



Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) Youth Forum 2025

Call for SDGs Innovation Initiative Proposals

Introduction

The [Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development](#) (APFSD) is an annual, inclusive, intergovernmental forum to support the follow-up and review of progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the regional level. This regional platform aims to inform, empower, and support Asia-Pacific countries (especially least-developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing States) in their efforts to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and their targets set out by the 2030 Agenda by identifying regional trends and sharing best practices and lessons learned. The Forum convenes United Nations system bodies, Member States, international organisations, civil society, and other stakeholders whose reflections feed into and inform the 2025 High-level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York, which reviews sustainable development progress at the global level.¹

The 12th APFSD will be organised from 25 to 28 February 2025 under the theme: “**Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs for leaving no one behind in Asia and the Pacific**” at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand.

ARROW and the regional co-convenors, Youth LEAD, and YPEER Asia-Pacific have been organising the annual **APFSD Youth Forum since 2017**. Since 2022, we have been joined by regional youth networks, such as Major Group for Children and Youth and Children (MGCY) and Youth Major Group to UNEP (CYMG). The APFSD Youth Forum engages 400-500 adolescents and young people in the age group of 13-30 years from across Asia and the Pacific region to develop National, Sub-Regional and Regional Youth Call to Action.

The APFSD Youth Forum 2025 will be a three day event from **19-21 February, 2025** where participants will assess the gaps and challenges in the implementation of SDGs 3,5,8,14 and 17, share best practices and find evidence-based solutions to the 2030 agenda.

The forum will curate SDGs Innovation Market and will have initiatives set up by young people displaying relevant information and materials, where participants can visit and shop ideas, initiatives based on their interests which align with the issues under SDGs 3, 5, 8, 14, and 17. We therefore call young people, youth-led or youth serving organisations, governments across

¹ <https://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd12>



the Asia Pacific to submit proposals for the Innovation Initiative to be set up at the APFSD Youth Forum SDGs Innovation Market.

We are looking forward to innovation proposals on **climate action, gender equality and human rights, health and wellbeing, young people's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information and services, Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), decent work, and partnerships to realise SDGs in the Asia and Pacific.**

Young people are encouraged to apply and showcase their models at the APFSD Youth Forum 2025.

The relevant display materials including posters, resource materials or any other display items should be managed by the innovation initiative curator themselves. The APFSD Youth Forum organising team are not responsible for managing the materials except for overseeing the set-up of the panel and providing the space.

Submission guidelines

- All abstracts must be submitted online through google form no later than 25th December, 2024. The link to the form is <https://forms.gle/pGUVt6xjJwzRrQsX8>.
- All forms should be submitted in English.
- Please also prepare an abstract in the pdf file to be uploaded with the google form. It should have the following details:
 1. Name and Affiliation
 2. Theme of the Innovation Initiative
 3. Description of the innovation project (state the implementation area, target group, objectives, intervention approach, outcome)
 4. Relevant SDGs
- All the innovation initiative proposal submitters must also fill out the APFSD Youth Forum Application Form (<https://forms.gle/65XDDMXmTWS7jS4q6>) no later than 25th December, 2024.
- The results of the selection of proposals will be announced on the week of 8th January, 2025. Due to the volume of applications that we receive we are unable to inform individually on the status of proposals that are not selected.
- Selection of successful proposals will also take into account the balance across themes and balance in the diversity of young people and organisations across the region.
- Only completed proposals, containing all information requested, conforming with the formats above, will be considered.

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