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Conceived as a long-term mechanism, IFWY is a global platform that tackles the exclusion of youth from policymaking, access to resources, digital opportunities, and institutional trust by creating a space where young people lead the global dialogue.

Following a bottom-up approach, IFWY begins by listening to youth voices in their own contexts, gathering insights from over 27,000 young people in 161 countries and engaging more than 4,000 local institutions supporting marginalized groups. These inputs shape every stage of the Forum, including six Regional Dialogues held from July to October 2025, ensuring that global outcomes grow from local realities.

Launched in 2025 under the theme "Our Sustainable Future: Peace and Cooperation," IFWY empowers youth aged 15–35 to co-create solutions through three linked components: *Regional Dialogues* (July–October 2025) – Six dialogues across Africa & Middle East, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America & Caribbean, North America, and Korea, engaging 300 youth "Catalysts" and thousands online to develop regional policy recommendations. *Global Conference* (27–29 Oct 2025, Seoul) – Brings together 150 youth "Explorers" with policymakers and UN leaders to adopt a Global Youth Policy Recommendation and elect 48 "Navigators" to represent youth priorities at The Second World Summit for Social Development, COP30, and the G20. *Solidarity Concert* (28 Nov 2025) – A global event at Gyeongbokgung Palace, broadcast by MBC, amplifying youth voices for peace and sustainability through music and storytelling. Designed as an annual process, IFWY builds a lasting youth-policy interface supported by digital platforms, mentorship networks, and policy labs for real impact.

Social Development areas addressed

as identified in the Copenhagen Declaration and Doha Political Declaration

Poverty eradication; Employment and decent work; Social inclusion; Food security; Health; Digital transformation; Education; Financing sustainable development; Data for Social Development; Trust in institutions

Aspects of Innovation

- Year-round ecosystem model
- Young people co-design agendas and outcomes
- IFWY digital platform for monitoring and transparency
- Encourages artistic expression through music, storytelling, and technology

SDGs addressed



Endorsing Entities and Funding

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Specific Actions & Implementation Timeline

The International Forum We, the Youth (IFWY) is a recurring annual initiative, with 2025 marking its inaugural year. Each cycle follows a consistent structure—regional consultations, a global conference, and digital engagement—ensuring continuity and measurable impact.

Across six Regional Dialogues, 50 Catalysts per region develop policy recommendations reflecting local contexts. At the Final Global Conference in Seoul, 150 youth leaders, called Explorers, consolidate these into a Global Youth Policy Recommendation addressed to policymakers. The outcomes are then presented at major international fora, including the World Social Summit (WSSD), COP30, and the G20.

- Participant Mobilization (Jan–May 2025) - Participants are selected through the IFWY online platform (ifwy.org). Outreach across social media and youth institutions ensures inclusive participation.
- Regional Dialogues: Walk the Talk (Jul–Oct 2025) - Six dialogues across Africa & Middle East, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America & Caribbean, North America, and Korea engage 300 youth Catalysts and 27,000+ digital participants to produce six regional policy recommendations on peace, sustainability, and inclusion.
- Global Conference: Our Sustainable Future (27–29 Oct 2025, Seoul) - Brings together 150 Explorers and 100+ policymakers, UN officials, and experts to adopt a Global Youth Policy Recommendation and elect 15 Navigators to advocate youth priorities at WSSD, COP30, and the G20.
- Solidarity Concert: Unite4Peace (28 Nov 2025) - A global concert at Gyeongbokgung Palace, broadcast worldwide by MBC, amplifies youth voices through music and culture.
- Digital Platform and Global Youth Network (2025–2026) - The IFWY platform supports project tracking, mentorship, and networking. A Global Youth Network advances implementation, monitored through quarterly reports. All policy outcomes are disseminated via UNRISD channels to UN entities, governments, and partners.

Outcomes

- From July to October 2025, Regional Dialogues enable youth participants to identify priorities and co-develop solutions:
 - Africa & Middle East: poverty eradication, employment, and sustainable livelihoods.
 - Asia-Pacific: digital transformation, education, and health equity.
 - Europe: social integration, migration, and gender equality.
 - Latin America & Caribbean: climate action and financing sustainable development.
 - North America & Korea: rebuilding institutional trust and advancing youth participation.
- Each dialogue produces a Regional Policy Document presenting recommendations tailored to the social, economic, and environmental realities of the region.
- At the Global Conference (October 2025, Seoul), youth delegates synthesize these outcomes into a Global Youth Policy Recommendation aligned with the principles of peace, equality, and sustainability. This unified document ensures that youth perspectives from 161 countries inform



global and national strategies on inclusion, employment, climate resilience, digital transformation, gender equality, and sustainable financing.

- Through its participatory governance, IFWY operationalizes the call for people-centred social development, strengthens trust in institutions, and embeds youth agency within global efforts toward a just, inclusive, and sustainable future.

Impact and scalability potential

- Key impact drivers: Youth-led governance model placing young people at the centre of agenda-setting and evaluation; hybrid engagement structure connecting local, regional, and global voices; collaborative partnerships uniting governments, UN agencies, academia, and private actors.
- Key targets & indicators:
 - Participation of 30,000 youth by 2025 and 200,000 by 2030
 - Gender parity (50% women, 40% Global South)
 - Policy uptake of youth proposals
 - Empowerment metrics showing increased agency and sustained engagement.
- Scalability/transferability: Built on a replicable, modular, and open-source framework, IFWY's model can be adapted across regions and integrated into local strategies. Its structure fosters horizontal learning and South–South cooperation, bridging grassroots innovation and institutional action—making development not only for youth but with youth everywhere.

Doha Solutions Platform – Annex

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Issue areas addressed by the Copenhagen Declaration or the Doha Political Declaration

**Text in bold marks the abbreviated name otherwise used to refer to the issue area*

- **Poverty eradication**
- Full **employment and decent work**
- Social integration and **social inclusion**
- **Food security** and nutrition
- Physical and mental **health**
- **Digital transformation**
- **Education**
- **Climate action**
- **Disaster reduction**
- **Gender equality** and the empowerment of women and girls
- **Combating** racism, racial **discrimination**, xenophobia, and related intolerance
- **Basic services:** housing, water and sanitation
- Ensuring safe, orderly, and regular **migration** pathways
- **Financing sustainable development**
- **Data** for Social Development
- Rebuilding **trust in institutions**
- Accelerating development in **Africa** and in **countries in special situations**