinner

7 - 9pm

Global Village Dinner & Drinks

The night before the official symposium, all stakeholders and participants will be invited to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PAS) for a dinner and drinks. All participants will be invited to dress in their traditional national attire and showcase the truly global and diverse nature of the symposium and the SDGs.

Wednesday 31 October 2018

Vatican Youth Symposium

8.45 - 9.30am

SESSION I - Welcome

The opening session of the Vatican Youth Symposium will look at the role of youth leadership in instilling the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Climate Agreement, and *Laudato Si'* around the world.

Monsignor Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo
Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PAS)

Professor Jeffrey Sachs
Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Special Advisor on SDG's to UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres



9.30 - 11am

SESSION II – Raising Global Awareness for SDGs

This session will discuss ways to raise social awareness of sustainable development in schools, communities, churches, workplaces, and other areas of life.

Hugh Evans *[15 minutes]*
Global Citizen

Sam Loni *[15 minutes]*
SDSN Youth

Dr. Anthony Annett *[10 minutes]*
International Monetary Fund

Tabitha Mpamira-Kaguri *[10 minutes]*
EDJA Foundation

Tomás Insua *[10 minutes]*
Global Catholic Climate Movement

After all speakers have concluded their respective presentations, the participants will be encouraged to ask questions, make comments and have an open discussion for the remaining 30 minutes of the session.



11am - 12.40pm

SESSION III - Education and Expertise for SDGs

This session will discuss ways to embed the concepts of sustainable development in school curricula, job training, and public engagement. Key topics will include climate change, modern slavery, sustainable supply chains, and other vital themes of the SDGs.

Grégoire Théry *[15 minutes]*

CAP International

Alessandra Graziosi *[10 minutes]*

Jose Maria del Corral (Video Message)

Scholas Occurrentes

Camille Bangug *[10 minutes]*

Millenium Campus Network

Yi Jun Mock *[10 minutes]*

SDG Students Program

Professor Fernando Reimers (Video Message) *[5 minutes]*

Harvard University

Amanda Abrom *[10 minutes]*

Global Schools Program

Kinsu Kumar *[10 minutes]*

Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation

After all speakers have concluded their respective presentations, the participants will be encouraged to ask questions, make comments and have an open discussion for the remaining 30 minutes of the session.

12.40 - 2pm

Lunch at the Casina Pio IV



2 - 3.10pm

SESSION IV - Entrepreneurship & Innovation for SDGs
This session will discuss the role of entrepreneurship and social businesses for the SDGs, and will present several case studies.

Yesika Aguilera *[10 minutes]*
Tespac

Christina Myers & Dr. Aziza Khabbush *[10 minutes]*
Omni Institute

Filippo Veglio *[10 minutes]*
World Business Council on Sustainable Development

Dario Piselli *[10 minutes]*
Youth Solutions Program

Facundo Lugo *[10 minutes]*
La Alameda Foundation

After all speakers have concluded their respective presentations, the participants will be encouraged to ask questions, make comments and have an open discussion for the remaining 20 minutes of the session.



3.10 - 4pm

SESSION V - Philanthropy & Financing for SDGs

This session will discuss mobilizing SDG financing and how youth can build systems and learn lessons from various sectors to achieve the necessary financing for SDG-related solutions.

Thomas Preiss *[10 minutes]*

Common Goal

Vanessa Fajans-Turner *[10 minutes]*

Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Djaffar Shalchi *[10 minutes]*

Human Act

Lynn Zovighian *[10 minutes]*

NEXUS

After all speakers have concluded their respective presentations, the participants will be encouraged to ask questions, make comments and have an open discussion for the remaining 10 minutes of the session.

4 - 5.40pm

Updates from Previous Vatican Youth Symposiums

Speakers in this session will share their experiences from the previous Vatican Youth Symposiums and elaborate on the progress and impact of projects since last year.

Gabriella May Lagunes *[10 minutes]*

Sienna Nordquist *[10 minutes]*

Molly Burhans *[10 minutes]*

Clayton Ferrara *[10 minutes]*

Anthony Bucci *[10 minutes]*

Ixchel Yglesias *[10 minutes]*

Mariana Ruenes *[10 minutes]*

Obinna Nnewuihe *[10 minutes]*



After all speakers have concluded their respective presentations, the participants will be encouraged to ask questions, make comments and have an open discussion for the remaining 20 minutes of the session.

5.40 - 7pm

Closing Remarks

Speakers will come together to summarize the main takeaways of each session and discuss the synergies between each of the thematic areas. Participants will be asked to share on their experiences from the day and explain how they will adapt the lessons from this symposium into their respective projects and solutions.

7 - 8.30pm

Dinner at the Casina Pio IV



Participants

Abbey Wemimo, *Queen's Young Leader*

Amanda Jo Abrom, *Global Schools Program*

Ana Maria Saldarriaga Gomez, *Global Shapers Community*

Andrew Kirk, *Global Citizen*

Anthony Annett, *International Monetary Fund*

Antonia Fernanda Samur Zuniga, *SDSN Youth*

Anthony Peter Bucci III, *2030 Today*

Alessandra Graziosi, *Scholas Occurrentes*

Dr. Aziza Khabbush, *Omni Institute*

Bugda Giritlioglu, *UN Habitat Youth*

Buket Altincelep, *SDSN Youth*

Camille Bangug, *Millennium Campus Network*

Cara Kennedy-Cuomo, *SDSN Youth*

Christina Christoforou, *SDSN Youth*

Christina Myers, *Omni Institute*

Christopher George Bell, *SDSN Youth*

Clara Latini, *Decision-Making Ideas*

Clayton Louis Ferrara, *IDEAS For US*

Cristina Jantea, *European Center for Legal Education and Research*

Dario Piselli, *Youth Solutions Community*



Djaffar Shalchi, *Human Act*

Dong-ryul Kang, *SDSN Youth*

Estella Owoimaha-Church, *EN-ACT*

Emin Toygar Akay, *SDSN Youth*

Eric Nkinzingabo, *SDSN Youth*

Facundo Carlos Antonio Lugo, *La Alameda Foundation*

Filippo Veglio, *World Business Council on Sustainable Development*

Frances Brown, *Queen's Young Leaders*

Gabriela May Lagunes, *BBOXX*

Gabriela Passos Sampaio, *SDSN Youth*

Gordon Bible Dogbatse, *UN Youth Ghana*

Grégoire Théry, *CAP International*

HirotaKa Koike, *UN Major Group on Children & Youth*

Hugh Evans, *Global Citizen*

Ixchel Yglesias González Báez, *Independent scholar (anthropology)*

Julia M. Blocher, *International Youth Federation*

Julia Rizzo, *Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital*

Kayla Colyard, *SDSN Youth*

Katarzyna Dembska, *Barilla Foundation*

Karin Bylund, *SDSN Youth*

Kinsu Kumar, *Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation*

Kolawole Mutiu Ambali, *SDSN Youth*



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Siamak Sam Loni, *SDSN Youth*

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Sharihan Al Mashary, *Emaar Hospitality Group and Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management*

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Sophia Huynh, *SDSN Youth*

Tabitha Mpamira-Kaguri, *EDJA Foundation*

Tanyella Evans, *Nabu.org*

Tatiana Lanshina, *SDSN Youth*

Thomas Preiss, *Common Goal*



Tomás Insua, *Global Catholic Climate Movement*

Umar Syed Zaidi, *UN Habitat Youth*

Vanessa Fajans-Turner, *Sustainable Development Solutions Network*

Xan Northcott, *Friendship Ambassadors Foundation*

Xavier Roque M. Peredo, *SDSN Youth*

Yessenia Yesika Aguilera Robles, *Tespack*

Yi-Jun Mock, *SDG Students Program*

Yuntong Man, *SDSN Youth*

Please scan the QR code for Participants Biographies



*Simultaneous translation
English/Spanish*





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As you know, security is strict therefore we will be distributing name badges at dinner on 30 October. You will be requested to wear yours at all times when walking inside the Vatican City, especially when you are not accompanied by a member of staff.

The entry gate is called: Sant'Uffizio, also known as Petriano (see the map above). The gate is located on the left hand side of St Peter's Square in Piazza del Sant'Uffizio. At the Gate, and if requested, you should show your badge to the Vatican Gendarmes and the Swiss Guards.

In case of EMERGENCY you may contact Gabriella (+39 335 8301 763) via iMessage, Facetime, Whatsapp or normal phone call.

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