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## AFS YOUTH ASSEMBLY



RISE. REIMAGINE. REBUILD:  
A WORLD FOR ALL

31ST SESSION 2026

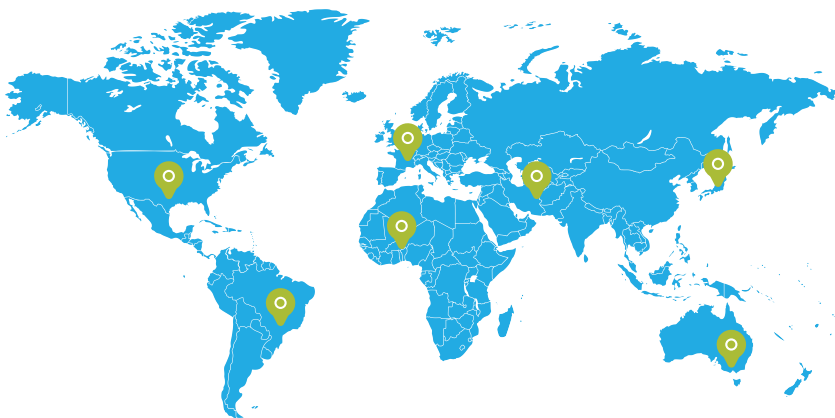


## The AFS Youth Assembly

Program Partners Brochure

## ABOUT THE YOUTH ASSEMBLY

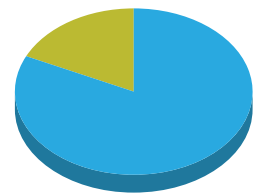
### REGIONAL MAKE-UP OF YOUTH PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



### YOUTH PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY AGE RANGE

**18%**  
+29  
years old

**82%**  
16-28  
years old



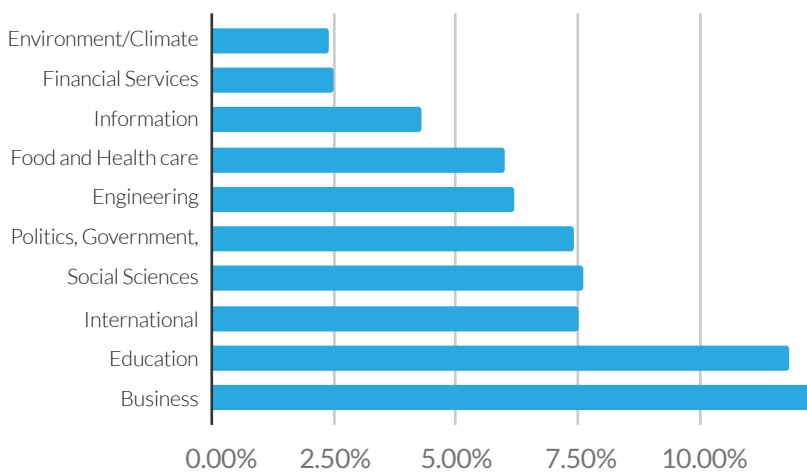
### YOUTH PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY GENDER



**52%** Male

**48%** Female

### YOUTH PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY FIELD OF STUDY



### YOUTH PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY OCCUPATION



**37%** Undergraduate

**32%** Employed

**15%** High School

**13%** Graduate

**3%** Other



## PARTNER WITH THE AFS YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Be a part of this unique global gathering of young leaders addressing the world's greatest challenges!

### ABOUT THE YOUTH ASSEMBLY

With an annual conference bringing together about 1,000 of the world's most dynamic young people from over 100 countries, the Youth Assembly convenes each year to connect participants with like-minded peers, trailblazers, and influencers; develop global competence and critical skills; and transform their vision for a better future into action. This year's conference will take place in Geneva, Switzerland.

- One of the world's largest youth events focused on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- Founded in 2004, with roots going back to 1958
- 20,000 Alumni from 160 countries, including the UN Secretary General's first-ever Envoy on Youth Ahmad Alhendawi & Former Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan
- 1,000+ youth-led projects have been generated by Youth Assembly participants in their home communities, See most recent Impact Report of the Youth Assembly Alumni Network from 2025.
- Multiple leadership opportunities for delegates to win awards and prizes of up to \$10,000 dollars to fund their social impact projects, and recognition on a global stage.

### WHO ATTENDS THE YOUTH ASSEMBLY?

#### Young Leaders and Changemakers:

Each year the Youth Assembly attracts the world's most dynamic young people (ages 18-35) interested in global issues and sustainable development.

### Prominent Partners

Youth Assembly sponsors and partners include UN agencies, global corporations, NGOs, and academic institutions, including the United Nations, UN Habitat, UNDGC, UNESCO, World Bank, USAID, ILO, Idealist, Chemonics, PepsiCo, Microsoft, PwC, Instagram, Virgin Unite, Novartis, SDSN Youth, bp, AstraZenca, DHL, Generation Global, the Huffington Post, UNA-USA, WCS, the Nature Conservancy, the Climate Reality Project, Liter of Light, Terracycle, IIE, Candid, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University and more.

### Inspiring Global Speakers

AFS Youth Assembly speakers have been such as former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, world-renowned economist and Nobel Laureate Jeffrey Sachs, and prominent youth activists such as Alexandria Villasenor, Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, and Amani Al Khatahtbeh.

### WHY PARTNER WITH THE YOUTH ASSEMBLY

The United Nations has identified five "megatrends" that will shape our world over the course of this century: climate change and nature degradation, inequalities, urbanization, rapid population changes and technological revolution.

With approximately 1.2 billion people aged 15-24 years (youth are up to 35 years old in some countries) accounting for 16% of the world population, young people must be the center of the social change needed to address these challenges.

Youth Assembly partners play an important role in the development of our program. You'll contribute ideas, resources, expertise, volunteer power, and in-kind support as we work towards accomplishing our mission of empowering youth for global change. Join us in building a movement of emerging leaders. Help us nurture a large network of young delegates from around the world. Provide learning and networking opportunities, promote intergenerational dialogue and propel ideas from creation to implementation.

By engaging the next generation of leaders and decision makers, you'll be working towards actively creating a better world.



## BECOME A YOUTH ASSEMBLY PROGRAM PARTNER

As a Program Partner, you'll join notable organizations in empowering youth for global change.

Youth Assembly Program Partners play an important role in the development of our program. International organizations, civil society organizations, advocacy groups, universities, and other institutions that empower individuals through capacity building or are interested in engaging youth through their work are a great fit for the Youth Assembly.

### BENEFITS

- Introduce your organization to a large network of youth and build tangible relationships with the next generation of leaders globally
- Promote the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through youth engagement
- Logo included on AFS Youth Assembly website, promotional materials, and banners along with a short description of organization included in conference program and website
- Speaking opportunities in a conference panel or workshop

### PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP ENABLES YOU TO:

- Showcase your organization's work, values and brand to a talented pool of young people.
- Join or build a creative and interactive panel/workshop connected to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Promote the Youth Assembly to constituents on social media and other outreach channels.



## KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS FOR THE AFS YOUTH ASSEMBLY

### WHO CAN BE A KNOWLEDGE PARTNER?

AFS is seeking high level relationships with institutions that bring value to the program of the Youth Assembly through its renowned expertise. AFS is also seeking community based partnerships with organizations to further expand our capacity of knowledge on pertinent topics from local experiences on the ground.

### WHAT IS THE ROLE OF KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS?

Knowledge partners contribute knowledge, experience, resources, and connections to enhance the program of the AFS Youth Assembly. Partners may share innovative, cutting-edge solutions to challenges being addressed at the Youth Assembly.

The concepts, panels and workshops of the Youth Assembly are developed through a collaborative approach with the partner as detailed below.

- Provide valuable resources and expertise on topics at the Youth Assembly which may include:
  - Advising on approach to thematic area and collaborating on developing concepts
  - Sharing research from your institution to help shape the Youth Assembly program (ie. innovative solutions and data for panel concept notes and workshop topics)
  - Recommending and connecting with high level speakers and organizations in the field
  - Speaking at the Youth Assembly on session(s) relevant to the organization's work
- Help promote the Youth Assembly program in your networks through social media, newsletters and internal/external communication.

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- Complementary table at the Opportunities Fair during the Youth Assembly.

### ABOUT THE YOUTH ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

The 31st AFS Youth Assembly will focus on the following topical areas. Knowledge partners expertise should align with one or more of these areas.

- Reclaiming Development as a Human Right for All
- Policy, Justice and Adaptation: Real-World Solutions for Climate Resilience
- Rethinking Education: Youth Innovation for Future-Ready Skills
- Bridging Divides: The Power of Connection in a Polarized World