

Nomination criteria and process for selection of youth participants

Nomination criteria

- **Number:** each Member State should nominate at least one (1) young participant to the 9th UNESCO Youth Forum.
- **Age:** the nominated participant should be between 18 and 24 years old.
- **Gender sensitivity:** participation of young women should be encouraged.
- **Experience:**
 - o the nominated youth participant should be an active member of youth organizations in his/her country, involved in youth-related issues at the country or community level;
 - o he/she should be engaged/have experience in the post-2015 process and/or on issues related to the sustainable development goals, with specific focus on education and skills for sustainable development and employability, diversity and culture of peace, or rights and freedoms; OR
 - o he/she should be engaged/have experience in issues raised by climate change, with specific focus on awareness-raising through media, mobilizing traditional knowledge and local environmental management practices, or youth solutions to address climate change;
 - o the nominated young woman or man should not have participated in past editions of the Forum.
- **Inclusion:** representation of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups (particularly from indigenous populations and youth with disabilities) should be encouraged.
- **Kinship:** family members and relatives of the staff working in the organization responsible for the selection and nomination process are not eligible.

Selection process

- The young participant should be selected through a **participatory process involving her/his peers**. In this regard, cooperation between the National Commission for UNESCO, the National Youth Councils or national youth structures, as well as youth networks and organizations in the country, is highly recommended.
- To the best possible extent, the young participant should be selected through a **competitive process or following an open call** to youth organizations and networks in the country.
- The relevant **UNESCO Field Office** is available to provide assistance in the selection process, as needed.

Documents to provide for each nominated participant¹

- Curriculum vitae;
- Letter of motivation by the nominated youth participant;
- Recommendation letter from a youth-related or youth-focused NGO;
- Official note from the NGO stating its vision, mission, scope and activities;
- Copy of the passport of the youth participant.

¹ To be uploaded, accompanying the electronic form to be filled in at <http://en.unesco.org/9-youth-forum-participation-form>. Should you not have the possibility to submit them online, kindly fill in and return the attached registration form with the accompanying documents to the e-mail address: 9thUNESCOYouthForum@unesco.org.