

VATICAN YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

YOUTH AND THE SDGs - CHALLENGES AND
OPPORTUNITIES



CASINA PIO IV

VATICAN CITY

30-31 OCTOBER 2016



The Vatican Youth Symposium
was made possible by the generosity and support of
Dr Betsee Parker



“The adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the world summit is an important sign of hope. Integral human development and the full exercise of human dignity cannot be imposed. They must be built up and allowed to unfold for each individual, for every family, in communion with others, and in a right relationship with all those areas in which human social life develops — friends, communities, towns and cities, schools, businesses and unions, provinces and nations.”

(Address of His Holiness Pope Francis, to the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly, 25 September 2015)

PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Founded in Rome on 17 August 1603, [the Pontifical Academy of Sciences](#)' mission is to honor 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 – Youth

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.

[SDSN Youth](#) educates young people about the challenges of sustainable development and creates opportunities for them to use their creativity and knowledge to pioneer innovative solutions for the SDGs. In addition, SDSN Youth creates platforms for young people to connect, collaborate and integrate their ideas and perspectives within the public policy field.



INTRODUCTION

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), made up of 17 goals and 169 targets, were passed by 193 governments in September 2015. The SDGs constitute a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. They apply to all countries and came into effect in January 2016.

The global sustainable development challenge is unprecedented. Under the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) the fight against extreme poverty made great progress, but more than one billion people still remain in extreme poverty. Within most countries, inequality and social exclusion are widening. Global population and GDP are continuing to rise, with estimated figures of 9 billion and US\$200 trillion, respectively, by 2050. The world urgently needs to address the sustainable development challenges of ending poverty, increasing social inclusion, and sustaining the planet, which must be underpinned by good public and private governance (SDSN Action Agenda, 2013).

In 2014, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon declared that:

“Three decades from now the world is going to be a very different place. How it looks will depend on actions we take today. We have big decisions to make and little time to make them if we are to provide stability and greater prosperity to the world's growing population.”

Since the Millennium Declaration in 2000, the world has undergone several profound changes. As outlined by the SDSN Action Agenda Report, five shifts will make the next 15-year period unique:

“(i) the feasibility of ending extreme poverty in all its forms, (ii) a drastically higher human impact on the physical Earth, (iii) rapid technological change, (iv) increasing inequality, and (v) a growing diffusion and complexity of governance.”

Urgent change is necessary to prevent a dangerous expansion of these challenges. Key actors – national and local governments, business, civil society, and academia – will be required to move away from a ‘business-as-usual’ (BAU) trajectory onto a path of sustainable development. The upcoming Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) outline this path.

Young people have a personal stake in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development because they will be the implementers of the Goals and their wellbeing will depend on achieving them. Therefore, as the inheritors of this planet, young people must spearhead the sustainable development movement. Through their passion, creativity, energy and idealism, young people can bring about **generational change**, which can challenge the status quo and achieve positive outcomes – rapidly. Young people can help build a new system, one founded on sharing knowledge, cooperating across borders and prioritizing issues such as extreme poverty, our Anthropogenic impact on Earth, increasing inequality, and a growing complexity of governance.

Youth have the capacity to solve complex problems and spearhead the movement for change – a unique quality described as “fluid intelligence”. Research suggests that young people are more likely to be accepting of change, believe in climate change, advocate for social causes, and volunteer. Individuals at a young age are not as exposed to the thinking that defined the social, political and economic norms of the previous generation, and are hence more readily able to adapt.

What is truly revolutionary, and can become the turning point and catalyst for change, is that young people today are not just recipients of knowledge and values, but, thanks to their social awareness and to the new technologies, they have become agents of change and education.

Their leadership in their own local contexts is remarkable, as is their capability of designing sustainable initiatives in their schools, families and communities. Young people are promoting change through constructive interaction not only with their peers, but by positively influencing adults, too. Developing this activity of self-education and providing youth with the best training possible is essential to self-empowerment.

A young Einstein once said, “[w]e cannot solve our problems with the same thinking used to create them”. Our present and future innovations are guided by the knowledge gathered by our predecessors. This knowledge, combined with the creative power and passions of youth, can be harnessed to tackle imminent issues we face as a global community, both today and in the future. What if young people’s creative potential was key to the sustainable development of human society? It is a potential worth capitalizing on.

Yet, despite the gains made and the incredible leadership we are witnessing by youth, the statistics surrounding global youth development are still unsustainable by any measure.

Fifty per cent of the world’s youth, for example, currently receive insufficient schooling, or are out of school. This is staggering. Compounding this problem is the fact that fifty per cent of out-of-school children of primary school age live in conflict-affected areas. All of this leads to over 100 million youth worldwide today without basic literacy skills, 60 per cent of which are women. Due to this lack of education among youth, unemployment becomes prevalent and remains pervasive. Any attempts to employ youth will need to factor in four hundred and seventy million jobs to account for new entrants to the labor market between 2016-2030.

These illiteracy and unemployment trends should not be tolerated as they provide the breeding ground for all forms of extreme indifference, such as forced labor and prostitution, organ trafficking, terrorist violence and organized crime.

In response, the need for a new moral imperative, as proposed by the Magisterium of Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* and *Laudato si’*, in concert with the United Nations, becomes paramount. We must, to quote Goal 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, “*take immediate and effective*

measures to eradicate forced labor, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labor, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labor in all its forms". This is our starting point.

Going further, a quality education, the 4th Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), becomes a priority as it will enable young people to take their future into their own hands with dignity, freedom and responsibility, rather than becoming victims of these crimes or, worse, exploiters of the Earth and other human beings.

The challenge for young leaders, then, is to design a new educational paradigm that takes into account the sustainable development of the Earth and the respect and love for their neighbors as themselves. By sharing our neighbor's burden and suffering, we live a fuller expression of justice and peace. In brief, as mandated by *Laudato si'*, this means educating for the covenant between humanity and the environment.

Investing in this kind of education might seem expensive to some, but as is evident to all, the costs of ignorance and of the lack of values result in a much higher price in terms of violence, addiction, marginalization and exclusion. The future of our global society is in danger due to the lack of an integral education. Without proper education, children around the world will not be capable of achieving social and economic independence and decent work in our increasingly complex and competitive world.

The proper evaluation of these educational initiatives and of our moral obligations towards our common home requires an "ecological conversion" and the participation of young people in global leadership, generosity, especially in the funding of innovative projects by governments and private companies, and a long-term program to improve human well-being and the environment for this generation and those to come.

This two-day symposium responds to this call by featuring youth from around the globe who are already focused on promoting and implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, within the global moral framework described by *Laudato si'*. The sessions will cover the breadth and depth of the SDGs, the diversity of creative and courageous youth engagement on these goals via advocacy, entrepreneurship and innovation, and highlight winning ideas for SDG action happening now and into the future. The sessions will be live-streamed and interactive over social media to ensure global youth participation. The goal of this symposium is to launch, amplify and elevate new SDG participatory pedagogies, in collaboration with the very population that is constantly redefining democratic engagement. The innovation needed for 2030 will be found now in the initiative of 2016. So let's get to work. **Time is ticking.**



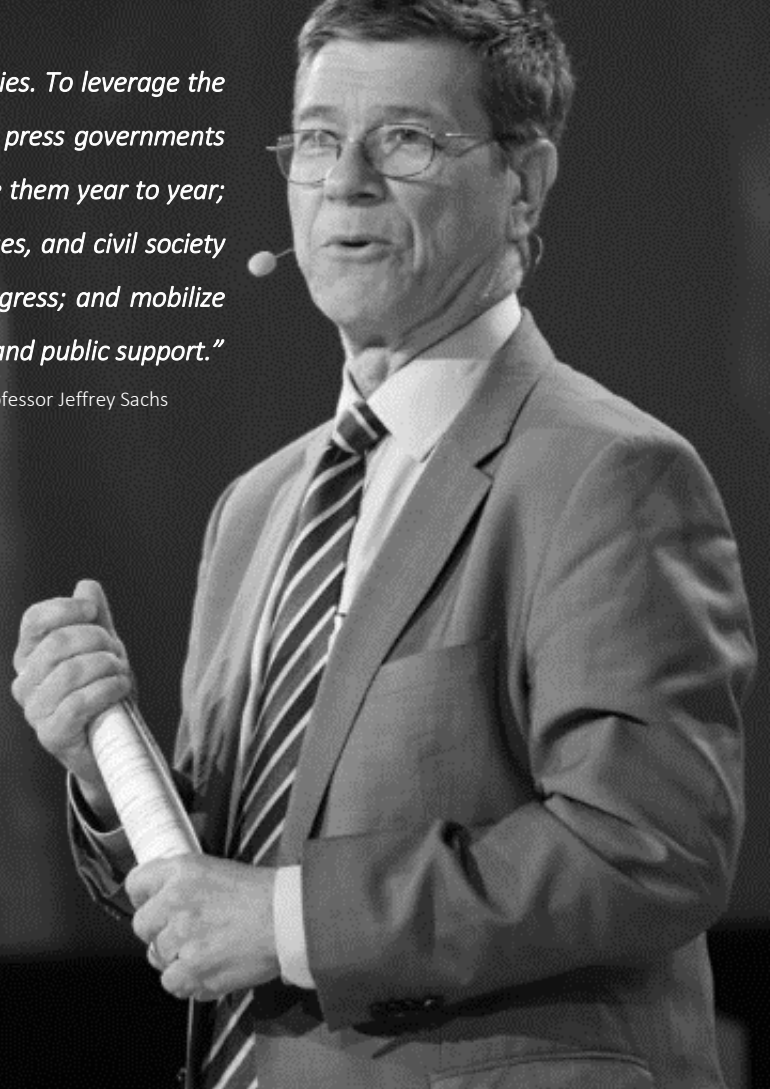
‘Hagan lío!’

“Assume your responsibilities: take the culture of work, study and solidarity into your own hands to achieve a worthy and free future for your personal and social good.”

Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo
Chancellor, Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PAS)

"The goals offer a framework for better politics and policies. To leverage the goals into national action we need to do several things: press governments into declaring plans to achieve the SDGs, and to measure them year to year; engage key stakeholders, especially universities, businesses, and civil society to propose ways to meet the goals, and to monitor progress; and mobilize political actors to use the goals in their appeals for votes and public support."

Professor Jeffrey Sachs



"The most ambitious and important agreement of the 21st century was adopted in September 2015. If we are serious about making this agreement and its goals a reality, we need to empower youth to generate a movement for people, planet and prosperity."

Siamak Sam Loni



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS

Youth-led solutions are at the forefront of global discussions as evidenced by the 2016 Solutions Summit held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

This event celebrated 10 global innovators who each gave a 'lightning talk' outlining their breakthrough efforts to an audience comprising of: senior policymakers, investors, and industry leaders.

Below are some extraordinary examples of solutions founded by young people, with the aim of achieving a variety of SDGs.

AIME | www.aime.life



AIME predicts Dengue and Zika outbreaks in tropical countries with Artificial Intelligence in order to improve the ability of public health professionals to make informed decisions. This enables public health professionals to reduce the high cost of vector borne diseases control and to increase the effectiveness of existing vector control methods, saving lives and resources.

Ayzh | www.ayzh.com



Millions of women and girls lack access to essential health products around vulnerable times of menstruation and childbirth, which endangers their health, education and safety. Stigma and taboos prevent women from seeking support, while aid organizations have been slow to integrate women's health and hygiene into their programs. As a result, women refugees and migrants continue to die and suffer from the inability to effectively manage their body's natural processes in a foreign environment. ayzh has an innovative model for developing and distributing simple, low-cost products that meet the unique needs of women in low-resource settings, targeting the entire continuum of reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health (RMNCH+A). Our signature "kit style" product suite gives healthcare workers and mothers access to simple tools that increase adherence to global standards that improve health, survival, and wellbeing.

BenBen | www.benben.com.gh



BenBen is a team of motivated engineers and innovators dedicated to improving Government Technology in Ghana. We focus on Land & Property Management as we aim to create a reliable land information and transactions system. Coupling the latest in Geomatic Services with Blockchain technology we see ourselves as the pioneers of a new age in land innovation that will bring Ghana to the forefront of land investment and GovTech innovation and serve as a model for the rest of the world

Syria Tracker | www.syriatracker.crowdmap.com



Syria Tracker, the flagship project of Humanitarian Tracker, is the first open solution to combine crowdsourced reports (such as eyewitness counts), machine learning, and data mining techniques of mainstream and social media on the same platform. It is language agnostic and can rapidly scale (through utilizing cloud technology, machine learning algorithms, and human expert curation) to deal with various sources of information and improve the ratio of signal to noise ratio. We believe our open platform is ready for use and can be scaled to provide a valuable solution for the sustainable development goals.



YOUTH SOLUTIONS REPORT

The [Youth Solutions](#) Report identifies and celebrates youth organizations, youth-led projects and ground breaking ideas that are successfully working towards achieving the targets set in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Covering an international spectrum, the Report consolidates information on 50 projects run by youth-led organisations and individuals committed to implementing the SDGs and making them a reality.

Youth must be seen as key stakeholders in the sustainable development debate, and acknowledging their essential role in achieving the SDGs represents a pressing need. Through their actions and undertakings (i.e. educational and charity initiatives, research activities, enterprises, and so forth), youth organizations and young people worldwide are already contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals. However, they face common challenges that prevent them from realizing the full potential of their solutions, including reduced visibility, limited access to funding, and lack of sufficient capacity, training, and technical support.

Creating a Solutions Report and presenting it at major conferences and establishing meaningful partnerships with UN Agencies, companies and media outlets will facilitate the dissemination of promising youth-led solutions, giving them additional fora to showcase their work and opportunities to draw interest from potential supporters. In turn, this will help investors, donors and supporters better understand the multi-faceted role of young people in the 2030 Agenda.

The solutions contained in the Report will be divided by sectors, regions, and SDGs. They will be showcased at high-level conferences and events (i.e. UN High-Level Political Forum; International Conference on Sustainable Development, UNFCCC meetings and so forth) and will also be featured online thanks to our media partners and an interactive website that will help users explore them. In the long run, the most promising of them might become part of our direct efforts under Support and Scale, a project that SDSN Youth is developing for 2017/18.

At the conclusion of the Vatican Youth Symposium a special panel of experts will choose two solutions that will be featured in the next version of the Report, ensuring each solution is given global coverage.

THE GUIDELINES | Solutions must meet the following criteria:

- *Be aligned to at least one of the 17 SDGs*
- *Have been founded by a young person (between the ages of 15-30),*
- *Be transformative and capable of showcasing the skills and creative mindset of the proponent(s)*
- *Be financially viable*
- *Be scalable*
- *Have a clear target audience and well-planned objective, including a structured time horizon and project outcomes*
- *Have a positive environmental impact*
- *Have a positive social impact*
- *Its impact must have been adequately measured and/or be measurable*



VATICAN YOUTH SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

The Vatican Youth Symposium is assembling young leaders from a variety of disciplines including tech, advocacy, research and policy for a series of interactive workshops where they will trade knowledge, co-generate ideas and operationalize solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

As the Sustainable Development Goals are interrelated, the Symposium will fluidly refine all solutions into 5 comprehensive concepts drawing on the expertise, interests and perspectives of all participants.

At the conclusion of the symposium the two best solutions will be selected by a judging panel. These solutions will be featured in a special section in the **Youth Solutions Report** as well as being presented at the Low Emissions Solutions Conference (LESC). Leaders of the selected initiatives will receive invitations to the Symposium the following year, to report on the progress of their solution.

GLOBAL VILLAGE | Date: 29 October

The Global Village Dinner will precede the Vatican Youth Symposium's meetings and workshops. At this event, fifty young delegates from all over the world will meet and enjoy their first meal together. It will be the perfect occasion for an initial exchange of ideas and an intercultural dialogue between the participants.

Celebrating cultural diversity and the interdependence of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Pontifical Academy of Sciences will host Global Village at the Casina Pio IV. This sixteenth-century building, constructed by architect Pirro Ligorio, is the perfect venue for this event, considering its extraordinary artistic quality. The dinner will include a musical performance, presented by SDSN Youth's [Twenty Thirty](#). This initiative aims to include arts and artists in the conversations on sustainable development, viewing arts and culture not as marginal fields in achieving sustainability, but instead, as a core part of the solution process.

As His Holiness states in *Laudato si'* "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development," in what Pope Francis defines as a "universal fraternity." At this dinner, we will promote this fraternity on a smaller scale, building bridges between different cultures and encouraging their cooperation.

The Global Village will feature a musical performance by **Franco Marini**.

All delegates will be invited to wear some form of cultural or national attire to the event.

DELEGATES' DINNER | Date: 30th October

Delegates are invited to convene for dinner in the dining rooms of the Casina Pio IV, a beautiful setting to reflect on the first day of the Vatican Youth Symposium.

CLOSING CEREMONY | Date: 31st October

The Closing Ceremony will invite delegates to convene one final time to celebrate the Vatican Youth Symposium and the meaningful progress they have made towards the SDGs.

At the Closing Ceremony the two solutions chosen to be featured in the Solutions Report will be announced by the conference conveners.

During this time, delegates are invited to provide feedback to the organizers of the Vatican Youth Symposium by completing a short anonymous survey. This will ensure that the Delegates can highlight any areas that could potentially be improved by the conference conveners. Additionally, this survey will aim to seek some further information and data regarding SDG implementation and strategy.

SYMPOSIUM DELEGATES

The Vatican Youth Symposium brings together young people from a range of cultures, disciplines and sectors to drive fruitful discussions.

In the same universal spirit as the Sustainable Development Goals, the Vatican Youth Symposium celebrates cultural diversity with **63%** of delegates coming from the **Global South**. In hosting delegates from over 30 different countries at the Symposium, it is hoped that the perspectives of all will be represented.

Additionally, **53%** of delegates are **female** & **47%** of delegates are **male**.

Approximately 50% of delegates view **funding and lack of financial resources** as the major barrier to implementing their solution. Others focused on different social paradigms, lack of progressive cultures, lack of access to different resources and even hesitation to adopt new technologies.

As the SDGs are interrelated, it is inevitable that most solutions will incorporate numerous goals and targets. Interestingly, approximately **50%** of the proposed solutions aim to achieve either directly or indirectly, **SDG 8; Decent Work and Economic Growth**; 'Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all,' perhaps highlighting an avenue for collaboration and synergy throughout the Symposium. The figures below highlight the representation of the other SDGs within the proposed solutions. Therefore, each time a specific goal was related to it was tallied up and incorporated into the graphic below.



SYMPOSIUM DELEGATES



Alejandra Scelles Torres
Spain / France



Ana Paola García Villagómez
Bolivia



Angel Versetti
Russia



Austelino Dias Tavares
Cape Verde



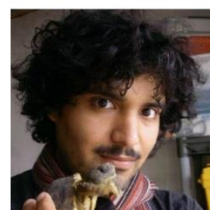
Besart Çopa
Albania



Brittany Fried
USA



Christopher Marchio
Indonesia



Clayton Ferrara
USA



Daniel Pérez González
Cuba



Darshatha Gamage
Sri Lanka



Dora Neli Delgado Aguilar
Mexico



Eleanor Margetts
UK



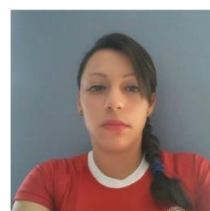
Felix Spira
Germany



Franco Maestri
Argentina



Gabriel Nogueira Linhares Marquim
Brazil



Gabriela Isabel Fallas Jiménez
Costa Rica

SYMPOSIUM DELEGATES



Gabriela May Lagunes
Mexico



Ixchel Yglesias González Báez
Mexico



Jared Noetzel
USA



Joanna Maraszek
Poland



Joannes Paulus Yimbessalu
Cameroon



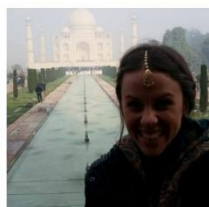
Jordan Imahori
Canada



Jelfferlyne Joseph
Malaysia



Jovana Savic
Serbia



Katie Wood
Australia



Khalid Ahmad
UK



Ladan Afshari
Iran



Malav Sanghavi
India



Maria Alessandra Salgado Gonzalez
Costa Rica



Maria Belen Lopez Arrieta
Ecuador



Maria Cristina Bagaforo
Philippines



Mariana Ruenes de la Fuente
Mexico

SYMPOSIUM DELEGATES



Mariyeh Azizian
Iran



Mateo Botero Pérez
Colombia



Molly Burhans
USA



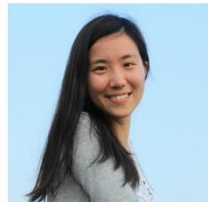
Mutiara Dinanti Siregar
Indonesia



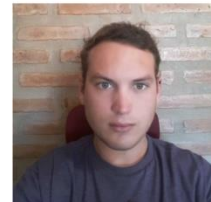
Obinna Nnewuihe
Nigeria



Patrick Gage
USA



Peggy Tse
Hong Kong



Piero Picatto
Argentina



Sienna Nordquist
USA



Sreeram Kongeseri
India



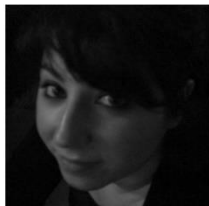
Surabhi Bajpai
India



Tomas Horvath
Slovakia



Vanessa Berhe
Sweden/Eritrea



Vanessa Tullo
Italy



Winnie Nduku Mutevu
Kenya



Yanina Soledad Basilico
Argentina

Sustainable Development Goals

1 NO POVERTY 	836 million people still live in extreme poverty
2 ZERO HUNGER 	66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world, with 23 million in Africa alone.
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	Children born into poverty are almost twice as likely to die before the age of five as those from wealthier families.
4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	103 million youth worldwide lack basic literacy skills, and more than 60 per cent of them are women
5 GENDER EQUALITY 	Every five minutes, a child dies as a result of violence. An estimated 120 million girls and 73 million boys have been victims of sexual violence.
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 	Women in Northern Africa hold less than one in five paid jobs in the non-agricultural sector. The proportion of women in paid employment outside the agriculture sector has increased from 35 per cent in 1990 to 41 per cent in 2015
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	One in five people still lacks access to modern electricity
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	470 million jobs are needed globally for new entrants to the labour market between 2016 and 2030.
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	About 2.6 billion people in the developing world are facing difficulties in accessing electricity full time
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	Income inequality is on the rise, with the richest 10 percent earning up to 40 percent of total global income.
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	By 2030, almost 60 per cent of the world's population will live in urban areas
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 	If people worldwide switched to energy efficient lightbulbs the world would save US\$120 billion annually
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	Emissions grew more quickly between 2000 and 2010 than in each of the three previous decades
14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	Over three billion people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihoods
15 LIFE ON LAND 	Of the 8,300 animal breeds known, 8 per cent are extinct and 22 per cent are at risk of extinction
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	More than 20 million people are victims of forced labour worldwide. Trafficking victims comprise at least 40% of them.
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	Net official development assistance (ODA) totalled USD 135.2 billion in 2014; net ODA as a share of gross national income was 0.29%. ODA has increased by 66% in real terms since 2000, when the MDGs were agreed, but is still well under half the target of 0.7% set in the SDGs. ¹

DAY 1

8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome and Keynote: Future Generations and the Sustainable Development Goals This session will provide an overview of what the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are, what they mean for the world and why their implementation is important for the future of the planet. The session will also outline the role of young people in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda both at the local and global level. The Message of <i>Laudato si'</i> Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo <i>Chancellor, Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PAS)</i> Keynote Address Dr Betsee Parker <i>Special Advisor to the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network</i> The Age of Sustainable Development Professor Jeffrey Sachs <i>Director, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)</i> & <i>Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on the SDGs</i> Youth Empowerment and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Siamak Sam Loni <i>Global Coordinator, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN Youth)</i>
10.00am	Break (Morning Tea)
10.15am	Session I: Solutions in the making This session will give the first group of delegates 7 minutes each to present their solution to the symposium. Each delegate will provide all participants, including judges and observers in the room, with an insight into their work and explain how they wish to implement their project. Please note that delegates will be invited to make their presentations based on an alphabetical order (first name), with each segment featuring approximately 15 presentations.
12.45pm	Break (Lunch)
1.45pm	Session I: Solutions in the making (Continued) This session will give the second group of delegates 7 minutes each to present their solution to the symposium. Each delegate will provide all participants, including judges and observers in the room, with an insight into their work and explain how they wish to implement their project. Please note that delegates will be invited to make their presentations based on an alphabetical order (first name), with each segment featuring approximately 15 presentations.
3.45pm	Break (Afternoon Tea)
4.00pm	Session II: Joining forces to inspire solutions This session will give the final group of delegates 7 minutes each to present their solution to the symposium. Each delegate will provide all participants, including judges and observers in the room, with an insight into their work and explain how they wish to implement their project. Once all the delegates have had an opportunity to present their ideas and solutions, they will each be granted the opportunity to cast a vote in favour of one of the solutions (other than their own), which they wish to work with the next day. At the conclusion of this session, delegates will be divided into 10 groups based on their collective voting preferences.
6:00pm	Closing Session: Next steps This session will give the convenors and facilitators the opportunity to share their thoughts with the delegates, observers and judges. Moreover, the session will be used as an opportunity to brief the delegates on the schedule for the evening dinner and other housekeeping matters.
7:00pm	Holy Mass (for those who wish to attend)
7:45pm	Dinner at the Casina Pio IV

DAY 2

9.00am	Testimonies of Human Trafficking Survivors
10.00am	Break (Morning Tea)
10.15am	Session III: Co-designing solutions During this session delegates will be divided into 10 groups (based on the existing breakdown, which took place at the conclusion of the previous day). In their groups, delegates are encouraged to join forces and share ideas with the objective of integrating common elements of their solutions. During the second part of this session, each of the 10 groups will present their integrated and joint solution to all participants at the symposium. Audience, in particular judges will be invited to provide comments and feedback on each solution. At the conclusion of this session, delegates will be asked to cast their vote once again in favour of one of the solutions that they wish to work on the most. Based on their voting preferences, delegates will be divided into 5 groups.
12.30pm	Break (Lunch)
1.30pm	Session III: Co-designing solutions (Continued) During this session delegates will be divided into 5 groups (based on the existing breakdown, which took place at the conclusion of “Co-designing solutions”). In their groups, delegates are encouraged to join forces and share ideas with the objective of integrating elements of their work towards a common solution. Delegates will be provided with guidance from facilitators and conveners in co-designing their solutions and identifying key challenges for implementation with the aim of developing a summary prospectus for the Judging Panel. At the conclusion of this session each group must submit a summary prospectus (single page, double sided) to the Judging Panel outlining the key components of their solution.
3.30pm	Break (Afternoon Tea)
3.45pm	Session IV: Bringing solutions to life Building on the momentum from the previous session, each of the groups will be encouraged to begin finalising their plans to bring their solution to life. Each group must prepare a final presentation for the Judging Panel, which outlines key components of the project, in particular the mission statement, core objectives and a comprehensive action plan. This presentation will be delivered to the Judging Panel during the next session of the Symposium.
5:00pm	Session V: Judging Panel During this session, each group will be asked to present their final solution to the judging panel (comprised of guest participants, facilitators, experts). Each solution will be evaluated by the panel, followed by a series of questions and constructive comments. Through these discussions, the panel will help assist each group in identifying pathways for the implementation of their solutions.
6:00pm	Closing Session: Concluding remarks During this final session, the convenors and facilitators will make final remarks, thank all delegates and announce next steps for each of the solutions. (The winning solutions will be announced at dinner).
6:30pm	Closing Ceremony Dinner



The headquarters of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences are in the Casina Pio IV, in the Vatican City and will serve as the venue for the Vatican Youth Symposium.

Completed in 1561 as a summer residence for Pope Pius IV and surrounded by the trees and lawns of the Vatican gardens, the Casina is a well-preserved treasury of 16th century frescoes, stucco reliefs, mosaics and fountains.

The Casina was designed by Pirro Ligorio, (Naples c. 1510 - Ferrara 1583), Federico Barocci (Urbino 1528/35 - 1612), Santi di Tito (Sansepolcro 1536 - Florence 1603) and Federico Zuccari (S. Angelo in Vado 1540 - Ancona 1609).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Innovations in communications and technology allow young leaders to connect worldwide and channel their social activism, knowledge and skills into common platforms for action towards the Sustainable Development Goals. These advances must be also used effectively to promote the inclusion of women, marginalized and vulnerable groups, encouraging a global partnership of all stakeholders to collaborate in the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

The Vatican Youth Symposium will represent an extraordinary opportunity to amplify the efforts of young people in generating solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues. We consider that a strong social media strategy for this event will be essential in disseminating the ideas that the 50 young delegates will share at the two-day conference, and will raise awareness about the SDGs among a wide and multicultural online community.

OFFICIAL TWITTER HASHTAGS

#VYS16
#Youth4SDGs
#YouthSolutions

Keynote speakers:

@JeffreyDSachs
@siamak_sam

Institutions:

@CasinaPioIV
@nonservos
@SDSNYouth



Download the Aurasma app.

Scan the image.

LOGISTICS

Entering the Vatican

Please enter through the Perugino entrance (Via della Stazione Vaticana, no street number). Please remember to bring a valid form of ID to cross the Vatican border. You may scan the QR code below to find the entrance on Google Maps.



Bus schedule

Bus schedule from your hotel to the conference venue.

Please meet in the lobby of your hotel at least five minutes earlier.

29 October: 5:30PM. The same bus will also take you back to your hotel after dinner at roughly 9:30PM.

30 October: 8:00AM. The same bus will take you back to your hotel after dinner.

31 October: 8:30AM. The same bus will take you back to your hotel after dinner.

Hotels

Piccole Ancelle di Cristo Re

Via Aurelia, 325, 00165 Roma

+39 06 3936 6242

cristo.re@fastwebnet.it

<http://www.ancellecristoreroma.org/>

Hotel curfew: 11PM

Casa per Ferie S. Emilia de Vialar

Via Paolo III, 16 00165 Roma

+39 06 3936 6528

emilia1930@gmail.com

info@emiliadevialar.it

www.emiliadevialar.it

Hotel curfew: 11PM

Contacts

Pontifical Academy of Sciences

+39 06 698 831 95

+39 06 698 854 16

+39 06 698 814 41

For police, ambulance and any other severe emergencies dial 112.

Dress Code | There is no formal dress code but a smart casual look is advisable. No shorts, miniskirts or tank tops please. Average highs will be 20°C and lows 10°C



"The victims are the first who need to be rehabilitated and reintegrated into society — and their traffickers and executioners must be given no quarter and pursued. The old adage that these things have existed since the world is meaningless. Victims can recover and in fact we know that they can regain control of their lives with the help of good judges, social workers and society as a whole. We know a good number of survivors who are now lawyers, politicians, brilliant writers, or have a successful job serving the common good in a valid way. We know how important it is that each former victim is encouraged to talk about their having been a victim as a past experience now valiantly overcome; of being a survivor or rather, a person with a life of quality, whose dignity has been restored and freedom claimed."

(Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Judges' Summit Against Human Trafficking and Organized Crime, 3-4 June 2016)