



CSO-led Panel Discussion
Civil Society Programme at EBRD's Annual Meeting:

The role of youth in shaping the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable
Development: Mobilising youth for global goals

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Young people are crucial civil society actors. They make up a large proportion of the population in transition and developing countries. The current generation of young people will mature in the next 15 year period, covered by the SDGs. They are the ones who will experience the impact of the success or failure of the SDGs. We must ensure that young people benefit from and contribute to inclusive development by supporting them to achieve the global goals.

We believe that economic inclusion – the opening up of economic opportunities to previously underserved youth – is integral to sustainable development. If young people are given a chance to participate in the development process, they are more likely to contribute to their communities, pursue education, or engage in other activities that lead to economic growth and have long-lasting positive impact on their lives. This, in turn, strengthens the transition process and generates wider public support for economic and social reforms. Understanding the needed skills, behaviours and dreams of youth will allow the private and public sector understand how to better involve them.

Youth movements have been gaining moment in the last few years. Typically, these movements are self-driven but short-lived. To mobilise civil society for sustainable development, it is vital to generate alliances among different sectors and organisations.

The Youth for Global Goals Campaign aims to raise awareness about the SDGs through a YouthSpeak Survey carried out by AIESEC. YouthSpeak asks important questions about what young people care about and how they see the world changing over the next 15 years. The outcome of the Survey will provide opportunities for young people to engage in volunteering and create social impact projects that will support the SDGs. It also provides insights to understand how to establish cooperation with young people and how to keep them engaged and motivated. With the results from the YouthSpeak Survey, which gathered +160.000 responses from young people around the world, the panel aims to explore ways of engaging and empowering young people to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. The session will also launch the Global Youth Speak 2016 Report.

Panellists and Moderator



Douglas Ragan
Chief of Youth and
Livelihoods Unit,
UN Habitat

Douglas Ragan has worked in youth development with NGOs, local and national governments and the United Nations for the past 25 years. Currently he is the Unit Leader for Youth and Livelihoods for UN-Habitat, managing UN-Habitat's Global portfolio on youth development in over 75 developing countries. The programmes focus on urban youth development, including youth employment, governance and participation.

Doug has authored and co-authored a number of research and policy publications on urban youth issues faced by marginalised young people in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.

Doug holds a Bachelor's Degree in Latin American Studies, a Master's Degree in Management for the Voluntary Sector.



Jo Dempster
Child and Youth
Engagement Officer,
Plan International

Jo Dempster has over 15 years' professional experience of working with children and young people through informal education programmes with a particular focus on meaningful participation and governance. Jo has been working at Plan since 2009. In 2012, Jo developed Plan International's global strategy on Youth Engagement in Plan's Internal Governance.

Before joining Plan International, Jo managed pioneering youth engagement programmes in the public youth work sector in south London with young people not in education, training or employment.

Jo is a qualified Youth Worker and has a BA Youth and Community Studies Degree from Greenwich University, UK, where she has also given a series of guest lectures on Global and Intercultural Youth Work.



Christopher Morris
Head of NGO and Civil
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Asian Development Bank

Chris Morris is responsible for the NGOs' institutional interactions at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He is in charge of planning, capacity building, and outreach programs for civil society. Chris provides information and advice on CSO-related issues, particularly for ADB operations in South East Asia and private sector operations. He also coordinates the Civil Society Cooperation Network within ADB. Chris leads the Civil Society Program at the ADB Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors.



Karolina Piotrowska
Communication and
Programs Manager,
PVBLIC Foundation

Karolina Piotrowska is currently responsible for Communications and Programs at PVBLIC Foundation. Previously, Karolina was a representative of AIESEC International at the United Nations ECOSOC. She worked on aligning the global organizations strategic direction to the Sustainable Development Goals and providing industry insight to the AIESEC leadership team. Karolina was a Global Vice President for Public Relations at AIESEC International. She also managed non-corporate partnerships for AIESEC International, the Global Youth Speak Forum and strategic relations with AIESEC's global partners group and future partners.



Katarzyna Nabrdalik
Global Vice President,
Central and Eastern Europe
AIESEC International

Katarzyna Nabrdalik is currently holding the position of Global Vice President for Central and Eastern Europe at AIESEC International. She is responsible for downscaling global direction and setting regional strategy for 27 countries and territories existing in Central and Eastern Europe. Next year she will be taking the position of Regional Director for Europe at AIESEC with responsibility for 45 countries and territories.

Previously, Katarzyna was President of AIESEC in Poland, which counted over 1,000 members. During her tenure, AIESEC brought almost 1000 international volunteers, teachers and interns to Poland to work on projects that support growth and development of Poland youth and organisations, and sent over 500 Polish representatives abroad to do the same.



Barbara Rambousek
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Barbara Rambousek is the EBRD's Lead Economist and Associate Director for Economic Inclusion. She developed and leads the Bank's approach to economic inclusion and equality of opportunity, specifically in relation to access to employment, services, skills, and corporate standards and practices for youth, women and disadvantaged communities. Barbara brings 15 years of senior management experience, having directed large scale development and refugee programmes across 20 countries in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Most recently, as Head of Regeneration and Corporate Strategy for the London Development Agency, she led major urban regeneration programmes and the formulation of London's 20 year Economic Development Strategy. Barbara holds an MBA (Cass Business School, London) and MScs (London School of Economics and the University of Vienna).