

UN YOUTH PARTICIPATION MECHANISMS

Name	Intended Age Range	Location	Description of Activity	Frequency of Participation
UN SYSTEM - ONLINE				
Voices of Youth	15 years or older	Digital platform http://www.voicesofyouth.org Hosted by UNICEF	An online platform that allows youth to post blogs about their experiences. It promotes cross-cultural interactions between adolescents from different countries, helping them learn to work together, develop their communication and computer skills, define and articulate their positions on global advocacy issues, and become engaged global citizens.	On-going, whenever youth want to post a blog.
Opportunities for Youth	15 years or older	Digital platform: http://www.un.org/youthenvoy/youth-un/opportunities-youth/	Hosted by the Office of the Secretary General's Envoy on Youth, this page links to opportunities for youth to engage in the work of various UN departments.	On-going
UN SYSTEM – IN PERSON				
UN Alliance of Civilizations (AOC) Summer School	18-35 years	International. Last three summer schools held in New York.	During one week, a group of 75-100 participants aged 18-35 engage in workshops, roundtables and collaborative work focused on fostering diversity and global citizenship; reducing stereotypes and identity-based tensions; promoting intercultural UN harmony and social justice. https://www.unaoc.org/what-we-do/projects/summer-schools/	Annual (last summer school held in 2015)
UN OAC Fellowship Program	25-35 years	International	The theme of the Fellowship 2017 is “The role of civil society and the media in combatting hatred and fostering inclusion” . To be selected, eligible candidates must demonstrate strong interest in intercultural dialogue and professional achievements in the fields of media and/or civil society. The Fellowship Program aims at fostering intercultural exchange and interfaith understanding by engaging with young civil society leaders and professionals from Europe, North-America (EUNA), the Middle East and North-Africa (MENA). Framed around two-week exchange	Annual

			trips between EUNA and MENA countries, the Program sends participants from each geographic area to their counterparts' region. https://fellowship.unaoc.org/apply/	
UN Youth Volunteer	18-29 years	International	These young volunteers are assigned to host United Nations agencies to work on the frontlines of political, developmental and humanitarian field operations. UN Youth Volunteers are young people aged 18 to 29 years who want to engage in development and peace initiatives worldwide. https://www.unv.org/become-un-youth-volunteer https://www.unv.org/become-volunteer	6-24 month assignments
UNESCO Youth Forum	18 years or older	Paris, France	Every two years, young people from 195 Member States come together at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris to discuss and debate thematic areas of concern. The forum culminates in a series of recommended actions to be presented at the UNESCO General Conference. These actions take into account the lived experiences and unique perspective of youth as well as the challenges facing young people today, ensuring that the voices of youth are properly represented in programmatic decisions made by the Member States. Participants are nominated to attend the UNESCO Youth Forum by their National Commission Offices , Civil Society Organisations and youth-related partners. http://en.unesco.org/9th-unesco-youth-forum/youth-forum Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/UNESCOyouth/	Biennial
ECOSOC Youth Forum	High school and university	New York City, USA	The Youth Forum, held annually by ECOSOC since 2012, brings youth into discussions on the Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda. They take part in brainstorming sessions, interactive speaker panels and discussions with Member States on a main theme. Side events encourage participants to further engage with one another on a wide range of topics. The two-day Forum's primary participants come from National Youth Councils, the UN Major	Annual

			Group for Children and Youth, regional youth organizations, and youth-led and -focused organizations and networks. https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/ecosoc-youth-forum	
UN Youth Delegates	16-25 years	New York City, USA	Youth apply through domestic mechanisms found in the Guide . Participating countries include: Australia, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland and Thailand. In other countries youth may approach their Permanent Missions to request a UN Delegate program (details in the Guide). Youth delegates attend the General Assembly and may also attend the Commission on Social Development. https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/what-we-do/youth-delegate-programme.html	Annual
UN SYSTEM INTERNSHIPS				
Internships	18 years and older	International	A variety of internship opportunities are available through individual UN bodies and organizations. A listing can be found here: https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/opportunities-within-the-un/internships.html	Internships are updated on an ongoing basis and can last for a varied length of time (6 months to two years).
UN YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS				
World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) Youth Advisory Council	18 years and older	International	The Youth Advisory Council advises the WFUNA Secretary-General on youth initiatives and fosters youth involvement among United Nations Associations and United Nations Youth Associations. It is part of WFUNA's initiative to establish a long term structure for a more sustainable youth framework. http://www.wfuna.org/youth-advisory-council	Annual