

# NEW HORIZONS FOR GLOBAL YOUTH

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The Youth Assembly

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## ■ INTRODUCTION

The world is still facing century-old problems, such as war, poverty, hunger, and epidemics, while at the same time new technologies are creating ethical and practical questions like never before. There is immense cause for concern, but also great opportunity and reason for hope, especially in the global population of 1.2 billion young people who are preparing to take on these challenges. New horizons are emerging for global youth, with increasing numbers of forward-thinking young leaders rising to the world stage who are determined to work towards a better future for all.

The Youth Assembly is a platform where the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation brings together the foremost young leaders who want to learn, engage, and take action to solve these global challenges. The talent, drive, and innovation of youth is crucial to achieving a better world and the Sustainable Development Goals. This conference will equip hundreds of young people from around the world with new knowledge, skills, and networks needed to be leaders who can initiate change on a large scale.

## ■ THE PROGRAM AGENDA

The 24th Session of The Youth Assembly takes the theme of "New Horizons for Global Youth" to represent the potential and possibilities for young people in a fast-changing world. Through discussions, skill-building workshops, networking sessions, and ideation challenges, The Youth Assembly Delegates together with experienced hands and experts in the field will gain the relevant resources and opportunities they need to create impact.

The program agenda will focus on four core areas where there are urgent challenges, but also exciting potential where young people are mobilized to take action: Human Development, Peace and Security, Environment, and Technology.



**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT** – These sessions will address the core issues needed to improve the lives of all people and provide more freedom and opportunities to live lives they value, including ending poverty, improving health and education, and reducing inequalities.



**PEACE AND SECURITY** – Little progress can be made in any aspect of sustainable development in the midst of conflict. These sessions will focus on building international and domestic peace within and between societies and communities.



**ENVIRONMENT** – Environmental threats are growing at an alarming rate in all countries and within multiple sectors. Action is desperately needed, particularly by young people, to tackle this crisis.



**TECHNOLOGY** – New technology presents massive potential to benefit humanity and the world, but also brings new risks and scenarios we have never encountered before. Young people must be aware of how technology can be harnessed today, while also bearing in mind implications long into the future.

Attendees can either concentrate in detail on one focus area, or explore various topics according to their preference and expertise. In addition, the program will highlight the interconnectedness of these issues, and how each could positively or negatively affect the other.

In view of FAF's commitment to generating action and impact, all conference sessions will seek to develop and strengthen tangible and pragmatic hard skills that can be put to immediate and effective use to solve local and global problems. Additional efforts will be made to foster soft skills such as creativity, collaboration, intuition, and developing a global mindset.

## ■ THE OBJECTIVES

Over the course of The Youth Assembly, delegates will pursue the following objectives:



**CONNECT & ENGAGE** - Build partnerships and motivation through connecting with influential young leaders, experts, and practitioners from across sectors and global regions.



**LEARN & DEVELOP SKILLS** - Discover groundbreaking new tools, knowledge, training, and resources to succeed in their projects.



**TAKE ACTION & CREATE IMPACT** - Co-create solutions and engage in new initiatives and opportunities to bring real impact to local and global communities.

## ■ THE OUTCOME

More important than The Youth Assembly itself is what Delegates do afterwards. We expect all attendees to see the conference not as an event, but as part of a journey that leads to significant action and impact on the ground in their communities and across the world.

Delegates are encouraged to continue their journey through our Pathways to Impact program, as part of a global movement of young changemakers developing groundbreaking solutions to tackle the world's greatest challenges. Additionally, a select number of new social venture projects will be chosen through The Youth Assembly Impact Challenge to receive mentorship and seed funding from FAF and its partners.

In this way, The Youth Assembly aims to build towards a critical mass of youth action needed to catalyze change for a better world. Delegates will leave the conference newly equipped to confront challenges, seize opportunities, and make a difference in their societies and communities.