



YOUTH FOR SDGs KENYA

Youth SDGs Week 2026



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Bridging the Gap: Youth SDGs Week 2026 to Champion Youth-Led Solutions for Sustainable Development

Youth for SDGs Kenya and Partners will convene the Youth in SDGs Week 2026, a five-day high-impact event scheduled to take place from 20th to 24th April 2026 in Nairobi at the Kenya School of Government, Kenya, under the theme:

“Bridging the Gap: Youth-Led Solutions for SDG Acceleration”

The hybrid event bringing together both in-person and virtual participation will convene over 500 young people, 50+ youth-serving organizations, and key stakeholders including government agencies, UN bodies, civil society, academia, and the private sector. The initiative seeks to amplify youth voices, showcase innovative solutions, and generate actionable commitments to accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As the global community approaches the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, the urgency to fast-track SDG implementation has never been greater. In Kenya, recent national and civil society reports highlight that while progress has been made, the current pace remains insufficient, with several indicators stagnating or regressing. Against this backdrop, Youth in SDGs Week 2026 positions young people not merely as beneficiaries, but as critical drivers of sustainable development.

Organized by Youth for SDGs Kenya, a leading network bridging grassroots youth action and policy engagement the event is strategically designed to contribute to the 12th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD).



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Outcomes from the week, including a comprehensive Youth Declaration, will be formally presented at the regional forum, ensuring that youth perspectives directly inform policy and decision-making processes.

A Week Structured for Impact

The five-day programme will be organized around the core pillars of the 2030 Agenda:

Day 1: People – Ending poverty, zero hunger, health and well-being

Day 2: Prosperity – Quality education and economic growth

Day 3: Planet – Climate action and environmental sustainability

Day 4: Peace & Justice – Inclusive societies and strong institutions

Day 5: Partnerships – Collaboration for sustainable impact

In alignment with the 2026 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) and 12th ARFSD priorities, the event will place strategic emphasis on SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11, and 17, spotlighting youth-led innovations in water and sanitation, clean energy, infrastructure, sustainable cities, and partnerships.

Driving Youth Engagement and Innovation

The Youth in SDGs Week 2026 will feature a dynamic mix of:

- High-level panel discussions and policy dialogues
- Interactive workshops and capacity-building sessions
- Innovation showcases and exhibitions
- Storytelling, arts, and youth-led advocacy platforms



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Participants will engage in knowledge exchange, networking, and collaborative problem-solving, culminating in the development of actionable youth commitments aimed at accelerating SDG implementation at both national and regional levels.

Expected Outcomes

The event is expected to:

- Strengthen youth capacity in SDG advocacy and implementation
- Amplify visibility of youth-led innovations and initiatives
- Foster strategic partnerships across sectors
- Produce a Youth Declaration to be presented at the 12th ARFSD
- Enhance youth participation in sustainable development discourse and policy processes

A Call to Action

Youth for SDGs Kenya and Partners invites youth-serving organizations, young innovators, development partners, and stakeholders to be part of this transformative platform. The Youth SDGs Week 2026 offers a unique opportunity to engage, collaborate, and contribute to shaping Kenya's, Africa's and the World's sustainable development trajectory.

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