



CONCEPT NOTE

3rd Sustainable Development Goals Youth Summer Camp 24 June, 29 July – 1 August 2019, Incheon, Republic of Korea

Organized by the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG) and the Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco)

1. Rationale

Since the adoption of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in September 2015, UN Member States have been taking proactive actions to achieve the ambitious vision of this transformative plan. However, the rate of global progress is not keeping pace with the aspirations of the Agenda and countries are still confronted with daunting challenges such as climate change, inequality, unsafe drinking water, environmental degradation, energy crises, lack of education and health, etc. To tackle these problems, it is imperative for stakeholders at all levels to accelerate collective initiatives and actions.

In particular, the active youth engagement is vital for the successful SDGs implementation as they will be key actors and leaders of the SDGs initiatives, frameworks and processes in the future. Acknowledging the role of youth, organizations and governments have established various strategies to raise youth's awareness on sustainable development. For instance, Youth 2030: The United Nations Youth Strategy, launched on 24 September 2018 by UN Secretary-General, seeks to strengthen and increase commitments at the regional, national and global level to empower the youth's capacity and contributions for the SDGs.

Since capacity-building activities are essential to the youth's participation in the SDGs implementation, the number of capacity development programmes conducted by international organizations and governments are growing as well. For example, Sustainable Development Social Network (SDSN) Youth strives to educate young people about the SDGs and improve their capacity and knowledge through extensive trainings. Provided with necessary skills and opportunities needed to realize their potential, young people can be a major driving force for supporting and enhancing global efforts towards the SDGs

In this vein, the United Nation Office for Sustainable Development Office (UNOSD) has been organizing SDGs summer camp for college students annually since 2017 to increase the youth's awareness and role in the SDGs implementation. The previous Summer Camps took place in

2017 and 2018 which successfully equipped the participating college students with necessary knowledge and capacity to contribute to the realization of the SDGs.

The third SDGs summer camp will take place in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The Incheon Metropolitan City, as a dedicated partner of UNOSD, will offer participants opportunities to explore good practices and strategies for the SDGs implementation. Specifically, planned field trip at the camp will provide opportunities for the participants to experience and learn how the city promote Sustainable Development. The camp will be hosted in collaboration with the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG) and Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco) to maximize synergies.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the SDGs Summer Camp will include but are not limited to the following:

- Build and enhance knowledge of the youth on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, and their capacity and contribution;
- Provide tools for youth to realize the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs;
- Foster youth's engagement in dialogues and discussions on the SDGs implementation; and
- Expand UNOSD's contribution and partnership with young generation for promoting the SDGs.

3. Participants and Format

Those who are born between 1991 and 2001 are eligible to apply regardless of their nationality by submitting applications forms and supplementary documents posted on the organizers' websites. The organizers will select approximately 40 participants based on their motivation, capacities and English proficiency, while ensuring gender and geographical balance. The previous Summer Camps were open only to college students, but this year's camp has expanded its target participants to promote inclusiveness.

The Summer Camp consists of a half-day preliminary workshop and a three-day main camp. Experts from international organizations, academia, government organizations, NGOs and private sectors will deliver their insights on the SDGs to provide key background knowledge and facilitate productive dialogues. The diversity of the speakers will ensure the Summer Camp's overall quality and motivate the participants to be fully engaged in discussions over the SDGs implementation.

Each session will include a group work which will allow students to be highly interactive and encourage them to share creative ideas and critical thinking with others on developing more hands-on approach to the SDGs implementation. The Summer Camp includes a half-day field trip to a project site located in Incheon city to illustrate how Korea is implementing the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs. Through this on-site study, the participants will gain more knowledge and experience on the SDGs. All sessions and programmes will be conducted in English.

4. Agenda

Preliminary Workshop – Monday, 24 June 2019	
Time	Module
12:40	Assemble at the Venue
12:40-13:00	Registration
13:00-13:30	Introduction of Programs and Organizers
13:30-14:00	Introduction of Participants and Groups
14:00-14:10	Break
14:10-14:50	Overview of SDGs and its progress
14:50-15:00	Break
15:00-15:40	Youth engagement in the SDGs implementation
15:40-17:00	Group Discussion and Presentation Topic Selection
Day One Monday, 29 July 2019	
Time	Module
17:00	Registration (ID check, name tag and package distribution)
17:00-19:00	Dinner
19:00-20:00	Ice-breaking
Day Two Tuesday, 30 July 2019	
Time	Module
08:50-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Welcoming Remarks
09:30-09:45	Outline of Course
09:45-10:00	Photo Session and Break

10:00-10:40	<u>Session 1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frontier Technologies for Sustainable Development for public service delivery - 30-minute lecture, 10-minute Q&A session
10:40-12:00	Group Discussion
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:50	Group Presentation #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40-minute presentation and feedback
13:50-14:00	Break
14:00-14:40	<u>Session 2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disaster Risk Reduction and the Role of the Youth - 30-minute lecture, 10-minute Q&A Session
14:40-16:00	Group Discussion
16:00-16:50	Group Presentation #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40-minute presentation and feedback
16:50-17:00	Break
17:00-18:00	<u>Session 3 & 4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Session 3 (Climate Change Adaptation) - Session 4 (Climate Change Mitigation)
Day Three Wednesday, 31 July 2019	
Time	Module
09:00-09:40	<u>Session 5</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decent Work and Economic Growth - 30-minute lecture, 10-minute Q&A Session
09:40-11:00	Group Discussion
11:00-11:40	Group Presentation #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40-minute presentation and feedback
11:40-12:40	Lunch
12:40-13:20	Country Case (2 countries from participants)
13:20-13:50	<u>Session 6</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean Water and Sanitation

13:50-18:00	Field Trip (related to SDGs)
18:00-20:00	Dinner
Day Four Thursday, 1 August 2019	
Time	Module
09:00-10:00	Group Presentation (20 minutes per group)
10:00-10:10	Break
10:10-11:10	Group Presentation (20 minutes per group)
11:10-12:00	Wrap-up and Closing
12:00-13:00	Lunch

5. Schedule and Venue

The event consists of one preliminary workshop and the main summer camp. The pre-workshop will take place on 24 June 2019 at the Korea Environment Corporation Yeouido Training Office in Seoul and the main Camp will take place from 29 July to 1 August 2019 at the Incheon Airport Aviation Academy in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

6. Organizers

This event will be organized by UNOSD, UNPOG and K-eco.

7. Outputs

The youth camp will produce two primary outputs. They include:

- Young people with enhanced knowledge on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their implementation; and
- A short report on the camp with recommendations for future camps.

