



The UN's 75th
Anniversary
Global Conversation
campaign

Commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations

Preparatory Conference 2 (African Region) – UN75 “Building Together the Future UN We Want”
Tunisia, 6-10 September 2020

The second preparatory conference of the high level conference scheduled to be held in Tallinn, Estonia in the fall of 2020, is taking place in Sousse, Tunisia from 6th to 10th September 2020. This event which focuses on African and EuroMed regions is held in the framework of the implementation of United Nations “Global Conversation campaign”, organised in cooperation with partners from different countries and co-financed/supported by the international donors and co-founders.

The 2nd preparatory meeting will be an opportunity to build the vision of the United Nations we want for the future. It follows a first preparatory meeting organized in February 2020 in Estonia.

The 2nd preparatory meeting will precede the final EuroMed forum in October 2020 which will synthesize the visions and recommendations collected. These conclusions will be sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations as recommendations from young people, civil society actors, institutions and experts from Africa and Europe.

In addition, we will identify the main obstacles we face in achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals in an increasingly digitalised society, growing youth unemployment, consequences of COVID19 pandemic and divided society. Finally, we will discuss the role and importance of green economy (climate change) and intercultural dialogue in reconciling societies with their environment, and healing the divide which is pulling its components adrift.

This event connects unique regional networks (EuroMed and African) of practitioners, policy-makers, civil society organisations, media and international donors.

the meeting will also offer a unique experience with children under the age of 13. A workshop designed by children and supervised by experts will develop all the recommendations and the future of the UN as they see it. A great preparatory work has already been launched with the group of children to prepare them for a dialogue with the officials present at the opening and also during the workshop.

An artist residency between European and African artists will be organized in advance to the meeting. It will work on a music composition presented as a hymn fraternity between people. A video will also be produced by the participating children containing their main dreams.

The International gathering will be a four day event with an intensive programme (for organisations/institutions and youth) combining high level discussions, session for children, workshops, development of project proposals, formulation and drafting of strategies and development of recommendations for political statement to be adopted during UN75 conference series. Meetings with local NGOs and Government representatives will also be organized during this 4 day event.

THE MAIN AIM

The aims of the international conference and preparatory meetings is to formulate a recommendation on the future of the UN and to discuss the role of global cooperation, promote mutual understanding and cooperation between nations through political dialogue, in particular on human rights issues. We also strive to help create a space for open and non-confrontational debate between representatives of official entities, civil society organizations and individuals around the vision of the future of the united nations that we want.

ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES

Furthermore, the meeting is intended to develop the reflection around the future of the United Nations and to formulate the recommendations of the African continent and the Euromed region around the SDG, human rights and the digital society in the context of a globalized world, as well as to strengthen youth capacity and commitment towards achieving the United Nations SDGs and the protection of human rights in their daily activities.

At the end of the event, participants will have:

- Discussed and drafted a series of recommendations about how UN SDG could be achieved on local and international levels and how they can contribute to UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development implementation.
- Made suggestions on how to utilize the existing international and regional human rights instruments to prepare and implement youth-friendly policies.
- Gained new skills in the themes of digital society and acquired tools of good governance to face crises such as COVID 19 and how a sustainable digital policy in a normal period can be developed.
- Improved their understanding about UN Sustainable Development Goals, importance of global cooperation, human rights and youth empowerment in the context of regional processes and international politics.
- Built a network of civil society organisations, government representatives and other relevant organisations.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The second preparatory meeting is open to representatives from UN system organisations, intergovernmental organisations, governments, ministries or departments, international donors, national and regional human rights institutions working on human rights, youth organisations, educational institutions national and international experts. Considering space limitations, we encourage civil society organisations working on the implementation of the UN SDG to apply as soon as possible to guaranty their participation. A total of 40 participants is established.

MAIN THEMES

- Peace: Peace, trust building and Healing International Communities by Intercultural dialogue
- Sustainability: Achieving economic growth by reducing youth unemployment
- Human Rights and Digitalisation: role of the digital society in creating a Human Rights regime fit for 21st Century realities and crises such as COVID 19
- Climate change: Adapting to climate change by investing in Green Growth, clean energy and environmental technology. Challenge of environmental world migration.

METHODOLOGY

Various communication methods will be employed by the experienced trainers/experts in order to promote efficient and interactive learning of theoretical approaches to UN SDG and Human rights, and practical skills and knowledge. The programme consists of opening speeches, plenary lectures/speeches, high level expert discussions, workshops, field visits and group exercises. Practical experts group assignments would be a key component, where participants will be able to learn from each other, create a joint recommendation and explore highly topical issues of relevance to their national and local practices in achieving UN SDG and their own goals.

RESOURCE PERSONS

A mix of European, African experts in the field of UN 17 SDGs, international human rights, government officials, international foundations, youth organisations, and regional and international organisations will deliver the content of the event. A detailed programme could be found on the webpage.

ELIGIBILITY

- Working young professionals with preferably between 05-10 years or more work experience in the field of human rights, UN SDG related issues, youth organisations, law, public policy, development policy or other relevant areas.
- Individuals engaged in, or responsible of their organisation's current or planned work for UN SDG implementation and working in civil society fields related to youth issues. (Participants do not need to have immediate or direct experience working on human rights etc, but they need to demonstrate a commitment to do so in the near future.)
- Citizens of UN member states
- High proficiency in spoken and written English, Arabic or French is required
- Be able to attend the full duration of the 4-day event.
- Children under between 10 and 13 years of age for the children workshop.

HOW TO APPLY

- Please complete the online application form www.udsdg.ee/registration by 1st of September 2020. In the online application, participants are requested to send (registration@unsdg.ee) a letter of organisational endorsement or nomination letter, explaining how the applicant's participation in the event fits into the organisation's priorities and activities.
- A one page document presenting your vision of the future UN and recommendations on any one of the themes to be discussed.

NB!!! Considering space limitations, we encourage participants to apply as soon as possible to guaranty their participation. For international participants a total of 20 places are available.

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