



Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)

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To:
ITU Member States

Subject: Invitation to Nominate Young Nationals to Become Generation Connect Youth Envoys

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am delighted to invite all the Member States to nominate candidates to be part of the next cohort of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Generation Connect Youth Envoys. Each Member State is encouraged to nominate up to four candidates considering gender balance and communicate the names to us. At the same time, the Focal Points in the ITU Administrations should request the proposed candidates to submit their applications using the form available here: [Generation Connect Youth Envoys Application 2024 \(itu.int\)](https://www.itu.int/itu-d/development/generation-connect/youth-envoys-application-2024)

The deadline to submit applications by the selected candidates is strictly **10 February 2024**.

Following receipt of the application forms, ITU will conduct its selection process according to a set criterion. The list of the ITU selected candidates will be sent to Administrations of the successful candidates at the time when the candidates will be informed.

[Generation Connect](#) is a flagship initiative of the ITU Youth Strategy, and a volunteer-driven community, focused on amplifying the voices of youth in ICT related matters. It aims at supporting the youth involvement in ITU.

The [Generation Connect](#) Initiative was launched pursuant to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) Resolution 76 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) and ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) Resolution 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), which mandates the mainstreaming of youth participation across ITU activities as part of the overall implementation of the WTDC- 22 Kigali Action Plan.

The Youth Envoys will use this opportunity to exchange and share experiences and ideas on how young people could contribute to meaningful connectivity and sustainable digital transformation. They will discuss how youth participation in countries can help shape the future information and communication landscape through sound strategies and initiatives supported by governments.

The 2024 Global Youth Summit (GYS) to be hosted by the Government of El Salvador during the 4th quarter of 2024, was endorsed by the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) last year, is expected to attract participants from all the regions and will adopt an aspirational Youth ICT Declaration that will be shared with all the Member States who could take the contents into consideration as the countries prepare for the next WTDC-25.

Yours faithfully,

(original signed)

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Director

Annex 1: Generation Connect: An Overview

Annex 2: Generation Connect Youth Envoys Terms of Reference

Annex 3: Generation Connect Youth Envoys Selection Criteria