



Transforming Education Summit

The Transforming Education Summit convened by the UN Secretary-General in September 2022 highlighted that there would be **no transformation of education without the meaningful engagement and participation of young people.**

Youth Declaration

A Youth Declaration **outlining the collective vision, demands, and commitments from youth on transforming education** was launched at the Summit and presented to the Secretary-General.

The launch of the Youth Declaration represents a major achievement and **trail-blazing work for youth engagement in education.**

This first-of-its-kind document was the result of months of consultations **involving impressively half a million youth in 170 countries.**



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GLOBAL YOUTH INITIATIVE

Towards a youth-led transformation of education

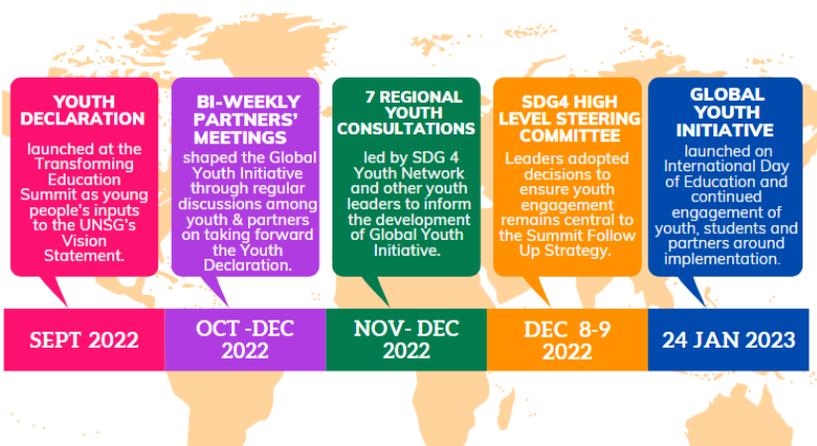
The Global Youth Initiative is the first multi-stakeholder, global initiative aiming to ensure meaningful youth engagement and leadership in education policy-making.

A Youth-led Initiative

The Global Youth Initiative was developed by youth and student networks and other partners under the overall coordination of the SDG4 Youth Network. Seven regional youth consultations were held in Africa, Arab-States, Asia-Pacific, Caribbean, Europe, Latin-America, and North America to help shape the initiative and take forward the recommendations of the Youth Declaration.

The Global Youth Initiative will be monitored and reported on by the SDG4 High Level Steering Committee as part of the Transforming Education Summit Follow Up. A global indicator on youth participation in education decision-making is currently being developed to help monitor progress. This is the first ever global indicator assessing youth engagement in education, as well as across all of the SDGs.

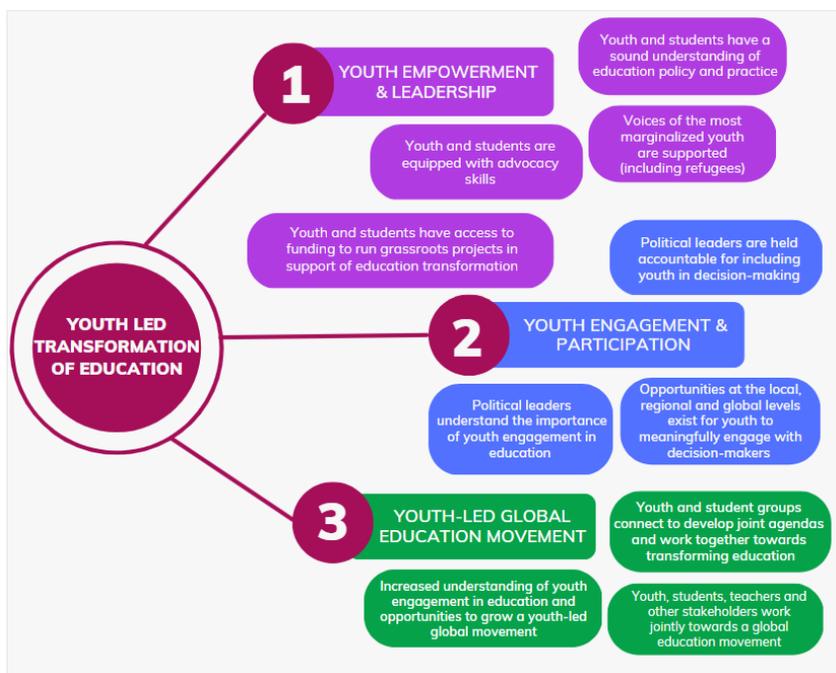
GLOBAL YOUTH INITIATIVE: A COLLECTIVE PROCESS



Approach and expected results

The Global Youth Initiative is structured around the following three main components:

- 1. Youth empowerment and leadership:** the initiative will focus on building youth and students' capacity, especially for the most marginalized, to help them become agents of change in their national contexts.
- 2. Youth engagement and participation:** the initiative will provide opportunities for youth and students to meaningfully engage and participate in decision making processes.
- 3. Youth-led global education movement:** the initiative will help grow and develop a youth-led global education movement through increased collaboration and cross-fertilization among youth, student networks, and other stakeholders.



Join the youth-led transformation of education!

For the first time, a wide range of youth, students, civil society, governments, agencies, private sector, and other partners, has come together to support a youth-led transformation of education. The Global Youth Initiative welcomes all partners interested in making a difference for children, youth, and adults in education, to support and join the initiative.

Duration

The Global Youth Initiative was launched at the occasion of International Day of Education on 24 January 2023 and will run until September 2024.

Partners

The following partners are currently part of the Global Youth Initiative: SDG4 Youth Network, Global Student Forum, UN Office of the SG's Envoy on Youth, UNESCO, GEM Report, UNICEF, UNHCR, the World Bank and Teach for all.

Funding gap

To implement the Global Youth Initiative, a total of 3.5 million USD is needed for 2023-2024. Implementation will be done jointly by all partners involved.



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