



YOUNG AMERICAS FORUM

Road to Peru 2018



YOUTH PARTICIPATION GUIDE AT THE 47TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS



Work document for Network of Networks

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Introduction

This guide was developed to induce and guide Parties interested in the development and follow-up of national or local dialogues, framed in the process of youth participation in the 47th General Assembly (GA) of the Organization of American States (OAS), to be held in June 2017 in Mexico. The results of these dialogues will lead to the Report to be presented to the Heads of Delegations in the Civil Society Dialogue.

The purpose of this Guide is to generate basic and equitable guidelines so that the Networks can develop activities at the National level, whether it be through the format of Local, National or Virtual Dialogues. The objective is to achieve the standardization of local/national activities with those developed in other countries of the region. Likewise, to the extent possible, we ensure that other Parties that are also linked to said country, are informed and presented with the proposing Party to complement efforts, mobilize the participation of more youth, and establish consultation processes that are broader, consistent and sustainable over time.

These activities are part of the process of the Young Americas Forum, a space where youth, as social actors, make their contributions at the Summits of the Americas. Participation in the GA is another opportunity for youth in the framework OAS activities. Thus, the task of YABT is to coordinate the process and therefore designed this document as a guide for the effective participation of the Youth of the hemisphere.

11 YEARS PROMOTING YOUTH PARTICIPATION

4 EDITIONS:



NETWORK OF 5,000+ YOUNG LEADERS



Timeline / Activities

- ■ **APRIL 1:** Send participation material to Networks - Editable banners, cooperation and participation guide.
- ■ **APRIL 7:** Network of Networks virtual meeting to share plans, themes and strategies.
- ■ **APRIL 20 - MAY 20:** Virtual questionnaire open to youth participation.
- ■ **APRIL 1 - MAY 20:** Receive reports of activities carried out by youth at national level.
- ■ **MAY 2:** Network of Networks virtual meeting to follow-up and support the development of local dialogues.
- ■ **MAY 20 - JUNE 1:** Compilation and design of the Report.
- ■ **JUNE 5:** Network of Networks virtual meeting to share details on youth participation in Mexico City.
- ■ **JUNE:** Youth Dialogue and results Presentation to Heads of Delegation by youth spokespersons.
- ■ **JULY:** Publication of the Report in the Forum portal www.yabt.net/foro

Face to Face Dialogue Development

For dialogue development at the national level, first the local partner must make its proposal to YABT to jointly evaluate the terms and conditions. At this stage it is very important to identify and carry out approaches with other key actors for initiative, by defining their specific roles.

Then, with the support of YABT, the local partner makes the announcement. YABT provides the editable banner model, which includes activity details and organization logos. It should be noted that this is the only format in which YABT authorizes local partners to use the official logo of the organization. The banner model keeps YABT's copyright at all times.

The important thing about the announcement is to get participants that are motivated and willing to share and discuss their thoughts in groups. The greater the diversity of the participants, the more interesting the reflections and proposals that will result from the debates.

The dialogue can be local or national depending on the level of coordination and cooperation that each local partner achieves. The program may also be a full-day or part-time. In both cases, the agenda structure is similar, only that it will reduce the number of hours of debate in the Work Tables.

The Dialogue Opening Act begins with the words of representatives of the allied organization (s), invited national/local authority, and the host entity of the activity. YABT will provide an institutional message through video or will participate via skype or other available online platforms.

The format of the activities is free, although it is requested that the results of the activities be recorded so that they can be included in the final and official Report of the Youth Dialogue, to be held in Mexico. Format available in the "Attachments" section.

Follow-up of contributions

YABT and the partners of the Dialogue will review and incorporate the results of the contributions in the Preliminary Report, to which they will attach the results of the virtual meetings to be developed from April 15th to May 10th, 2017, giving the opportunity to young people who could not participate in person.

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FORMAT FOR REPORTING DIALOGUES

I. ABOUT THE DIALOGUE:

Name of Dialogue:

Coverage (National or Local):

Date:

Country:

City:

Number of participants:

Allied organization (s):

Associates:

Description of the Dialogue (Maximum 500 words)

Allied Organization Review (max 100 words)

II. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE ALLIED ORGANIZATION (Maximum: 250 words)

III. Register and attach:

1. Registration of participants
2. Photo album and videos
3. Participants testimonials
4. Other materials and additional documentation: Banners, press releases, etc.



ATTACHMENTS II

AGENDA FOR NATIONAL / LOCAL DIALOGUES

0:00 Opening Remarks

0:00 Dialogue Presentation in the framework of the 46th General Assembly of the OAS

0:00 Work Tables

0:00 Break

0:00 Main results of the discussions

0:00 Conclusions and Final Words

0:00 End of activity

