



young americas forum

YOUNG AMERICAS DIALOGUE

For the participation of young people as social actor in the
49th General Assembly of the Organization of American States

June 24, 2019, 14:00 – 17:00 hrs

Medellin, Colombia

I.Introduction

The Young Americas Dialogue 2019 welcomes young leaders from the continent that engaged in an extensive, open and inclusive participation process toward the 49th OAS General Assembly. During this process, a hemispheric effort to include youth as social actors in OAS policy making fora, YABT works with youth networks and organization throughout the region, providing guidance and support to organize tens of in situ national youth dialogues, a virtual consultation, and social media campaigns, as tools to gather youth contributions, recommendations and actions that contribute to the theme of the OAS General Assembly “Innovating to strengthen hemispheric multilateralism”.

At the Young Americas Dialogue, Participants will finalize a Hemispheric Report from the Youth Perspective, to be presented to the Heads of Delegation attending the 49th General Assembly of the OAS. Additional information can be found here: [DOWNLOAD \(PDF\)](#)

II.Drafting and style committee

The committee will be made up of the Dialogue’s moderators, facilitators, rapporteurs and presenters. The committee’s functions are to draw up the final document that will be presented at the 49th General Assembly of the OAS, following the usual style for these consultations.

III.Agenda and work tables methodology

Young participants will have an open space for discussion on the central theme of the 49th General Assembly of the OAS.

IV.Preliminary Agenda

14:00	Welcome words
14:10	Presentation on the theme of the Dialogue
14:25	Introduction and methodology
14:30 17:00	Round Table “Innovating to strengthen hemispheric multilateralism”
17:00	End of the Dialogue

IV. Structure of working tables

14:30	Transition to Working Groups	Young people and moderators go to break-down groups in which they have been registered.
14:35	Moderator's remarks	A brief introduction of the theme is made by moderators to provide baseline information to start the discussion. This information includes the synthesis of the preliminary statement drawn from the master report of the series of prior consultations.
14:40	Election of Rapporteur	The election is made by own nomination or by any member of the group.
14:45	Presentations	Young people open the debate with the exchange of opinions and presenting ideas and suggestions to improve the intervention strategies. The moderator maintains the focus of the conversation, and facilitates everyone's intervention during this space. Additionally, he/she makes sure that the Rapporteur is taking note of the points highlighted in the debate. To facilitate the debate and ensure that all young people intervene, the facilitators will be able to sub-divide the Work Group and explain the methodology to unify the results in a single document.
16:45	Presentation of main contributions	Presentation of the results obtained in the discussion. The members of the Editorial and Style Committee receive the documents from the Rapporteurs.
16:50	Election of Spokesperson	Each participant of the Work Tables is eligible to be nominated as a Spokesperson. At that time, voting can be done by acclamation or counting of votes.
16:55	Official photography	Taking of the group photography of the Dialogue to be published in social networks, press releases and program publications.
17:00	Meeting of members of the Editorial and Style Committee	This activity is only for members of the Editorial and Style Committee, along with the person chosen as Spokesperson. They will meet in the same room or in another place of their preference within the precinct, to work on the changes in the Declaration document, and to coordinate the next steps after the Dialogue.

VI.About the Young Americas Forum

Since 2005, the YABT with the support of the OAS, implements the Young Americas Forum, becoming the official participation platform for young people to lead the implementation of activities and contribute proactively in the definition of priorities and mandates, in the Summits of the Americas process, the General Assembly of the OAS and other high-level policy dialogue meetings.

About 90 youth networks representing thousands of young people in the region, are part of the Forum's consultation processes, reaching more than 23,000 young people. The Forum is a permanent channel to promote youth participation in the region. The YABT invites public and private organizations, and multilateral organizations, to support the activities of the Forum.

More information, available on the website: www.yabt.net/foro

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