

International Forum
Youth
TOWARDS
2030
Innovation to transformation

5th to 7th September 2018, Acapulco, Guerrero. Mexico

INTERNATIONAL FORUM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

In 2015, the 193 member countries of the United Nations approved the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, an action plan in favor of people, the planet, and prosperity, which lays out 17 objectives with 169 particular goals that encompass economic, social and and environmental spheres.¹ In its adoption, the Heads of State committed themselves to involving young people in the implementation of the plan, as they are fundamental agents of change towards the creation of a better world under the premise that “no one is left behind.”

This initiative seeks proactive young people from North America and Iberoamerica, **between the ages of 18 and 29**, who, during their personal, educational or professional trajectory have developed actions that contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda or the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is a call for informative and creative audio-visual material and research papers on the implementation of the SDGs.

Objectives:

To purposefully position youth within the international agenda, highlighting their active and decisive participation towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The expected product of this Forum is a **Youth Action Proposal for the SDGs** that can be replicated in other countries and environments. To achieve this end, we look for:

¹United Nations (2015), "Resolution approved by the General Assembly on September 25, 2015: 70/1. "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (A / RES / 70/1).

- Encourage the discussion of and identify alternatives for public actions that contribute to the processes of implementation, monitoring and follow-through of the Sustainable Development Goals. These objectives shall be closely linked to the interests and needs of young people.
- Particularize recommendations for public actions in the Youth Action Proposal for the SDGs, thus improving practices in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda
- Obtain analytical and infographic materials for the second National Report of Voluntary Review on the follow-up of the SDGs that the Mexican State will present this year domestically and abroad

A. Dynamic of the International Forum

For this Forum, **three axes for incorporation of the youth perspective** have been defined which will serve as the analytical framework from which the contributions and challenges of young people will be discussed in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals. These axes are:

- How do young people relate to one another and others?
- How do young people participate in the public space?
- How do we implement the youth perspective? ¹

The Forum offers the space for open discussion about the importance of the implementation and follow-up of the SDGs. Practical participation of young people will be facilitated through panels and expert speakers, that will present research topics or actions that contribute to the SDGs as well as the axes of incorporation of the youth perspective.

The aim is also to encourage peer-to-peer discussion, through workshops that allow us to better understand the youth experience and to collect knowledge that can then be transformed into practice. These discussions are critical to a more inclusive understanding of how we can reproduce best-practices in different communities, countries, or regions.

B. Categories

Aspiring participants must fall within one of the following categories for consideration*:

¹ Though the lens of these axes and designed for the youth condition and its interrelatedness, we want to initiate the reflection and the recount of advances and challenges that face the 2030 Agenda. That is, this is a methodological proposal that serves to think differently with a different generation in mind.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION MATERIAL
1.	Young people between the ages of 18 and 29 who want to learn, share and contribute ideas, arguments and initiatives that work towards fulfilling the SDGs.	Audio-visual material (infographic, poster, video or other) that provides data and information on the status of your community, city, entity, country, region or in the international context of any of the SDGs and is also aligned with the axes of incorporation of the youth perspective.
2.	Young person between 18 and 29 years of age who has developed research on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda.	Presentation on a research topic that contributes to the SDGs and, in turn, is aligned with some of the axes of incorporation of the youth perspective

*The infographics and presentations of both categories must address **at least one of the axes of incorporation of the youth perspective**, as well as **at least one of the Sustainable Development Goals**.

C. Registration, requirements, and documents

Send your application and documentation (in PDF format, no more than 3 MB per document), in Spanish or English through the platform: encuentrointernacional2018.imjuventud.gob.mx

The documents must be written in Arial size 11, line spacing 1.5 with margins of 2.5.

REQUIREMENT	CATEGORY THAT MUST MEET THE PROPOSED REQUIREMENT	DOCUMENT
Young people between 18 and 29 years of age	Categories 1 and 2	Official identification that certifies the participant's age
Contact information	Categories 1 and 2	Short biography (maximum 300 words). Please include your full name, country and entity or region of origin, in addition to your contact information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email • Skype (optional) • Phone number(s) (indicating country and city codes). For example, for Mexico +52 1 55 (telephone 8 digits)

<p>Audio-visual material</p>	<p>Category 1</p>	<p>The audio-visual material must provide content and relevant information on the selected Sustainable Development Objective(s) and must be aligned with an axes of incorporation of the youth perspective.</p> <p>The audio-visual material should be visually attractive, providing graphics, pictures, scenes or video images related to the content and information proposed.</p> <p>If it is video-graphic material, it must not exceed 3 minutes.</p>
<p>Presentation</p>	<p>Category 2</p>	<p>Maximum 6 pages (including graphics, tables and bibliography), which contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title of the research 2. Youth perspective Axis 3. Sustainable Development Goal (one or more) 4. Executive summary (maximum 300 words in English or Spanish) 5. Key words 6. Analysis/layout of the problem 7. General objectives and specific objectives 8. Technical-conceptual framework 9. Methodology 10. Results 11. Discussion 12. Bibliography

D. Selection Committee

The election of participants will be carried out through a Selection Committee formed specifically for this call for applications.

Only complete dossiers of applicants will be reviewed. Those selected will be agreed by the Selection Committee, among other things, the following will be considered:

- Incorporation of the selected youth perspective axis
- Congruence with the selected SDG (s) and with some goal (s) of the objective

- Relevance of the participation of young people
- Creativity and originality (category 1)
- Scientific rigor (category 2)
- Implementation / replication capacity

The decision of the Selection Committee will be unappealable. Any case not considered within this call will be resolved at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to set the number of participants and can eliminate a category if deemed necessary.

E. Participation

The application can be individual or by a collective; however, if the proposal of a group, organization, or local government is selected, only one representative must be chosen to attend the International Forum.

The expenses for that person's participation in the International Forum (support for international transport, accommodation and meals according to the agenda) will be borne by the organizers.

Expenses not indicated in this call for applications will be borne by each applicant/selected participant. Visa, passport and airport taxes are not covered.

Likewise, the authors will allow for the dissemination of their studies, results, conclusions or methodologies in instances of discussion or training, with the due protection of their intellectual property and copyright.

F. General Calendar

Launch of the Call for Applications	May 18 th 2018
Close of the Call for Applications	June 25 th 2018
Publishing of the Results	July 6 th 2018
International Forum	September 5 th to 7 th

G. Social Comptroller

Social Comptrollership is legally based on the rights of information, of petition, of association and of participation in various sectors of society for the democratic planning of national development, which are embodied in the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States, in the General Law of Social Development, and the Guidelines for the promotion and operation of the Social Comptroller.

This figure is a form of social organization constituted by beneficiaries of the social development programs, with the aim of promoting their knowledge about government actions; involve them in the monitoring of services, programs and policies; and promote their active participation to improve government work.

Therefore, beneficiaries of this call for applications have the responsibility to be part of the Social Comptroller, so they can be called upon for this activity and develop as a main objective:

"Monitor the correct usage of the federal resources for the implementation of this project, under the provisions established in this call for applications, once the beneficiaries have been selected according to the criteria established by the Selection Committee."

More information can be found at:

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Email for the International Forum: encuentrointernacional@imjuventud.gob.mx

Complaints and recommendations

The following mechanisms are available to the young participants of this call for applications for complaints and recommendations with the objective of promoting their active participation in the continuous improvement of this initiative:

Postal address: Secretariat of Social Development - Internal Control Body located at Avenida Paseo de la Reforma 116, Colonia Juárez, Delegación Cuauhtémoc, CP. 06600, Mexico City, Mexico.

Email: organo.interno@sedesol.gob.mx or contraloriasocial.entidadfederativa@sedesol.gob

Mexico City, May, 2018

The different programs of the Mexican Youth Institute, which includes the International Forum: Youth towards 2030. Innovation for transformation; it is public, it is not sponsored or promoted by any political party and its resources come from the taxes paid by all Mexican taxpayers. The use of this program for political, electoral and other purposes which are not established is forbidden. Anyone who misuses the resources of this Program have been denounced and sanctioned, in accordance with the applicable law.

Annex 1: Letter of commitment to obtain immigration documents

Country, _____ 2018.

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By this means, I _____ (name of applicant) confirm my knowledge of the fact that upon applying to the “**International Forum: Youth towards 2030. Innovation to transformation.**” it is my responsibility to obtain the required visa and/or passport in order to attend the Forum if selected.

Without further ado, I send a cordial greeting.

Sincerely,

Name and signature of the applicant



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