



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES PROGRESS REPORT

Youth Consultation Process Towards
The Young Americas Dialogue 2020

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Executive Summary

This progress report summarizes key activities organized by the Young Americas Business Trust YABT in collaboration with hundreds of youth-led organizations and networks in the Americas. These activities are part of the Young Americas Forum www.yabt.net/foro the official platform for the participation of young people in the Summits of the Americas, General Assemblies of the Organization of American States (OAS) and other high-level Ministerial Meetings. The Forum is a permanent and inclusive space for young people to proactively contribute to the definition of priorities and mandates in the region. The Young Americas Forum was created by Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) in partnership with the Summit of the Americas Secretariat and the Organization of American States (OAS) in 2005.

YABT launched the 2019 - 2020 youth consultation process in November 2019, providing young people from the Americas with tools, guidance and support (See annex I) via online training. During this process, young people analyze and reflect on the challenges they face in their community to develop and propose recommendations and solutions that will be presented to OAS Member States.

The report highlights voices of young people presented through different participation channels, both in person and virtual, and at individual and group level.

This kind of systematic, organized strategy results in having a direct contribution to the Inter American Agenda at the highest levels. The results to date have included thousands of young people who reflected upon the priorities topics to youth, including:

- [Access to economic opportunities](#)
- [Youth and Democracy](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Quality public health](#)
- [The Role of Youth Addressing Climate Change](#)
- [Training and employment opportunities](#)
- [Youth Participation in the OAS and the Summits of the Americas Process](#)
- [Youth and the Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [Youth integration within the construction of public policy](#)

Virtual Consultation Progress

In order to continue to broaden the participation of young people in the hemisphere, the YABT maintains the virtual consultations open, updating them periodically in order to adapt to current issues of interest for the youth participating. This channel of participation allows young people to express their ideas and opinions on issues and priorities that are of their interest, and relevant not only to their communities, but present contexts as well, such as the impact of COVID-19.

YABT has disseminated virtual consultation in coordination with youth networks across the region, results to date, during the period from November 15, 2019, to April 17, 2020, highlight the participation of 172 young people, from 21 countries in the region (see the following Statistical Data), being 44% women, 54% men, and 2% other gender.

Youth have raised their concerns to discuss themes such as: the role and impact to young people of COVID-19, social inclusion, poverty, digital infrastructure, inequality, discrimination, drug trafficking, mental health, entrepreneurship, human rights and female empowerment.

Statistical Data:

List of participating countries

Countries	Participation (%)
Mexico	41.40%
Peru	17.20%
Venezuela	14.20%
Colombia	6.50%
Chile	2.40%
Nicaragua	2.40%
Dominican Republic	2.40%
Ecuador	2.40%
Panama	2.40%
El Salvador	1.20%
United States	1.20%
Paraguay	1.20%
Costa Rica	1.20%
Argentina	0.60%
Brazil	0.60%
Bolivia	0.60%
Canada	0.60%
Guatemala	0.60%
Honduras	0.60%
Trinidad and Tobago	0.60%
Uruguay	0.60%



Youth Dialogues

Youth dialogues take place in an on-site format. However, due to current circumstances of public health emergencies related to COVID-19 they moved into a virtual format, as a measure of security and safety for all those, directly and indirectly, involved in the activities related to the process.

Currently, YABT is in coordination with national partners to co-organize 24 youth dialogues, while providing mentoring, technical support, and follow-up to young leaders from 10 countries around the region. New youth networks have joined in the process, as well as the continuous work with others that have already participated in previous editions.

Below are the regional calendar activities of youth dialogues that are taking place during the upcoming months, led by the young people themselves.

N.	Date	Format	Theme	Country	City	Local partner
1	February 5th	On-site	Transparency, democracy and governance	Venezuela	San Cristobal	Juventud Unida en Acción
2	February 14th	On-site	Education, entrepreneurship, youth unemployment and underemployment	Grenada	St. George	Youths of Grenada
3	February 18th	On-site	Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals	Mexico	Mexico City	Expresión Juvenil Revolucionaria
4	February 20th	On-site	Climate change, pollution and social inclusion	Peru	Lima	Club de Emprendedores USIL
5	February 22th	On-site	Entrepreneurship and innovation	Venezuela	Maracaibo	Federación Nacional de Estudiantes de Derecho
6	February 28th	On-site	Climate change, gender equality and youth policy advocacy.	Mexico	Guadalajara	Expresión Juvenil Revolucionaria CDE Jalisco
7	March 5th	On-site	Challenges for entrepreneurship youth	Colombia	Bogota	Corporación Unificada Nacional de Educación Superior (CUN)
8	March 7th	On-site	Transparency, democracy and governance	Venezuela	San Cristobal	Juventud Unida en Acción

9	March 11th	On-site	Youth leadership and migration	Guatemala	Guatemala	Desafío Joven, Latinoamérica
10	March 13th	On-site	Youth Entrepreneurship	Mexico	Oaxaca	Ateneo Nacional de la Juventud A.C Capítulo Oaxaca
11	March 14th	On-site	The 2030 Agenda for sustainable development	Mexico	Toluca	Expresión Juvenil Revolucionaria
12	March 21st	Virtual	Climate change	Panama	Panama City	Jóvenes Líderes de la Carta de la Tierra
13	March 26th	Virtual	Social entrepreneurship in adverse contexts	Venezuela	Caracas	Valoro
14	March 27th	Virtual	Quality education	Peru	Lima	Dialogue Initiative for Caridad Plasencia-Peru
15	March 30th	Virtual	Economic opportunities for Venezuelan women	Venezuela	Maracaibo	Federación Nacional de Estudiantes de Derecho
16	April 3rd	Virtual	SDG challenges for employability and improvement of economic opportunities for young people	Peru	Lima	Juventud, política y desarrollo
17	April 8th	Virtual	Democracy and policy advocacy	Venezuela	Porlamar	JMDI y RMJP
18	April 9th	Virtual	Youth perspectives	Chile	Santiago	Global Shapers Hub Santiago
19	April 15th	Virtual	Post-health emergency economy	Ecuador	Quito	Fundación de la Mujer y la Niña/ Red de Jóvenes políticos de las Américas
20	April 20th	Virtual	Employability under SDG # 8	Peru	Lima	Politon - Fortaleciendo la Democracia
21	April 22nd	Virtual	Post COVID-19 democracy	Bolivia	Santa Cruz	Red Latinoamericana de Jóvenes por la Democracia
22	April 29th	Virtual	Entrepreneurship: Times of change, opportunities in the economy of tomorrow.	Venezuela	Caracas	Fortalezas 2030
23	May 4th	Virtual	Citizen security	Venezuela	Barcelona	Acorde 33, Justicia & Paz
24	May 9th	Virtual	Youth incidence on climate change	Ecuador	Riobamba	Colectivo Político Nueva Democracia

Next Steps

Young people from the region are invited and encouraged to continue partnering with YABT in organizing youth participation activities and to contribute towards both the Hemispheric Report, and the Youth Declaration of Commitment that will be presented at the Young Americas Dialogue in July 2020.

The Young Americas Dialogues take place every year as part of the OAS General Assemblies and involve hundreds of young people representing youth networks across the region. At each yearly, Hemispheric Dialogue participants connect and gain skills, knowledge, networks access to content, conferences, workshops, and networking events. A Youth Declaration of Commitment is adopted and presented to Heads of Delegation by youth representatives. Throughout the Forum's process, young people are able to make concrete proposals to governments, present innovative solutions to the General Assemblies themes, setting up their own agenda for action and follow-up.

For more information about the Young Americas Forum, http://www.yabt.net/foro/download/ABOUT_FORUM.pdf

About The Young Americas Business Trust, organizers

The Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) is an international non-profit organization that works in cooperation with the Organization of American States (OAS), with the mission of promoting the social and economic development of young people around the world. While building business capacity and creating opportunities for future business leaders, the YABT community advances global goals and strengthens youth-led initiatives for sustainable development.

With a recognized track record in the international arena, YABT has the strategic and operational capacity to work closely with the public and private sector, linking the academy and energizing the role of youth networks and organizations to positively influence policy recommendations between the decision makers.

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About the Young Americas Forum

In 2005, the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) in partnership with the Summit of the Americas Secretariat and the Organization of American States (OAS) created the Young Americas Forum¹ (YAF) as the official process for engaging young people in the Summits of the Americas. The Young Americas Forum is now established as a permanent platform for the participation of young people as social actors in the two most important political processes of the Americas: the OAS General Assemblies and the Summits of the Americas, as well as Ministerial Meetings and high-level inter-American conferences.

The Forum has been established as the official event and program that provides inclusive spaces for youth to contribute proactively in the definition of priorities and mandates in the Americas.

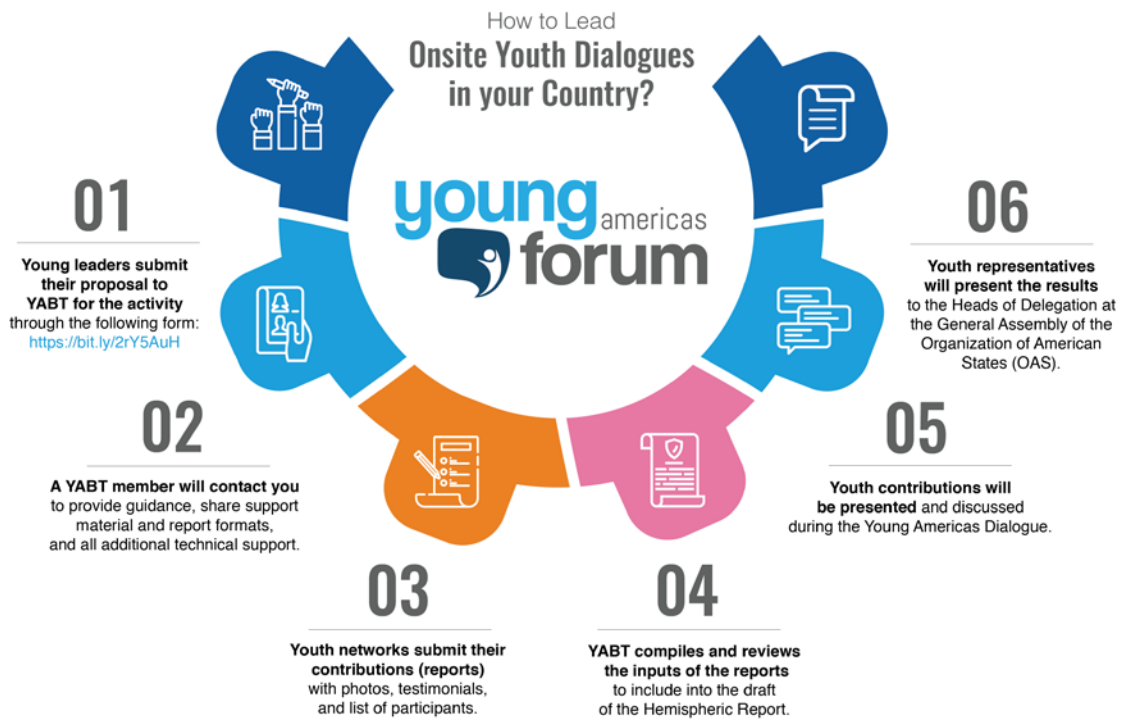
Since its creation, more than 29,350 young people, and 90 youth networks from Member States of the OAS, have been involved in the Young Americas Forum.

¹ Further information can be found at the following website: <http://yabt.net/foro/en/index.php>

Annex I:

On Site Youth Dialogues

Documents and support material are available at: <http://yabt.net/foro/en/index.php>



YABT programs have a positive impact on all aspects of young people's lives.

Since its creation, it has reached:



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Young people



in 75
Countries



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