

## Generation Connect Youth Envoys

### Terms of Engagement

The [Generation Connect Youth Envoys](#) (GCYE) are young leaders nominated by ITU Member States and selected by the ITU Development Sector. As a volunteer-driven global network, they strengthen youth participation in digital transformation by contributing to national, regional, and global ICT initiatives that promote meaningful connectivity and inclusive digital development, particularly for young people in vulnerable situations.

Acting as catalysts within their communities, Youth Envoys bridge local perspectives with regional and global processes, translating international digital priorities into practical, community-driven actions aligned with broader sustainable development objectives. The contributions of GCYE reflect their individual views and perspectives and do not represent the official positions of their respective countries or of the ITU. As changemakers, they actively engage in ICT-related initiatives within their regions and beyond, supporting the advancement of a sustainable, inclusive, and people-centred digital future.

**Background:** Launched in 2020, the Generation Connect initiative has brought together two previous cohorts of GCYE, contributing to ITU processes and youth engagement efforts at regional and global levels. The GCYE covered all six ITU regions. Meet them at:

- [Generation Connect Africa \(GC-AFR\)](#)
- [Generation Connect Americas \(GC-AMS\)](#)
- [Generation Connect Asia and the Pacific \(GC-ASP\)](#)
- [Generation Connect Arab States \(GC-ARB\)](#)
- [Generation Connect Commonwealth and Independent States \(GC-CIS\)](#)
- [Generation Connect Europe \(GC-EUR\)](#)

The previous cohorts participated actively in respective Regional Preparatory Meetings in the build-up to the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference ([WTDC-22](#) and [WTDC-25](#)), co-designed, participated, and played a key role in the ITU youth summits in [2022](#) and [2025](#), and the [Global Youth Celebration 2025](#).

The third cohort of GCYE will serve a four-year term, from mid-2026 to mid-2030, enabling the cohort to engage throughout the full implementation cycle of the [WTDC Baku Action Plan](#) and contribute to sustained youth participation in the initiatives and priorities of the ITU Development Sector.

During this period, the Youth Envoys are expected to engage in ITU initiatives both online and offline, bringing youth perspectives and championing youth voices in the digital development dialogue, as outlines in the terms of engagement below:

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<sup>1</sup> Engagement of GCYE may extend regional initiatives and activities in line with WTDC 2025. Members may become involved in regional activities of varying commitment levels

- **Support implementation of regional and global ICT initiatives at local level:** Engage in and support the implementation of ICT-related regional and global initiatives, including WTDC Regional Initiatives, by contributing to projects, consultations, roundtables, events, trainings, workshops, and webinars, in both online and in-person formats. This includes helping adapt global and regional priorities into relevant local actions and youth engagement activities.
- **Act as a local connector to advance global digital goals for youth:** Serve as a link between youth in your community and regional/global ICT development efforts by gathering youth perspectives, identifying needs and challenges, and integrating feedback, insights, and proposals into regional and global ITU platforms.
- **Promote digital inclusion for all youth and their empowerment:** Amplify and champion digital inclusion of all young people, with a particular focus on those in vulnerable situation, by raising awareness and promoting digital accessibility to eliminate barriers in the use of ICT products and services, sharing digital skills knowledge, including safe technology use, and supporting opportunities for youth participation in the digital society, economy and ecosystem.
- **Share knowledge, practices, and field insights:** Proactively contribute youth-focused insights, good practices, innovative ideas, and lessons learned, as well as challenges observed in your local environment, to support evidence-based progress at national, and regional levels.
- **Uphold neutrality and inclusiveness:** Promote youth digital inclusion while respecting diversity of views, maintaining political neutrality, and remaining within the agreed ITU thematic scope and values framework, as well as following the [United Nations System Code of Conduct](#).

**The above-mentioned activities shall be closely coordinated with ITU Headquarters, ITU Regional Offices, and ITU Member States national administrations.**

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