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Call for Expressions of Interest: World Food Forum (WFF) Youth Assembly Partner Organizations

TERMS OF REFERENCE



1. BACKGROUND

The World Food Forum's (WFF) Youth Assembly, led by the Youth Policy Board (YPB), serves as a year-round open, inclusive and structured platform for young people to co-create and engage in discussions about various agrifood systems related issues. It brings together young individuals, youth entities, organizations and constituencies to discuss specific policy topics within agrifood systems, and to develop joint recommendations and solutions that can be brought into intergovernmental processes and translated into programmatic actions. In 2025, the Youth Assembly will host various thematic Youth Assembly sessions and consultations based on ten themes to address critical challenges and develop youth-led recommendations for agrifood systems transformation:

1. Biodiversity Restoration, and Conservation
2. Bioeconomy
3. Climate Change
4. Desertification, Land Degradation, and Drought
5. Fisheries and Aquaculture
6. Forestry
7. Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
8. Land and Water
9. Livestock
10. Nutrition

To ensure the success of these Thematic Youth Assembly sessions and consultations, the WFF Youth Assembly invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from organizations with relevant expertise to serve as co-organizers. As part of its effort to institutionalize partnerships within its processes, the WFF Youth Assembly encourages both existing and new partner organizations to apply.



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2. Objective

The objective of this call is to identify and engage global stakeholders and partners with proven expertise in the above-mentioned themes to co-organize Thematic Youth Assembly sessions and consultations. Selected partners will work closely with the WFF Youth Assembly Secretariat and the WFF Youth Policy Board (YPB) members to deliver impactful, youth-centric assemblies that contribute to agrifood systems transformation.

3. Scope of Work

Under the leadership of the WFF Youth Policy Board, and supported by the WFF Youth Assembly secretariat, selected partners will be expected to:

1. **Collaborate on Planning and Execution:** Actively participate in the planning and execution of the Thematic Youth Assembly sessions and consultations on the selected theme.
2. **Provide Expertise:** Share expertise and resources, including technical knowledge, research and innovative solutions relevant to the theme.
3. **Contribute to Consultation Design:** Assist in designing interactive and engaging sessions and consultations that resonate with youth audiences.
4. **Nominate Speakers and Moderators:** Identify and provide qualified speakers and moderators with expertise in the selected theme.
5. **Support Youth-Centric Approaches:** Ensure that the consultations' agenda, discussions and outputs are youth-driven and aligned with the priorities of young people.
6. **Facilitate Social Media Outreach of Event:** Promote the selected Thematic Youth Assembly sessions and consultations on official social media platforms to expand audience engagement and visibility.
7. **Ensure Integration into Policy Processes:** Support the WFF Youth Assembly in presenting the outcomes in intergovernmental agrifood decision making processes.





4. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, organizations must:

1. Be global in scope, with demonstrated expertise and experience in the selected theme;
2. Have a proven track record of working on initiatives related to agrifood systems, biodiversity, climate change, development or other relevant areas;
3. Be committed to youth engagement and empowerment in the context of agrifood systems transformation;
4. Be able to allocate members and a contact point to work closely with the WFF Youth Assembly Secretariat and YPB members;
5. Align with the WFF Youth Assembly's core values of integrity, responsibility and collaboration, as well as adhere to the highest ethical standards.

5. Deliverables

Under the guidance of the WFF's YPB, co-organizing partners will contribute to the following:

1. A comprehensive session plan for the Thematic Youth Assembly sessions and consultations, including objectives, agenda and key topics;
2. Identification and confirmation of speakers and moderators;
3. Engagement strategies to ensure active participation of youth;
4. Inputs to the development of youth-led recommendations for agrifood systems transformation;
5. Advise the YPB members and Youth Assembly Secretariat on the preparation of a summary report capturing key discussions, outcomes and follow-up actions.



6. Thematic Youth Assembly Sessions and Consultations Timeline

- Thematic Youth Assembly sessions and consultations will take place throughout 2025. Specific timelines for planning, coordination and execution will be communicated to selected partners.
- This partnership will be for the duration of one youth assembly cycle, and at the end of the cycle, the WFF Youth Assembly Secretariat will analyze the partnership based on the contributions of partners and decide on further engagement.

6.1. Application Timeline



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7. Evaluation and Selection Process

EOIs will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance and alignment with the selected theme;
2. Demonstrated expertise and track record on selected theme;
3. Capacity to contribute with members and a contact point;
4. Commitment to youth engagement and empowerment;
5. Alignment with the WFF Youth Assembly's core values of integrity, responsibility and collaboration, as well as adhere to the highest ethical standards.

The selection results will be communicated by **10 May 2025** via e-mail. Shortlisted organizations may be contacted for additional discussions.

8. Contact Information

For further inquiries, please contact:

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