

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT BY ARZU ÖZYÖL



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of **future generations** to meet their own needs.

Our Common Future: Brundland Report, October 1987,

Why young people hold the key to a better future ????

- Nearly 50% of the developing world population is youth and children. There are 1.2 billion 15 to 24 year olds in the world and one billion live in developing countries.
- 500 million youth aged 15 to 24 live on less than £2 a day.
- 74 million youth are unemployed, and more than 600 million jobs need to be generated globally by the year 2030.

- Young people are best poised to advocate for their needs in creating and implementing policies.



- Young people are more receptive to change and have a large stake in creating a strong future by their dynamic ideas and new solutions.

- Investing in youth leadership not only ensures that the future generation is equipped with competencies necessary for strong leadership, but enhances young people's understanding of how to be accountable and inspiring leaders.

- The World Bank conducted a study in 2008 that showed that when youth are not active participants in their society, it was found that the GDP of their countries declines.

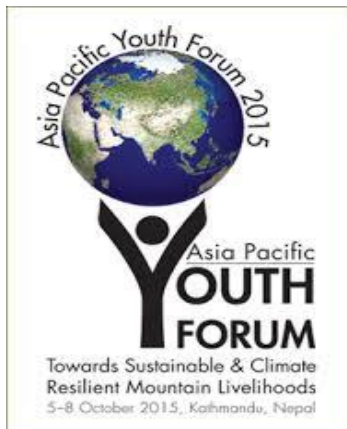
“The World Programme of Action for Youth asks Governments to consider the contributions of young persons on all policies affecting them. Governments must honour this commitment. They must also increase the financial, education and technical support made available to young people...It is high time that we stopped viewing our young people as part of the problem and started cultivating their promise and potential.”

**Ban Ki-moon, UN
2007**



1th Day

The **Youth Forum**, held annually by ECOSOC since 2012 to offer a unique opportunity for youth to voice their opinions, share ideas, and think together about what they can do to achieve sustainable development.



On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of **goals** to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new **sustainable development** agenda. Each **goal** has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years.



Children, young women and men are critical agents of changes and will find in the new Global Goals a platform to channel their infinite capacities for activism into the creation of a better world – *Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Point 51)*



BPW International should fully commit to the resolution passed at Congress in 2002 and establish a Young BPW International Representative position on all BPW International Boards.



In support of this resolution, the “**2020: Young BPW Internationals on Boards**” project was born. The aim of the project is to attract new young members and for other members’ role model inclusivity and leadership within the organisation.



It is the time to get more
contribution from our ***young
members***
to provide
sustainable future
for
BPW International.

BPW International should start “**Future Women Leaders Program**” by the collaboration with corporate companies to provide training and mentoring programs which includes individual development, gender equality, career development, sectoral information and business life dynamics, for the university students and newly graduate young women.

BPW International should allocate budget to encourage our young members in order to undertake their own youth-led campaigns, projects and initiatives...such as **BPW Carrier Days** at the universities in order to collaborate with others, get their views across and recruit new young members.



BPW International should allocate budget to start **Young BPW Exchange Program** among federations in order to facilitate cultural understanding and foster **mutual understanding.**



BPW International should organize **work shops** to bring our young members together with a background in advocacy, governance, participatory accountability and role of young people in the decision-making processes addressed by the SDGs.



BPW International should offer an award to the Federations which increase in the number of their young members in between 18-25 ages by %30 annually.



Our collective role is to support young people and believe in their capacity in order to create the **FUTURE WE WANT...**

