**[Invitation to the first BMZ International Youth Forum](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZXA3PBbjhY)**

Are you a young person committed to a cause, striving for change in your community, your country or even the globe? Are you ready to share with us how you are for example holding your governments accountable, fighting climate change or building peaceful societies? Then join us at this year’s International Youth Forum and tell your story!

**What is the idea of the International Youth Forum?**

Young people are the largest part of the population in many countries of the Global South and they have a right to participate in matters affecting them. If young people are to benefit from development cooperation, they must be given a say on where development policy should be heading. The International Youth Forum aims to provide this space: It brings together young people from the Global South and Germany as well as decision-makers to discuss issues within the scope of development cooperation that are important to today’s youth. Taking place for the first time in 2022, the Youth Forum is organized by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and its Youth Advisory Council.

**What will be the topic of the International Youth Forum this year?**

The Forum will highlight the importance of implementing the right of young people to participation and its added value, potential and challenges in different thematic areas.

**What will happen during the Forum?**

During the forum there will be presentations, panel discussions, workshops and other fun activities. Throughout the three core days, you will discuss the potentials and challenges to youth participation with other international young people as well as the Youth Advisory Council of the ministry. You will also engage with decision-makers.

**When and where does it take place?**

The International Youth Forum will take place in Berlin, Germany, from **21st to 26th of November 2022.** It combines a three-day core programme with a three-day cultural and thematic framework programme.

**Who can participate?**

We are looking for young people from the Global South, aged 18-24, who are striving for change in their community, country or globally and have a particularly interesting experience to share – such as young community leaders, climate activists, conflict mediators, and many more!

Participants need to be vaccinated in order to be able to enter the EU.

**What will be expected from me?**

Participants will be expected to present their work and experience in a presentation as well as to discuss the potentials and challenges of youth participation with decision-makers from the ministry and parliament (tbc).

**Will my costs be covered?**

We will cover your accommodation, travel and meal costs as well as programme-related costs such as entrance fees.