Guidelines: 2024 Generation Connect Youth Envoys

In preparation for the ITU Global Youth Summit, the BDT Director launched the new cohort of the Generation Connect Youth Envoys on the 10th of January (with a **deadline of 10th February**) involving all Member States in this endeavour.

**If a Member State (MS) requires clarifications for the GC Youth Envoys process, please consider the following points to help guide your response:**

o **Number**: Each Member State was encouraged to nominate up to four 4 candidates (age requirement 18 to 24), aiming for gender balance (2 men 2 women), and communicate the names of these candidates back to ITU;

o **Nomination process by MS:** The MS has the discretion to choose the method they find most convenient for the nomination process, which may or may not involve a separate selection process.

If required to suggest **some possible approaches** for nominations: Possible approaches for nomination may include collaboration with other government departments responsible for youth issues, if any exist; partnerships with youth civil organizations, if available; seeking recommendations from academic members; or opting for direct nominations.

It is important to note that the ITU does not provide specific recommendations beyond the use of the selection criteria outlined in Annex 3.

o **Selection process completion:** The Focal Points in the ITU Administrations should request the proposed candidates to submit their applications using the [application form](https://www.itu.int/generationconnect/generation-connect/youth-envoys-application/).
ITU will verify and validate each application and if the nominees’ profile fulfils the selection criteria indicated in Annex 3, the candidate will be accepted. Should ITU receive applications from more than four 4 candidates from a single Administration, ITU team will engage closely with that Administration to clarify and address the situation appropriately.

o **Why Member States have been encouraged to nominate Generation Connect Youth Envoys**: to provide Member States with the opportunity to have their youth nationals participate in ITU activities. This includes roles such as Youth Envoys, who can bring their views to the ITU Global Youth Summit.

o **Nominees’ freedom of expression**: As indicated in point 2 of the FAQ included in the application form, the contributions of Generation Connect Youth Envoys are expected to reflect solely their personal perspectives. These contributions are not considered to represent the official positions of their countries, regions, or the ITU.