



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) of UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco)

1. Rationale

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, UN Member States have been taking proactive actions to achieve the ambitious vision of this transformative agenda. 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, 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 to the successful SDGs implementation as they will be key actors of the SDGs initiatives, frameworks and processes in the future. Acknowledging the role of youth, various strategies to raise youth's awareness of Sustainable Development have been established. 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 national, regional and global level to empower the youth towards their contributions for the SDGs.

Since capacity building is essential to the youth's engagement in the SDGs, the number of capacity development programmes conducted by international organizations and governments is growing as well. For example, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Youth has been conducting peer-learning programmes to improve youth capacity and knowledge. Provided with necessary skills and opportunities to realize their potential, young people can be a major driving force for supporting and enhancing global efforts towards the SDGs.

In this context, 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 successfully equipped the participating college students with necessary knowledge and capacity to contribute to the realization of the SDGs.

The 3rd SDGs Youth Summer Camp will take place in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The Incheon Metropolitan City, as a dedicated partner of UNOSD, has carried out good practices and strategies for the SDGs implementation. A planned field trip will provide opportunities for the participants to experience and learn how the city can promote Sustainable Development.

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 for Sustainable Development and SDGs;
- Encourage the youth to actively be engaged in dialogues and discussions on the SDGs implementation;
- Share experts' experiences and expertise with the participants on how to effectively implement Sustainable Development Goals; and
- Provide networking opportunities among the participants to continue further discussions and participation to the SDGs implementation

3. Participants and Format

Those who are born between 1991 and 2001 are eligible to apply regardless of their nationalities by submitting application forms and supplementary documents posted on the organizers' websites. The organizers selected 47 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 and government will share their insights on the SDGs 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 their roles for the SDGs implementation.

Each session will include a group work which will allow participants to be highly interactive and share creative ideas and critical thinking on developing a more practical approach to the SDGs implementation. The 3rd SDGs Youth Summer Camp includes a half-day field trip to a project site located in Incheon Metropolitan City to illustrate how Korea is implementing the Agenda 2030 for the sustainable development. All sessions in the programme will be conducted in English.

4. Agenda

Preliminary Workshop – Monday, 24 June 2019	
Time	Module
12:30-13:00	Registration
13:00-13:10	Opening Remarks <i>Speaker</i> <i>Mr. Ick Hoon Choi, Vice-President, K-eco</i>
13:10-13:40	Introduction of the Programme and Organizers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNOSD - UNPOG - K-eco <i>Speaker</i> <i>Mr. Okhyun Yang, Associate Research and Policy Expert, UNOSD</i> <i>Ms. Ewijeong Jeong, Associate Outreach and Networking Expert, UNPOG</i> <i>Ms. Hee Kyoung Min, Manager, K-eco</i>
13:40-14:00	Introduction of Participants
14:00-14:15	Break
14:15-14:55	<u>Session 1</u> Youth engagement in the SDGs implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30-minute lecture, 10-minute Q&A session <i>Speaker</i> <i>Ms. Charlotte Arribe, Sustainable Development Consultant, UNESCAP East and North-East Asia Office</i>
14:55-15:10	Break
15:10-15:50	<u>Session 2</u> Overview of SDGs and its Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30-minute lecture, 10-minute Q&A session <i>Speaker</i> <i>Ms. Eunhae Jeong, Senior Development Management Expert, UNOSD</i>
15:50-17:00	Group Activity <i>Speaker</i> <i>Mr. Okhyun Yang, Associate Research and Policy Expert, UNOSD</i>
Day One – Monday, 29 July 2019	
Time	Module
16:30-17:30	Registration (ID check, name tag and package distribution)

17:30-19:00	Room Assignment and Dinner
19:00-20:00	Ice-breaking Session <i>Speaker</i> <i>Mr. Huiyong Kim, Consultant, United Nations Office for Sustainable Development</i>
Day Two –Tuesday, 30 July 2019	
Time	Module
08:40-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:15	Opening Remarks <i>Speaker</i> <i>Mr. Jean D’Aragon, Officer-in-Charge of UNOSD</i> <i>Mr. Chae Gun Chung, Head of UNPOG</i>
09:15-09:20	Welcoming Remarks <i>Mr. Sang-soo Yoon, Ambassador for International Relations, Incheon Metropolitan City</i>
09:20-09:30	Photo Session and break
09:30-09:40	Outline of Course <i>Speaker</i> <i>Mr. Okhyun Yang, Associate Research and Policy Expert, UNOSD</i>
09:40-10:20	<u>Session 3</u> - Frontier Technologies for Public Service Delivery to Realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - 30-minute lecture, 10-minute Q&A session <i>Speaker</i> <i>Mr. Keping Yao, Senior Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG</i>
10:20-10:30	Break
10:30-11:40	Group Discussion
11:40-12:40	Lunch
12:40-13:50	Group Presentation #1 - 60-minute presentation and feedback
13:50-14:00	Break

14:00-14:40	<u>Session 4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disaster Risk Reduction and the Role of the Youth - 30-minute lecture, 10-minute Q&A Session <p><i>Speaker</i> <i>Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund, Programme Officer, UNDRR</i></p>
14:40-15:50	Group Discussion
15:50-17:00	Group Presentation #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 60-minute presentation and feedback
17:00-17:10	Break
17:10-17:50	<u>Session 5</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tackling Climate Change - 30-minute lecture, 10-minute Q&A Session <p><i>Speaker</i> <i>Mr. Okhyun Yang, Associate Research and Policy Expert, UNOSD</i></p>
17:50-19:00	Dinner
Day Three – Wednesday, 31 July 2019	
Time	Module
09:00-09:40	<u>Session 6</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decent Work and Economic Growth - 30-minute lecture, 10-minute Q&A Session <p><i>Speaker</i> <i>Mr. Zooyob Anne, Senior Fellow, Korea Labor Institute</i></p>
09:40-10:50	Group Discussion
10:50-11:50	Group Presentation #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50-minute presentation and feedback
11:50-12:50	Lunch
12:50-18:00	Field Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sudokwon Landfill Site Management Corp. - Incheon Metropolitan City History Museum - IFEZ, G-Tower
18:00-20:00	Dinner Reception (Grand Ballroom, Songdo Holiday Inn)

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	Closing Remarks <i>Ms. Eunhae Jeong, Senior Development Management Expert, UNOSD</i> <i>Mr. Heon-Jun Kim, Senior Programme Management Expert, UNPOG</i>
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 of UN DESA and K-eco.

7. Outputs

The 3rd SDGs Youth Summer Camp will produce two primary outputs:

- 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.