

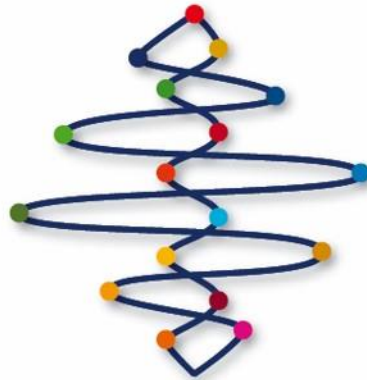


“Youth Findings on HLPF-2021 VNRs”

Virtual High-Level Conversation

27 August 2021, 10.00 – 11.00 (USA-EST)

United Nations Headquarters, New York



“Youth insight into the SDGs and international community work”

Concept Note and Program

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CONCEPT NOTE

The Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT) and the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations are organizing a high-level **virtual** conversation “**Youth Findings on HLPF-2021 VNRs**”, which will be held on Friday **27th August 2021**, from **10.00-11.00** (USA-EST).

The [Girls in Science 4 SDGs International Platform](#) is a Global Program of the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT) launched in 2018 in close collaboration and partnership with the Mission of Portugal to the United Nations.

Since launching, the “[Girls in Science 4 SDGs International Platform](#)” has evolved rapidly, with initiatives and programs running full steam ahead, and membership numbers ever growing and activated. In addition to English, the Platform is available online in **Spanish, Chinese and French languages**, moving towards a truly multilingual interface aimed at diversity and inclusion, while leaving no one behind. Today, the Platform is capitalizing on its initial momentum, further activating Girls in Science to embody the development they wish to see in the world, with new initiatives by its team members.

The **Summer Internship Program** is such an initiative, aiming to give **girls and boys equal opportunities** to gain **insight** into the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the international community’s work**. The objective of the internship is to empower Youth as today’s leaders for SDGs by developing their skills in observation, critical thinking, project management, communication, and problem solving.

The 2021 internship focuses on reviewing the United Nations High-Level Political Forum Voluntary National Reports by examining **SDG 9 and SDG 10, with an accent on SDG 3, 4,5,17**.

Over a period of four weeks, Youth interns have been working under the mentorship of RASIT’s Associates and Experts on examining:

- whether countries apply science-based solutions to meet the challenges;
- how they utilize technology to achieve the SDGs;
- whether they take the social aspects and cultural dimensions when implementing the programs; and
- how to reduce inequalities within and between countries and within consider the social through exploring the differences and similarities.

True to our commitment to empowering Youth and promoting Science- and Technology- based solutions for socio-economic sustainable development, we are looking forward to welcoming your participation.

Please RSVP by 26 August 2021 (info@rasit.org)

10.00 – 11.00 (USA-EST)

PROGRAM

10.00 – 10.02: *Opening Session by Moderator*

Ms. Hoda Kanso, *Coordinator, the Girls in Science 4 SDGs International Platform*

10.02 – 10.08: *Welcome Remarks*

Ms. Rola Dahlan, *Director, the Girls in Science 4 SDGs International Platform*

Mr. Eduardo Ramos, *Deputy Permanent Representative, the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations, New York*

10.08 – 10.10: *Introducing Youth*

10.10 – 10.30: *Youth Presentation:*

Yuling Li, *17-year-old, High-School Student (China);*

Nelly Ishimwe Bigwi, *17-year-old High-School Student (Rwanda);*

Joy Byiringiro, *18-year-old High-School Student (Rwanda);*

Sonia Ruti Isimbi, *17-year-old High-School Student (Rwanda);*

Ganza Belise Aloysie Isingizwe, *17-year-old High-School Student (Rwanda);*

Simbi Eudora, *17-year-old High-School Student (Rwanda); and,*

Piete parfaite Gatesi Umucyo, *18-year-old High-School Student (Rwanda).*

10.35 – 10.50: *UN Agencies & Member States Open Debate and Discussion with Youth on their findings, moderated by:*

H.E. Mrs. Milica Pejanović Đurišić, *Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the United Nations, New York*

10.50- 10.55: *Acknowledging Youth Accomplishments*

Mr. Maher Nasser, *Director of Outreach, Global Communication Department, United Nations*

Ms. Rola Dahlan, *Director, the Girls in Science 4 SDGs International Platform*

10.55-10.58: *Closing Remarks*

HRH Princess Dr. Nisreen El-Hashemite, *Executive Director of the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT)*

10.58 – 11.00: *Thanking Participants and Closing of Session*