



## YOUNG AMERICAS BUSINESS TRUST

### VIII Summit of the Americas



“For the participation of young people in the  
VIII Summit of the Americas”

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#YouthInTheSummit

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## I. ABOUT THE CALL

This document is a brief guide with the application steps and selection procedures to participate in the V Young Americas Forum in Lima, Peru. The call will be open from February 1-15, 2018.

This is an open and inclusive application process, that involves the participation of Young Leaders, Innovators and Entrepreneurs, from two different programs: Young Entrepreneurs selected as finalists of the Talent and Innovation Competition of the Americas - TIC Americas ([www.ticamericas.net](http://www.ticamericas.net)), and Young People (between 18 and 34 years) interested in actively contributing to process of citizen participation in the Western Hemisphere. The participants are young people who participated in onsite dialogues and virtual consultations during the process of preparation for the V Young Americas Forum.

The V Young Americas Forum is an official event of the VIII Summit of the Americas which will focus its dialogues on its central theme: “Democratic Governance against Corruption” with three themes: (1) Democratic Governance and Corruption”, (2) Corruption and Sustainable Development”, and (3) Cooperation Aspects, International Institutions and Public-Private Partnerships.

During the Forum, the youth delegates will focus the discussion on the draft document of the “Youth Declaration”, that is the result of the compilation of the reports of the national dialogues and virtual consultations developed in the region, on the way to the Forum in Peru. The Declaration that is adopted in the Forum will be officially delivered during the dialogue between high level representatives of the Governments, Civil Society and Social Actors, during the VIII Summit of the Americas.

## I. ABOUT THE YOUNG AMERICAS FORUM

The Young Americas Forum is a space generated by the YABT where young people, as social actors, participate actively in the process of the Summits of the Americas. The forum has been consolidated as a hemispheric platform and official channel to express recommendations, suggestions and actions to the responsible leaders for public policies of the Americas. In this way, Youth contribute to the definition of the priorities and mandates of the Summits. In 12 years, the Forum has achieved the participation of more than 23,000 young people from the countries of the Americas.

The fifth edition of the Forum has two components:

#### 1. Youth Participation Component:

This component is based on onsite dialogues, virtual consultations, policy labs, and outstanding events along the OAS Member States. In this component, youth had the opportunity to express opinions and proposals in a proactive manner through a citizen participation platform created by YABT for them. From this component, the adoption of the "Youth Declaration" related to the central themes and mandates of the VIII Summit of the Americas originated, where the young people themselves developed and presented to the actors linked to the Forum and Government Delegations.

#### 2. Implementation Component "Entrepreneurship for Action":

This component is executed through the XIII edition of the Talent and Innovation Competition of the Americas (TIC Americas). TIC Americas consists of an international entrepreneurship platform and a business accelerator for young entrepreneurs between 18 and 34 years belonging to the countries of the Americas.

### III. OBJECTIVE OF THE GUIDE

This application guide was made to guide young people during the application process of the Young Americas Forum; in order to facilitate the steps and parameters that must be met in each of the stages.

### IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

- a. Be between 18 and 34 years old
- b. Be a citizen of a Member State of the OAS
- c. To have participated in at least one type of Consultation (National Dialogues or Virtual)
- d. To have knowledge about the thematic areas of the Summit, youth issues and citizen participation, and leadership activities.

### How to participate in the consultations?

To participate in the virtual consultations, you must answer this questionnaire:

<https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/VirtualConsultationVForum>

To participate in the onsite dialogues, you have to pay attention to the dialogue calendar available in:

[List of activities](#)

### Organize your own consultation!

You have until February 15, 2018 to notify YABT the organization of a consultation. The deadline to implement the activity is until February 28, 2018. The reports will be part of the Preliminary Declaration of Youth and will be taken into account for subsequent Post-Summit consultation processes. Do not forget to contact us so that the dialogue is authorized and published by YABT.

You will find the guide for the onsite dialogues in the following link:

<http://www.yabt.net/foro/en/areas.php?areaEn=Dialogues>

For others events or conferences writing to the following email

[forum@yabt.net](mailto:forum@yabt.net).

## V. DID YOU ALREADY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS?

Complete the application through the following Online Form. Make sure you have your passport handy, and if you are of Peruvian nationality, place the D.N.I. I

[Application Form](#)

Date	Activity	Description
February 1, 2018	Announcement	Press release published on the Young Americas Forum website: ( <a href="http://www.yabt.net/foro">www.yabt.net/foro</a> ) and YABT ( <a href="http://www.yabt.net">www.yabt.net</a> )
February 1-15, 2018	Submission of applications	Applicants who meet the requirements are to send their applications through the Online Form. Applications will not be accepted through other platforms.
February 19 -28, 2018	Review of applications in coordination with the Summits of the Americas Secretariat and the National Government of Peru	The selection will take into account gender equity, geographical representation, diversity of youth groups, among other factors; in order to maintain inclusion and equal opportunities.
March 1 - 15, 2018	YABT will send the notification letter to applicants	YABT will send the notification letter via email to the applicants. Also, it will provide you with the Informative Bulletin.
March 16 - 31, 2018	Youth delegates will send their flight itineraries and other documents to YABT	Delegates will send the following documents to YABT via <a href="mailto:forum@yabt.net">forum@yabt.net</a> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Itinerary of flights to Peru.</li> <li>• Hotel / Accommodation place</li> <li>• Code of Conduct signed and scanned. YABT will provide the format of the document.</li> </ul>
March 21-22, 2018	Q&A session for Youth Delegates of the V Young Americas Forum (English and Spanish)	During the session, the detailed agenda of the Forum, the methodology of the working groups/ round tables, logistics and useful information will be explained.
April 11-12, 2018	V Young Americas Forum (Lima, Peru)	Youth delegates will hold debates in the round tables sessions in which they have been accredited, and will participate in the rest of the Forum's activities.

\*\* Dates subject to change

**Important notes:**

1. Keep in mind that the organizers reserves the right to approve or decline any application. Given this possible situation, YABT cannot change the decision, unless there has been an irregularity for example technical problems, system error, etc. In this case, the youth delegate must do a written request for reconsideration, with proof of the case.

2. Youth delegates will receive the Informative Bulletin. Please review it carefully before your trip to Peru.

3. Youth delegates who require a stamped visa to enter Peru, will directly carry out the procedure in the Peruvian Consulate closest to their country, and will be responsible for the expenses incurred in this process. We suggest attaching the confirmation message of your accreditation in the application.

4. As of the date of publication of this guide, there is no financial assistance available for the participation of the delegates. When available, it will be announced through the YABT websites and social media.

**VII. ABOUT THE YOUNG AMERICAS BUSINESS TRUST**

Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) is a nonprofit organization that works in cooperation with the Organization of American States (OAS) to promote the social and economic development of young people through entrepreneurship, leadership and knowledge. Since its creation in 1999, YABT has supported more than 70,000 young people from more than 75 countries around the world. It is a youth organization for young people. For more information on YABT and its programs, please visit: [www.yabt.net](http://www.yabt.net).

**VIII. CONTACT**

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