SOUTH ASIA YOUTH SKILLS AND SOLUTIONS FORUM AGENDA

29-31 October, 2019
Renaissance Convention Centre Hotel
Mumbai, India
Tuesday, 29 October 2019

19:00 - 21:00 Welcome dinner
Venue: The Terrace

Welcome remarks:
• Sameera Gurung, Youth Leader, Harmony Youth Volunteers Bhutan
• Sana Shafeeq, President, Youth Leaders Network Maldives
• Raba Khan, Youth Advocate, Bangladesh

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08:00 - 08:30 Participants’ registration
Venue: Renaissance Convention Centre Entrance Area

08:30 - 13:00 Opening Plenary: Sessions 1-3
Venue: Grand Ballroom

Youth MC: Sukanyaa Lahon, Senior Associate Coordinator, Pravah

08:30 - 10:00 Session 1: RE-ALIGN evidence to inspire business

Welcome address by Dr. K P Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Skills Development & Entrepreneurship.

Keynote address by Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF.

Moderated plenary discussion and Q&A.
Moderator: Ugyen Dorji, Minister of Labour and Human Resources, Government of Bhutan

• Presentation “Preparing tomorrow’s workforce for the Fourth Industrial Revolution” by Jamira Burley, Head, Youth Engagement and Skills, Global Business Coalition for Education
• Presentation “Developing skills in youth to succeed in the evolving south asian economy” by Anurag Malik, Partner, Ernst & Young India
• Discussion with presenters and panel members:
  - George Laryea-Adjei, Director of Evaluation, UNICEF
  - Karthik Krishnan, Global CEO, Britannica Group
  - Anoka Primrose Abeyrathne, Co-Founder and Director, Sustain Solutions

10:00 - 10:20 Break in the Forum’s Exhibition Area
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**10:20 - 11:30**  
**Session 2: RE-IMAGINE Youth employment and skilling solutions**

- **Keynote Business Address** by Ashwin Yardi, CEO, Capgemini Technology Services India
- **Presentation “Generation Unlimited: Our Time. Our Turn. Our Future”** by Urmila Sarkar, Senior Adviser, Generation Unlimited Global Team
- **Presentation “2030 Skills Scorecard South Asia: Bridging business, education, and the future of work”** by Justin van Fleet, Executive Director, Global Business Coalition for Education

**Moderated plenary discussion and Q&A**

- **Moderator:** Anita Rajan, Chief Executive Officer, TATA Strive

  - Discussion with panel members:
    - Asif Saleh, Executive Director, BRAC
    - Rajeev Khurana, Senior Advisor (Training Academy), Maruti Suzuki India Limited
    - Shweta Khurana, Director of Programs, Partnerships and Policy, Intel India

**11:30 - 12:40**  
**Session 3: RE-THINK perspectives from the workforce of the future**

- **Keynote remarks** by Pravin Dhanawade, Trainer, Youth4Jobs India
- **Presentation “Voices of South Asian Youth”** by
  - Dulan Dias, CEO, EchonLabs Sri Lanka
  - Hadisa Gowhari, Managing Director, SearchPath Kar Ara Afghanistan

**Intergenerational dialogue and Q&A**

- **Youth panel members:**
  - Sajja Singh, Vice President, YUWA Nepal (Moderator)
  - Parth Suri, Associate Coordinator, Pravah India

- **Adult panel members:**
  - Sabina Dewan, President and Executive Director, JustJobs Network
  - Srinath Komarina, Senior President, Responsible Banking, YES Bank
  - Tendai Mashingaidze, CEO, Econet Education

**12:40 - 13:00**  
**Key take-aways of morning plenaries**

- **Key take-away remarks** by Ravi Venkatesan, UNICEF Special Representative for Young People

**13:00 - 14:00**  
**Networking Lunch**

*Venue: Outside Hallway of Grand Ballroom*
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14:00 - 16:15  **Session 4: RE-CREATE partnerships to redress the youth skilling and employment challenge**

*Five parallel breakout workshops that run simultaneously, for 1 hour each, twice. Each participant will have the opportunity to attend two workshops.*

14:00 - 15:00  **First round of workshops**

**WORKSHOP 1: YOUTH DIVERSITY & EQUITABLE ACCESS**  
*Venue: Powai Ballroom 1*

- **Moderator:** Gowri Ishwaran, CEO, Global Education & Leadership Foundation
- Mohammad Loqman Ansari, Youth Leader, UNICEF Adolescent and Youth Network
- David Hollands, Education Strategy Manager, HP Asia Pacific & Japan
- Meera Shenoy, Founder and CEO, Youth for Jobs
- Jake Cho, Project Manager Global Business Coalition for Education (REACT)

**WORKSHOP 2: SKILLS FOR LIFE, WORK, AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP**  
*Venue: Powai Ballroom 2*

- **Moderator:** Jamira Burley, Head of Youth Engagement and Skills, Global Business Coalition for Education
- Trina Das, Founder & CEO, TAI
- Kuldeep Dantewadia, CEO, ReapBenefit
- Malavika Pavamani, Director, Pravah
- Md. Mukhlesur Rahman, Senior Curriculum Specialist, National Curriculum and Textbook Board Bangladesh

**WORKSHOP 3: YOUTH AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**  
*Venue: Powai Ballroom 3*

- **Moderator:** Madan Padaki, Co-Founder, GAME
- Prathana Saakha, President, Nepalese Young Entrepreneur Forum
- Tendai Mashingaidze, CEO, Econet Education
- Minhaj Chowdhury, CEO and Co-Founder, Drinkwell

**WORKSHOP 4: YOUTH, TECHNOLOGY AND SKILLS FOR FUTURE WORK**  
*Venue: Jasmine*

- **Moderator:** Shelley Thakral, Head of Policy Programs, Facebook (India, South Asia and Central Asia)
- Ashish Kumar, Director, Nvoke Future Learning, Australia
- Ninad Vengurlekar, CEO and Co-Founder, Utter
- Nevindaree Premarathne, Project Manager, Information Communication and Technology Agency of Sri Lanka
- Kinkini Roychoudhary, Global Programs Asia Lead, Accenture

**WORKSHOP 5: DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH**  
*Venue: Lotus*

- **Moderator:** Urmila Sarkar, Senior Adviser, Generation Unlimited Global team
- Madhu Chauhan, Global Youth Ambassador, Their World
- Rasna Hasan, Deputy Director and Head of Sustainability, Grameenphone
- Gabriel Bordado, Regional Skills and Employment Specialist, ILO
- Asif Saleh, Executive Director, BRAC
- Anuja Mehta, India Lead - Jobs Spot on Google Pay, Google
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15:00 - 15:15 **Break in the Forum’s Exhibition Area**
Participants move to another workshop of their choice

15:15 - 16:15 **Second round of workshops**
Workshops 1 – 5 repeated, with different participants

16:15 - 16:45 **Break in the Forum’s Exhibition Area**
Venue: Convention Centre Entrance Area

16:45 – 18:00 **Session 5: Closing Plenary**
*Re-align, Re-think, Re-imagine to Re-create*
Venue: Grand Ballroom

16:45 - 17:45 **Interactive plenary discussion and Q&A**

*Moderator: Justin Van Fleet, Executive Director, Global Business Coalition for Education*

- Discussion with panel members representing each workshop:
  - Youth diversity and equitable access: Gowri Ishwaran, CEO, Global Education and Leadership Foundation
  - Skills for life, work, and active citizenship: Jamira Burley, Head of Youth Engagement and Skills, Global Business Coalition for Education
  - Youth and entrepreneurship: Madan Padaki, Co-Founder, GAME
  - Decent jobs for youth: Tuomo Poutiainen, ILO Country Director, Bangladesh
  - Youth, technology, and skills for future work: Neelam Pol, Innovation Specialist, UNICEF India

17:45 - 18:00 **Closing Remarks, Next Steps and Agenda for Action**

*Next steps, conclusions and vote of thanks by Jean Gough, Regional Director, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia*

19:30 - 21:00 **Reception Dinner**
Venue: Grand Ballroom
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07:30  Departure from Hotel

Convene at Grand Ballroom by 7.30am sharp.

08:00 - 12:30  Field Visits (including travel time)

Field Visit 1: Edu-Bridge Career Academy
Field Visit 2: Bright Future
Field Visit 3: ICICI Foundation Skills Academy
Field Visit 4: TATA Strive
Field Visit 5: Youth4Jobs Training Centre
Field Visit 6: Edulight Learning Centre
Field Visit 7: Head Held High Foundation

12:30 – 13:30  Networking Lunch
Venue: Outside Hallway of Grand Ballroom

14:30 – 16:30  Match-Making Exercise (optional workshop)
Venue: Lotus

Moderator: Rafiqul Islam Sujon, Education Technology Expert, a2i - Innovate for All, Government of Bangladesh

South-South Network for Public Service Innovation (SSN4PSI) utilizes a fit-for-purpose “Matchmaking” approach to empower southern countries to learn from and support one another in identifying vital innovations and scaling up novel solutions. The matchmaking session will connect the knowledge exporters and importers from governments, private sector, foundations, youth and civil society organizations, regional and multilateral organization, and academia. The session will be uniquely positioned to enable rapid leapfrogging by facilitating the replication of best practices/initiatives in empowering youths for equitable growth with a focus on the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.