



## Introduction

The Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) is continuously conducting youth consultations leading up to the VII edition of the Young Americas Forum 2025, an official activity of the X Summit of the Americas, which will take place in the Dominican Republic in December 2025. The goal is to actively engage thousands of young people from across the hemisphere, recognizing their role as social actors and encouraging them to contribute their opinions, recommendations, and initiatives to the X Summit of the Americas process.

The Youth Dialogues will be held in person, virtually, or in a hybrid format and will be coordinated by YABT in collaboration with youth organizations and networks across the Americas. These Dialogues and other activities of the VII Young Americas Forum provide a unique space to facilitate the exchange of ideas and debates on various topics of interest to young people and the X Summit.

The VII Edition of the Forum serves as a revitalized mechanism that strengthens youth engagement and direct dialogue channels, rethinking crucial aspects of democracy and multilateralism. It also emphasizes the importance of working collaboratively with youth around the main theme of the X Summit of the Americas: "Building a secure, sustainable and shared-prosperity hemisphere", addressing the four fundamental pillars of human security: citizen, food, energy, and water security.

This Guide has been created to provide basic guidelines and orientation to youth organizations and networks interested in engaging in the consultation process at local, national, and regional levels as part of the ongoing Young Americas Forum process and the follow-up on contributions between each Summit.

Youth Dialogues can be held in the OAS Member States. Whenever possible, efforts will be made to inform and involve other relevant stakeholders in each country to complement efforts, mobilize greater youth participation, and establish broader, more consistent, and sustainable consultation processes over time.

YABT is responsible not only for coordinating and supporting youth participation but also for compiling, systematizing, and providing a platform for presenting progress reports and the Youth Declaration to OAS Member States during the Summit of the Americas and the General Assembly of the Organization of American States. This ensures broad and effective youth participation across the Western Hemisphere.

YABT welcomes applications from all young people across the Americas and strongly encourages the participation of women, youth from vulnerable communities, Afro-descendant youth, Indigenous youth, and members of the LGBTIQ community, among others.

## Contributions of Youth Toward the VII Young Americas Forum 2025

YABT conducts continuous consultations and dialogues to address topics that align with youth priorities. The VII Young Americas Forum's consultation process is framed around the current priorities emerging from a series of consultations with youth during the IX Summit of the Americas: (1) Climate Change, (2) Socioeconomic Integration of Migrants, (3) Gender Equity, and (4) Connectivity and Digital Transformation.

Through the youth consultation process, YABT aims to empower young people in the Americas by providing them with opportunities to analyze and reflect on the challenges their communities face and propose potential solutions. Their proposals will contribute to decision-makers and hemispheric leaders through the Youth Dialogues.

## How to Organize Youth Dialogues in Your Community

1. To organize a Youth Dialogue, the youth leader must submit their proposal to YABT through the following form: <https://forms.gle/HrC3SvtUzuii5ftr5>. At this stage, it is crucial to engage with key stakeholders for the initiative and define their specific roles.
2. YABT will provide visual materials to support the event promotion, including banners that must include dialogue details and the logos of the organizing entities.
3. Once the materials are approved, the organizing entity may distribute invitations through its social media and communication channels (refer to social media post examples in Annex II). The greater the diversity of invited stakeholders, the richer the reflections and proposals from the discussions.
4. Youth Dialogues in virtual format can be conducted through any available technology platform. If held in person, the leader will be responsible for organizing and confirming the physical space.
5. After conducting the Dialogue, youth leaders must submit a report to YABT within seven business days using the following form: <https://forms.gle/PFUm6KLNzmSAab2Z8>, following the format outlined in Annex III.
6. YABT will coordinate the review and incorporation of contributions into the draft Youth Declaration, which will be finalized at the VII Young Americas Forum in the Dominican Republic in 2025.

## Responsibilities of the Dialogue Organizer

1. Moderate or designate a moderator for the activity. It is recommended that the moderation follows specific guidelines to ensure an open and inclusive dialogue.
2. Identify a rapporteur responsible for collecting and organizing contributions from the dialogue and presenting them in writing. This person will also be in charge of capturing photos, videos, and other visual materials.
3. Invite speakers who will present content on the chosen topics.
4. Share the model agenda and general information with participants before the dialogue begins.
5. Coordinate the review and incorporation of contributions into the report format (refer to Annex III for details).
6. Submit the dialogue outcomes to YABT following the established format.

### Virtual Platform Recommendations

- Conduct technical tests at least 10 minutes before the activity begins.
- Keep the session within a maximum duration of two hours, including time for questions and concrete proposals.
- Use a PowerPoint presentation or other visual materials and free online collaboration tools when possible.
- Ensure participants can join from any internet-connected device.
- Establish a method for collecting participant information before the event.

### Follow-Up on Contributions

Youth leaders must submit the dialogue results to YABT, including:

- A participant list in the format outlined in Annex IV (Excel file).
- A photo and video album (via a shared Drive link).
- Participant testimonials (up to 100 characters; for video testimonials, provide a YouTube link).
- Additional materials and documentation, such as press releases.

YABT will review and incorporate contributions into the draft Youth Declaration.

For any inquiries or additional information, please contact YABT at [forum@yabt.net](mailto:forum@yabt.net).

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This guide is updated periodically. Please ensure you have the latest version by contacting YABT at [forum@yabt.net](mailto:forum@yabt.net)

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## ANNEXS

### Annex I: Example of the Agenda

- 00:00 **Opening Remarks by the Dialogue Organize**  
The Dialogue begins with the Opening Ceremony, featuring remarks from representatives of the partner organization(s), invited national/local authorities, and the host entity of the event.  
  
YABT will provide an institutional message via video, or if a YABT representative is able to attend in person or virtually, they may participate and deliver the welcome remarks.
- 00:10 **Introduction of Participants (Moderation, Presentation, and Special Guests)**  
Once the dialogue begins, it is recommended that the moderator briefly introduce the participants and invited guests.
- 00:20 **Introduction to the Methodology to Be Used During the Dialogue**  
The moderator should explain the methodology and timeline to be followed. Then, a Rapporteur should be selected to summarize the key contributions made during the dialogue at the end of the discussion.
- 00:30 **Presentation on the Chosen Topic**  
To kick off the discussion, the presenter should provide an introduction to the selected topic, ensuring that young participants have a foundational understanding for the debate.
- 01:00 **Debate**  
A space for discussing the selected topic, where delegates have the opportunity to share their opinions and recommendations.
- 01:50 **Closing Remarks**  
The Dialogue concludes with closing statements and acknowledgments from representatives of the partner organization(s) and invited national/local authorities.
- 02:00 **End of Activity**

## Annex II: Exemple Social Media Posts

Use the following posts as references to promote your dialogue on social media.

### Facebook

We invite you to participate in the Virtual Youth Dialogue: (Topic) in #City/Region #Country, organized by (Name of the youth network) in collaboration with #YABT. This is a space to share your recommendations and proposals at an international level as we move toward the VI Young Americas Forum #YouthAtTheSummit. Register here: (link).

### X (formerly Twitter)

Join us for the Virtual Youth Dialogue: (Topic) in #City/Region #Country, organized by (Organizer's Twitter handle) with support from @YABTs. #YouthAtTheSummit is bringing together diverse voices on the road to the VI Young Americas Forum. Register here: (link).

## Annex III: Dialogue Report Submission Format

Report submission form: <https://forms.gle/PFUm6KLNzmSAab2Z8>

## Annex IV: Participant Registration Format

Downloadable format: [Annex IV: Participant Registration Format \(Downloadable format\)](#)