

Generation Connect Youth Envoys

Eligibility Criteria

1. Eligibility criteria for Member States nominations:

1.1 Nationality

Candidates must be nationals of the ITU Member State submitting the nomination.

1.2 Age

Candidates must be between 18 and 24 years old (born on or after 1 January 2002).

1.3 Education

Candidates from diverse educational and socio-economic backgrounds are eligible, including those from informal education (i.e. without recognised academic degrees). Young candidates from among those in vulnerable situations are also eligible.

1.4 Demonstrated engagement

Candidates must provide evidence of active involvement within the past 24 months in at least one of the following areas:

- Participation in youth-led or youth-focused initiatives
- Leadership or participation in digital inclusion or ICT-related projects
- Engagement in ICT-related education, skills development, research, or technical activities
- Entrepreneurship or innovation in digital or technology-related fields
- Active participation in community-level ICT-related initiatives

1.5 Commitment

Candidates must indicate strong motivation and willingness to actively participate in ICT-related activities, initiatives, events organized or supported by ITU, and respect and follow the United Nations System Code of Conduct in all their engagements.

2. Desirable Assets in the selection process:

Following the receipt of nominations, ITU Development Sector will contact the nominees and request them to complete a form that will enable further evaluation and selection process. Applicants' desirable assets will be measured by the following aspects:

2.1 Volunteer Work: Evidence of previous volunteer work to support educational and/or socioeconomic development of youth and/or community at local level would be an asset.

2.2 Leadership and teamwork: Evidence of experiences that demonstrate previous leadership or collaboration and teamwork would be an asset.

2.3 Interest in UN and ITU related work to advance equal and equitable digital inclusion and/or educational and socio-economic empowerment through ICTs: Candidates who display commitment and dedication towards the realization of United Nations global goals, who express readiness to contribute to the UN and/or ITU global activities, regional initiatives to advance inclusive digital development, would be highly valued.

2.4 Insights on ICT-related challenges and solution to advance youth empowerment:

Candidates who demonstrate sharp insights and observations on youth-related ICT challenges and solutions within their communities and regions would be an asset.

2.5 Focus on People in Vulnerable Situations: Candidates who demonstrate a strong commitment and concrete actions to support: women and girls, persons with disabilities, migrants, older persons, and people from remote or underserved communities, youth, in vulnerable situations, will be highly valued.

2.6 Education: STEM, Social & Human Sciences and Law studies represent an asset considering that these background studies will facilitate understanding and involvement of selected young leaders in the work of ITU.

3. Nomination and Selection process:

3.1 The nomination should be submitted by respective Member State by 30 April 2026.

3.2 Following receipt of these nominations, the ITU Development Sector will contact the nominees and request them to complete a form that will support the evaluation and selection process.

Administrations and selected candidates will be informed of the outcomes in due course. Applicants will be contacted to provide proof of the information submitted in their application form (i.e., a copy of passport or national identification card, and/or other supporting documents).

3.3 In addition to usual application data [name, age, gender, country of nationality, country of residence, ITU region, academic and professional background, contact details, language], applicants are required to share a short biography (maximum 150 words) as well as their motivation in line with the eligibility afore-mentioned compulsory requirements and assets (maximum 1500 words).

3.4 The shortlist of applicants will be submitted to the Director of the ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau for review and validation.

3.5 ITU will follow up and inform the Administrations of the result of this process.