

Global Forum for Adolescents and the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change Campaign

Ad-Hoc Executive Committee Meeting

9 October 2023



Agenda

Agenda Item	Speaker(s)	Objectives/Background
ITEM 1 (5 mins): Introduction	Flavia Bustreo GEC Chair & GFA Political Advocacy Working Group Chair	Introduction of meeting agenda and expected outcomes
ITEM 2a (20 mins): Global Forum for Adolescents programme and event highlights	David Imbago AY Constituency Chair Aditi Sivakumar Board Vice-Chair < 30	Review of GFA programme and event highlights, including presentation of AWB commitment highlights
ITEM 2b (25 mins) Agenda for Action for Adolescents	Gareth Jones PECC Vice-Chair < 30 Jon Klein Accountability WG Vice-Chair, GCC Member	Recap of Agenda for Action for Adolescents, including development, consultation process and launch plans
ITEM 2c (5 mins) Global Forum for Adolescents and plans upcoming plans for 2024	Helga Fogstad PMNCH Executive Director	Highlights of Board meeting agenda item: “Keeping the pressure up: Increasing commitment for adolescent well-being toward the 2024 Summit of the Future”, including proposed roadmap for 2024
ITEM 3 (5 mins): Summary and wrap up	Flavia Bustreo GEC Chair & GFA Political Advocacy Working Group Chair	Agreement on next steps

ITEM 2a (20 mins):
Global Forum for Adolescents programme and
event highlights

GFA Programme

MAIN PROGRAMME



117+ Leading Partners
engaged across **22** sessions, **3**
Plenaries and **8** Product Launches



130+ speakers
With **55%** youth speakers ~ **3**
youth speakers per session



16x 10-minute breaks + Art
for Well-Being submissions
displayed during the breaks

OTHER KEY HIGHLIGHTS/SESSIONS



116
National Events



1
UNICEF led Innovation
Session



4
Research
& Programmes Marketplace



6
Skill Building
Marketplace



8
Digital Application
Marketplace

GFA Programme

1.8 Billion Young People for Change Global Forum for Adolescents '23 Global Forum for Adolescents Programme  The programme of the Global Forum for Adolescents has been framed in relation to the five domains of the Adolescent Well-being Framework and tailored in response to the emerging findings of the "What Young People Want" initiative. The Forum will include seven sessions, an innovation showcase, and exciting product launches. Partners: 	Day 1: 11 October, 2023 08:30 - 09:30 CEST Opening Ceremony & Plenary 1 - UNITE for adolescent well-being: Change begins with youth Opening ceremony & an electrifying plenary to kickstart the Global Forum for Adolescents, our goal is clear: to amplify youth voices. Let's UNITE in optimistic action, with empowered adolescents, leading toward a better world for all. 10:00 - 10:30 CEST Meaningful adolescent and youth engagement: An unfulfilled promise and the road ahead Youth-led organizations unite in this vibrant session to explore meaningful youth engagement and governance, as well as how to foster intergenerational collaboration. Through real-world experiences, diverse adolescent leaders will spotlight success, sharing insights to navigate and build in this area. Participate through interactive discussions, panels, polls, and opening of dialogue to advance the conversation and foster transformative change. Global adolescent priorities: Lights, camera, action! Add your voice to an engaging interactive discussion around global adolescent health and well-being. Featuring a compelling short film that portrays 1.8 billion young people, PCIEC Member Andrew Mitchell, this event will pave the way to a healthier, brighter future for adolescents worldwide!
Day 1: 11 October, 2023 11:00 - 11:30 CEST Investing in tomorrow: Empowering the next generation of adolescent health professionals Join young professionals – the vital bridge between adolescents and adult health systems – to address challenges in public health. Representatives from global research and networks will share their insights, from barriers to training gaps and equity, while embracing a vision to equip and empower youth, rights and experiences can help us build leaders for tomorrow's well-being. Elevating futures: Launching the continental strategy for education for health and well-being Be part of history as we launch the "Continental Strategy on Education for Health and Well-being," the 1st of its kind, jointly developed with UNESCO, UNFPA, WHO, IPPF and UNAIDS. This initiative outlines a joint approach to digital citizens who are empowered, educated, healthy, resilient, socially responsible, and have the capacity to contribute to the development of their community, country and the region. 12:00 - 12:30 CEST Agents of change: Stories from youth on the frontline of the humanitarian response How can we empower youth in crisis? The Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action is a global call uniting over 100 organizations to reshape humanitarian efforts with and for young individuals. Hear about localized strategies and innovative programs that prioritize youth, rights, needs, and strengths during disasters and emergencies to make this agenda a reality.	Day 1: 11 October, 2023 12:00 - 12:30 CEST GMT 'Ready to learn and thrive': Promoting adolescent well-being in schools Education and well-being go hand in hand, as underscored by the UN's Ready to Learn and Well-being report. Ready to learn? Start better and thrive! Join us to explore how schools can revolutionize well-being. Join us to explore practical advice and real-world success stories to inspire and unite education stakeholders for lasting impact. 12:30 - 12:50 CEST Generation cyberwise: Fostering safety for digital natives Join the conversation on how digitalization is shaping education, work, and life. Explore the opportunities they face and how they stand to be shaped by digitalization. Youth leaders are sharing strategies to build a safer and more secure digital space. Let's shape a digital world that truly works for young people. Launch of the AA-HAI 2.0: Global guidance for accelerated action for adolescent health and well-being The updated AA-HAI 2.0 guidance launches at GFA, offering the latest tools to advance adolescent health and wellness globally. This interactive session will share best practices, country experiences, and youth perspectives on applying this vital framework.
Day 1: 11 October, 2023 14:00 - 14:30 CEST Mental health: Youth leaders break the silence Youth mental health is a worsening issue, affecting 1 in 7 young people globally. This session focuses the voices and stories of mental health advocates, young people, and mental health professionals, sharing their insights and solutions for change. Learn how youth-led initiatives and collaborations can shape effective mental health services for a brighter future. Communicating the noncommunicable: How marketing policy can protect children and young people from disease Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) are the leading cause of death and disability worldwide, especially among young people aged 5-14. This session focuses on the impact of the tobacco and commercial marketing targeting children and youth. Add your voice to the call for governments to take action to regulate the marketing practices and pave the way for healthier, happier generations. 15:00 - 15:30 CEST Our planet, our well-being, our say: Youth-led action and the climate crisis Adolescents, be heard by climate change, are taking the reins in driving action. This session outlines the impact of the climate on adolescent well-being, and showcases youth-led solutions. Take part in a climate-conscious and climate-resilient discussion designed to ignite change for a sustainable planet. Partners: 	Day 1: 11 October, 2023 15:00 - 15:30 CEST GMT We lead: Youth-led advocacy strategies for SRHR and bodily autonomy Youth voices from diverse backgrounds are uniting to advocate for bodily autonomy in sexual and reproductive health and rights. Hear from young leaders and advocates, learn from challenging conventional sex conservatism to state-driven policy efforts. Be inspired by success stories and contribute to global effort to protect young people's SRHR. 16:00 - 16:30 CEST Building agency of adolescents through quality programming and accountability Join youth voices, including girls from marginalized communities, in a compelling conversation about the power of agency. Experience the stories, what you see clearly, and how you can lead. The session will share best practices, community activations, and advocacy strategies, empowering you to be part of this movement for a brighter, more inclusive future. Take action for adolescents: The U.S. National Adolescent Health Action Plan Experts from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and partners alongside youth advocates present an innovative path to enhance U.S. youth well-being in this discussion. Learn about research, stakeholder engagement, implementation, and the plan's goals and steps for youth-serving sectors. Partners: 

Programme and registration:
<https://www.1point8b.org/global-forum-for-adolescents>

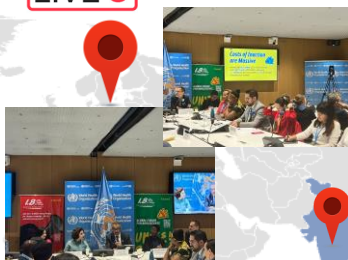
Plenaries

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GFA Hub (includes live moderation
through the virtual programme, broadcast
and plenary teams)

Geneva, Switzerland

LIVE



National event in **Brazil**,
broadcast on 12 October
during **Plenary 3**

National event in **South Africa**,
broadcast on 12 October during
Plenary 2

National event in **India**,
broadcast on 11 October
during **Plenary 1**

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Featuring status of AWB and What Young People Want

Plenary 1
UNITE
*for adolescent well-
being: Change
begins with youth*

The “Setting the Scene” plenary will set the stage for an energetic, exciting, and engaging Global Forum for Adolescents – positioning the asks and needs of young people at the centre of the discussion.

- Panel of 3 young women
- **18+** Member states present in the room, 8 to make strong statements in support of AWB
- 4 UN agencies represented with 3 EDs in attendance; commitments made by UN agencies

Featuring lived experience and success stories

Plenary 2
RISE
*to success: Unlocking
solutions for adolescent
well-being*

- Dynamic session anchored in the adolescent well-being domains
- Share successful initiatives and real-life examples on micro finance, SOGI, mental well-being and menstrual health
- Launch of the revised Global AA-HA! + latest evidence and tools.

Featuring agenda for action and commitments

Plenary 3
LEAD
*the way:
From commitments
to action*

- Set out the roadmap for action
- Feature launch of the Agenda for Action for Adolescents
- Showcase MS + Non-MS commitments
- Call on countries and community to join forces for AAA

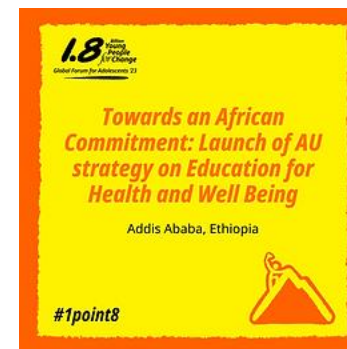
An overview of National and Regional Events to date

Total number of events (registered): 116

Registered events Breakdown by Region:

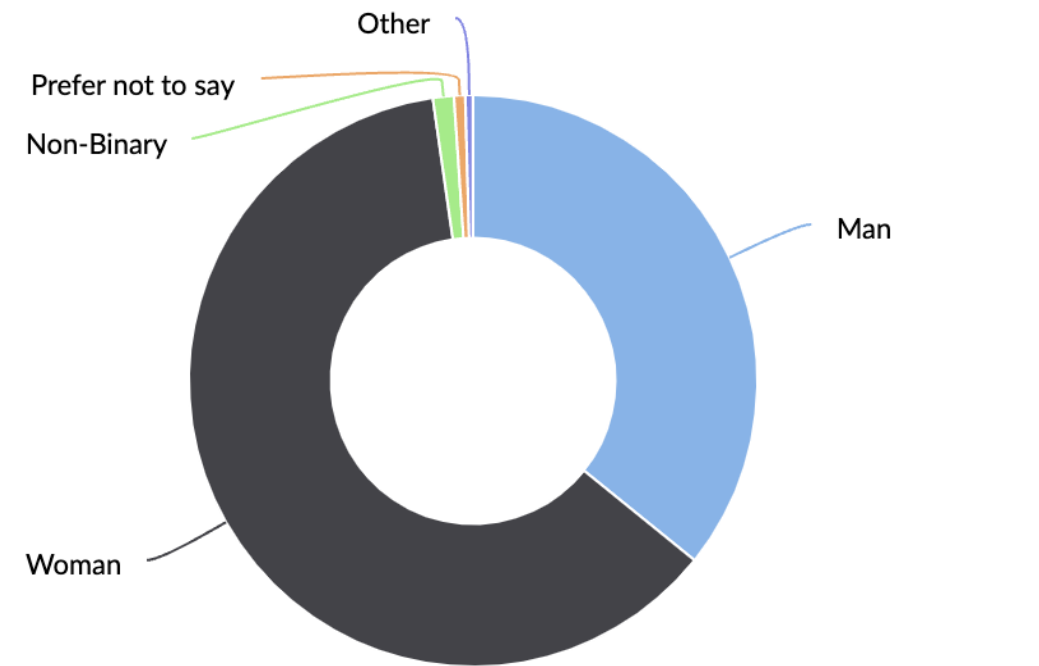
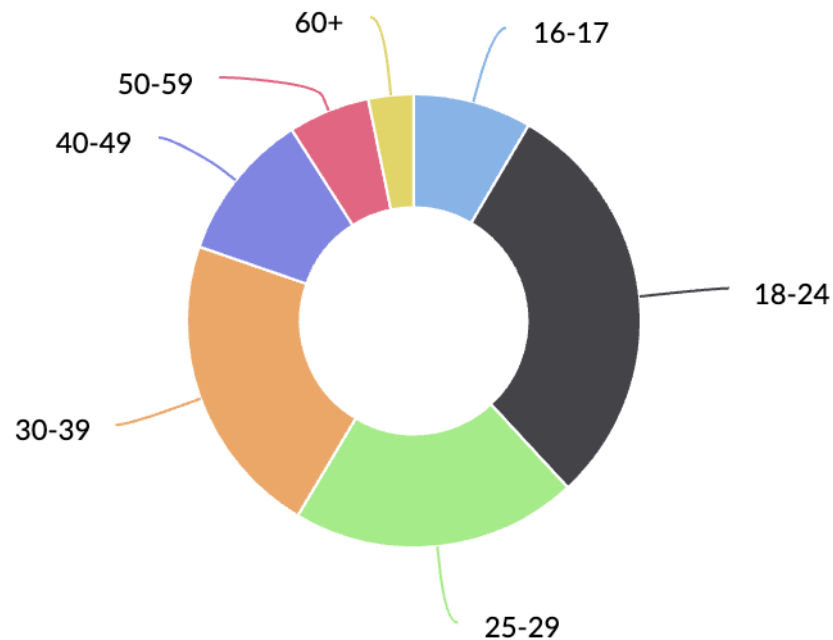
African Region (AFR)	39	Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR)	11
Region of the Americas (AMR)	25	Western Pacific Region (WPR)	4
South-East Asian Region (SEAR)	21	European Region (EUR)	12
Global	3	Regional	2

*Already 4857 people have participated in national events, of which 2326 are between 10-25 years old!
(25 events reported back)*



Registrations to Date (Oct 9th): 7000 registrations

58% of registrations are from those <30 years old



Top 10 countries: Nigeria, Kenya, India, Mexico, USA, Uganda, Argentina, Ghana, Rwanda, UK

Governments and Non-State Actors Paving the Way for Adolescent Well-being

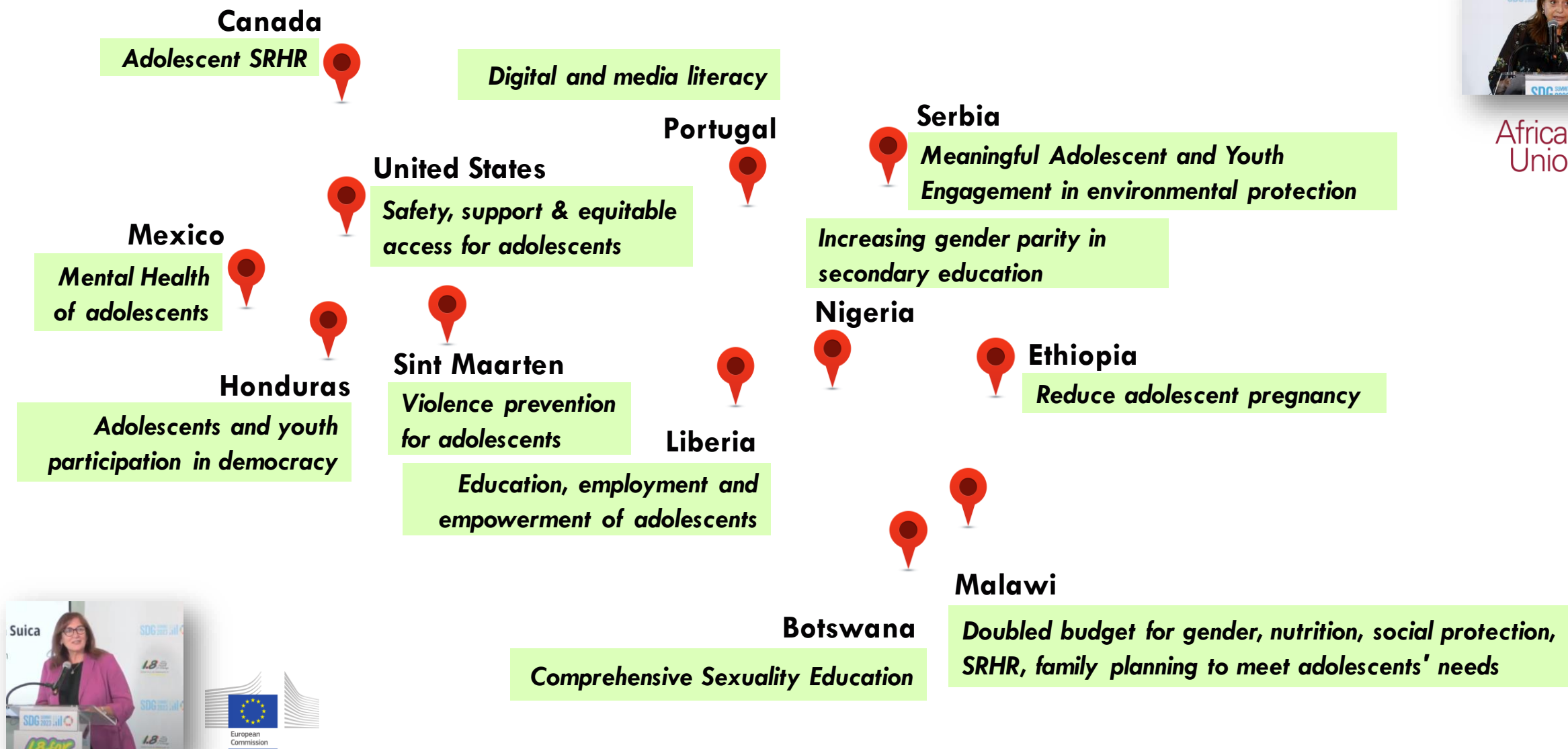
Spotlighting commitments

12 Governments and 2 regions committed till date

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African Union 



More than ten global players - Foundations and Private Sector - joined forces at Clinton Global Initiative 2023 Meeting to unlock commitments to address unmet needs of 1.8 billion adolescents globally



Leaders from around the world joined young people in launching commitments to tackle the major issues facing adolescents and youth during the 2023 SDG Summit in New York.



ITEM 2b (25 mins)

Agenda for Action for Adolescents

What is the Agenda for Action for Adolescents?



A call to action for financial, policy and service delivery commitments



Voices of 1.2 million adolescents and youth aged 10-24 participating in the “What Young People Want” effort coordinated by PMNCH



Drafted by an expert advisory group of PMNCH youth leaders, members of PMNCH standing committees and working groups, and the Programme Action Group of the GFA



To be launched at the Third Plenary of the GFA – on 12 October.

Consultation Process

Sep' 22

Agenda for Action for Adolescents is conceptualized

Recommendations from the multistakeholder consultations, BMJ collection analysed to build a 'scaffolding' for the AAA

Nov' 22 – Aug' 23

1 Million Voices are mobilized

1.2 million young people reached.
Interim analysis of the WYPW launched on 12 August.
Townhalls on adolescent girls' leadership with UN Women

Sep – Oct'23

Consulation Process

7 key asks are shared with PMNCH constituency leaderships, SAC, GCC and EC for approval

Oct' 22

1.8 Billion Campaign is launched

Campaign is launched; What Young People Want initiative is announced with the aim of mobilizing 1 million responses from young people

Aug – Sep'23

Drafting the AAA

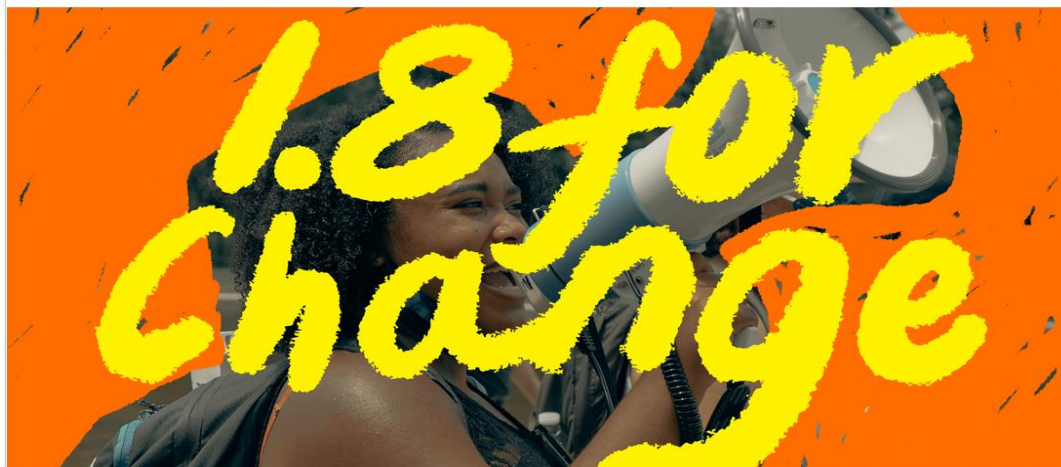
A small expert group works on 7 key asks inspired by the COVID-19 Call to Action (members include young leaders and members of SAC, KEWG, PAG, AYC, D&F). Group includes 3 youth co-chairs from SAC, PECC and AYC.

Oct' 23

Agenda for Action for Adolescents is launched

The AAA is launched during plenary 3 on 12 October.

Agenda for Action for Adolescents



There are over 1.8 billion adolescents and youth (10-24 years old) living in the world today – the largest demographic of their kind in history. Their experiences, voices and needs are vital in shaping the world. This is a proclamation of the priority actions for adolescent health and well-being, from adolescents and youth themselves.

Adolescents and youth need the resources and spaces to autonomously determine and lead their lives, in line with their evolving capacities, without fear of harm, violence, or discrimination based on their identities and life choices, feeling a sense of connectedness and belonging, while growing in a positive and nurturing environment.

To meaningfully engage with adolescents and youth, in all their diversity, in current times of growing inequity and increasing vulnerabilities due to pandemics, climate crises, humanitarian, and conflict situations, and economic inequality, this **Agenda for Action for Adolescents (AAA)** highlights 7 priorities for immediate action.

These actions have been determined by young people themselves. They have been distilled from expert analysis of more than 1.2 million responses from adolescents and youth aged 10-24, who participated in the “What Young People Want” survey, which gathered responses from over 90 countries, as well as testimonies shared during global online townhall meetings.

This **Agenda** defines a path forward for governments, in partnership with stakeholders from all sectors, to develop and implement policies and programs that deliver on these priorities. It advances the adolescent agenda within the current Sustainable Development Goals and sets the scene for the post-2030 global development agenda, co-developed with, and owned by adolescents and youth.

Key Asks



1. Provide universal primary, secondary, and tertiary education, and vocational training to ensure all adolescents and youth develop skills aligned with modern labour market demands, protected by strengthened labour laws and policies to ensure decent jobs, meaningful career options and safe working environments.



2. Provide affordable, high-quality adolescent health and well-being services, especially to adolescent parents, including through “one-stop shops”, digital platforms, and peer-led models that bring care closer to communities, including through primary **health-care services, schools, and community-based services**.



3. Ensure mental well-being and resilience through provision of timely and flexible, access to affordable and quality evidence-based information, services, psychosocial support, therapy, and destigmatizing mental health conditions.



4. Reform harmful and punitive laws and institute affirmative and protective laws and policies that facilitate access to education, healthcare, and other wellbeing services, as well as providing safe public spaces including roads. Laws and policies should provide protection from all forms of violence, discrimination, and harm, including sexual and gender-based violence and domestic violence. Ensure age of consent laws do not deprive access to **essential SRH services and information, including HIV services, contraception, and safe abortion**, while also **protecting against child, early and forced marriage**.

Key Asks



5. Strengthen and establish social protection policies and mechanisms that meet the unique needs of adolescents and youth, through income protection programs, safety nets for vulnerable adolescents including cash transfers and food security.



6. Prevent stigma and discrimination against adolescents and youth in all their diversity, irrespective of identity and background, through legal protection, awareness building including among all stakeholders, provision of **Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in and out of school.**



7. Strengthen agency of adolescents and youth through providing meaningful social and civic participation and allocating adequate resources to support youth and adolescent centred accountability mechanisms, to track the implementation of the Agenda for Action for Adolescents, utilising existing mechanisms at the national, regional, and global levels, such as the Voluntary National Review and Universal Periodic Review.

PMNCH Commitments

To realize the Agenda for Action for Adolescents, PMNCH commits to the following action plan during 2023-2025:



1. **Facilitating meaningful engagement of adolescent and youth groups** within national multi-stakeholder platforms, through policy dialogues ensuring decisions and national priorities are informed by their perspectives.
2. **Promoting co-leadership** with adolescents and youth to meaningfully engage and empower them, especially adolescent girls and other marginalised groups, to become leaders of today and tomorrow, and ensure that policies and programs are developed with equal participation and active leadership from them to inform all critical decisions around adolescent well-being.
3. **Compiling evidence on adolescent and youth experiences** and preferences to strengthen decision-making and accountability, based on high-quality data and research, co-created with adolescents, and disaggregated by age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability status, location, marital status, educational attainment, socio-economic status, employment status, among other parameters.
4. **Promoting integrated, 'all of government' planning**, across health, finance, security, gender, education, employment, food systems for optimum nutrition, and technology, to ensure more cohesive and comprehensive programming and policymaking by government departments, based on meaningful engagement of all stakeholders on the priorities above, including the private sector.
5. **Supporting endorsement and dissemination of the Agenda for Action for Adolescents** by all relevant advocacy communities, dedicated to education and skills-building, health, nutrition, social protection, and other domains required to promote adolescent well-being and health.
6. **Mobilizing measurable commitments** to the Agenda for Action for Adolescents from governments and all stakeholders



Consultation process: Feedback

The AAA was shared with constituency chairs and co-chairs (including under 30), members of Strategic Advocacy Committee and GFA Global Coordination Committee. Feedback was received by a range of partners (18), including WHO, AMREF, Plan International, UNICEF, FCDO, Fondation Botnar, FIA Foundation, as well as members of ART, HCPA,AYC, and GEC.

Feedback	How was it addressed?
Language edits	Most language edits were taken into account. Specific language edits on specific issues were deliberated on – and integrated in the asks where possible.
Addition of specific issues: Humanitarian and fragile settings, climate action, road safety, mental health, SRH, adolescent pregnancy	All issues have been integrated across the chapeau (e.g., HFS and climate crisis) and asks (e.g., mental health, SRH, road safety)
Integrating active voice in the call to action	Specific sections have been re-drafted to active voice “ <i>We, adolescents and youth along with 1,400+ partner organizations of PMNCH, call on governments, donors, development partners, and all stakeholders to protect and promote the well-being of adolescents and youth through strengthened domestic investment and policies, supported by international cooperation, to:</i> ”
Feedback on integrating specific elements: STEM, young healthcare professionals, menstrual hygiene, community engagement	The asks have been kept broad enough to encapsulate these issues without mentioning them explicitly . Additionally, all issues are covered either in the chapeau or the specific asks
Integrating financing and an all of government approach	Integrated across different asks
Refrain from calling out specific sectors (eg private sector)	Incorporated to ensure all asks refer to ‘key stakeholders’ across sectors

Aligning commitments with the Agenda for Action for Adolescents

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	Ask 1 Providing vocational training and secondary/third-level education	Ask 2 Providing affordable, high-quality adolescent health and well-being services	Ask 3 Ensuring mental well-being and resilience	Ask 4 Reforming harmful and punitive laws and institute affirmative and protective legal and policy mechanisms	Ask 5 Strengthening and establishing social protection mechanisms	Ask 6 Preventing stigma and discrimination	Ask 7 Strengthening agency of adolescents and youth
African Union		1	1		1		
Botswana	1	1		1			
Canada		1		1			1
Ethiopia							
European commission	1			1			1
India							1
Liberia	1	1		1	1	1	
Malawi	1	1		1	1	1	1
Mexico	1	1					1
Nigeria	1	1					1
Portugal	1		1				
Serbia		1		1			1
Sint Maarten		1	1				1
United States	1	1		1		1	1
Total	8	10	3	7	3	3	9

ITEM 2c (5 mins)

*Global Forum for Adolescents and plans
upcoming plans for 2024*

32nd PMNCH Board Meeting (27 – 28 Nov)

Planning our next steps for the 1.8 campaign

Thursday 28 Nov, 12:05-13:15 CET

ITEM 6 – Keeping the pressure up: Increasing commitment for adolescent well-being toward the 2024 Summit of the Future

Objectives: Agree on priorities for implementing the “Agenda for Action for Adolescents”, taking up key goals and opportunities arising from the October 2023 Global Forum for Adolescents and the 1.8 campaign’s What Young People Want campaign, targeting enhanced commitments at the Sept 2024 Summit of the Future

Expected outcome: Creating an action plan on adolescent well-being for 2023-24 to take forward the Agenda for Action for Adolescents and build further momentum

Focus:

- *Overview of the Global Forum for Adolescents and the “What Young People Want” results to date*
- *Opportunities for strengthening adolescent well-being commitments related to ICPD@30 and the Summit of the Future*
- *Global financing opportunities for adolescent and sexual health*
- *Opportunities for mobilizing more adolescent well-being private sector commitments*

Speakers will represent AY, GFM, UNA and PS constituencies

*ITEM 3 (5 mins):
Summary and wrap up*