

International Green Skills and Green Jobs for Youth Roundtable

Official side event to the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

Organized by the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) Student Action Group (SAG)

HYBRID EVENT



Date/Time: 17 July 2024, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm EST

Location: United Nations Global Compact Office (685 3rd Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, 10017, NY, USA)

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** Registration is required. Due to limited space, in-person attendance will require further approval from organizers.*

Abstract

Young people around the world have created a youth-shared definition of green skills under the banner of the *Green Jobs for Youth Pact (GJYP)*, developed by UNEP, UNICEF, and ILO. The GJYP will create 1 million green jobs for youth and greening 1 million more.

This definition and accompanying advocacy asks are the results of a major five-part workshop series that has taken place over the last six months, engaging thousands of young people across North and South America, Asia, Africa, and Europe. Students and young people are calling for educators, policymakers, and employers to make critical societal reforms to support youth in developing green skills and progressing into green jobs.

Organized and presented by the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) Student Action Group members, this event will feature a three-part dialogue between young people and high-level stakeholders representing leading universities, intergovernmental representatives, and major private-sector employers. Young people will present their collective advocacy aims.

This event marks the publishing of the [Green Skills and Green Jobs Youth Consultation Report](#), where the full outcomes of the global workshop series can be explored.

Find more information about the [Higher Education Sustainability Initiative \(HESI\)](#) and the [Student Action Group \(HESI-SAG\)](#).

Agenda

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Time	Activity	Description	Speakers
8:00 - 9:00 am	Welcoming Breakfast	Welcoming breakfast will be served at the UN Global Compact Office.	N/A
9:00 - 9:10 am	Opening statements	Welcoming remarks by the hosting organization: Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), an initiative of the United Nations Global Compact. Welcoming remarks by the event moderator and youth representative.	Paulo Speroni ; Manager of Strategy, Governance, and Innovation, PRME Zamzam Ibrahim ; Director, SOS-International
9:10 - 9:20 am	Launch of Green Skills and Green Jobs Youth Consultation Report	Official launch and presentation of outcomes following global youth consultation	Quinn Runkle ; Director of Education, SOS-UK
9:20 - 9:40 am	Roundtable with Educational Sector representatives	Sharing perspectives from representatives of higher education institutions, bringing the educator vision on the youth definition of Green Skills and Green Jobs.	Andrew Karolyi ; Dean at Cornell SC Johnson College of Business and Vice-Chair of the PRME Advisory Board
9:40 - 10:00 am	Roundtable with Employers and Industry representatives	Sharing perspectives from private sector representatives, bringing the employer vision to the youth definition of Green Skills and Green Jobs.	Kwasi Mitchell ; US Chief Purpose and DEI Officer and Global Chief Sustainability Officer at Deloitte
10:00 - 10:20 am	Roundtable with Policymakers	Sharing perspectives from policymakers, bringing the intergovernmental vision on the youth definition of Green Skills and Green Jobs.	Bosen Lily Liu ; Head of Partnership and UN Liaison, UNESCO
10:20 - 10:40 am	Open roundtable	Open discussions engaging the various perspectives of virtual and physical attendees around the youth definition of Green Skills and Green Jobs.	Moderated by: Zamzam Ibrahim ; Director, SOS-International
10:40 - 10:50 am	Reflections from HESI-SAG participants	Final reflections from HESI-SAG participants.	Jean Christophe Carteron ; Co-Founder, Sulitest Quinn Runkle ; Director of Education, SOS-UK
10:50 - 10:55 am	Reflections on the Green Jobs for Youth Pact	Final reflections for the Green Jobs for Youth Pact	Urmila Sarkar , Deputy Director, Programmes - Generation Unlimited (UNICEF)
10:55 - 11:00 am	Closing remarks	Final acknowledgments from the host organization.	Paulo Speroni ; Manager of Strategy, Governance, and Innovation, PRME
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Networking	Networking gathering to enable post-roundtable connections.	N/A

Speaker profiles

Zamzam Ibrahim - Director, SOS-International



Zamzam Ibrahim is a British-Somali activist. As the daughter of Somali refugees, she has spent the past decade representing students and young people, advocating various causes related to social justice, education, and the environment. As a young climate activist, she co-founded Students Organising for Sustainability. She is the chair of the Muslim Leadership Foundation. In 2019, launched the Climate Education Bill, which calls for mandatory climate education in schools throughout the UK. She's the Former Vice President of the European Students Union (ESU) and the former President of the National Union of Students in the UK (NUSUK). She currently serves as a board member of SOS International and SOSUK, works as a Climate justice consultant for Julie's Bicycle, amongst various other projects and serves as a Youth Advisor on the Green Jobs Pact for Youth.

Paulo Speroni - Manager of Strategy, Governance, and Innovation, PRME



Paulo Vasconi Speroni is the Manager of Strategy, Governance & Innovation at the [Principles for Responsible Management Education \(PRME\)](#), an initiative of the [United Nations Global Compact](#). In this position, he leads the [PRME Advisory Board](#) relations, the [PRME Working Groups](#) program, the [PRME Global Students \(PGS\)](#) network, and other initiatives for programmatic innovation, such as the [PRME Principles Refresh](#). Paulo holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Strategic Management from Columbia University and two Bachelor's Degrees, one in International Affairs from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and another in Social Sciences from Getulio Vargas Foundation. Prior to PRME, Paulo had taken leadership positions in public agencies and NGOs in Brazil, where he was directly responsible for establishing and managing multi-stakeholder partnerships to implement participatory public policies focused on the sustainable development of vulnerable Brazilian communities. He also worked in India and Tunisia, where he led strategic development processes of youth-centered organizations related to civic engagement and access to higher education, respectively.

Quinn Runkle - Director of Education, SOS-UK



Quinn Runkle is SOS-UK's Director of Education. She leads the Education Directorate's work to embed sustainability through all aspects of learning and to transform our educational institutions in response to the climate and ecological crises. She has oversight for programmes that integrate sustainability into existing institutions and sector bodies, as well as influencing and shaping policy and discourse on education, nationally and internationally, to contribute to wider systems change. Quinn is also a trustee of the UK National Association for Environmental Education. Prior to SOS-UK, Quinn worked at the National Union of Students, the University of Bristol Students' Union, and the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. Quinn holds a Masters in Education from the UCL Institute of Education and a BA in Geography and Political Science with a concentration in Sustainability from the University of British Columbia. Quinn is part of the 2017 class of 'Top 30 Under 30' Environmental Educators, named by the North American Association of Environmental Education and in 2022 was named a Fellow of the UK National Association of Environmental Education.



Andrew Karolyi - Dean at Cornell Business School and Vice-Chair of the PRME Advisory Board



Andrew Karolyi is Professor of Finance and holder of the Harold Bierman Jr. Distinguished Professorship in Management at the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business. He currently serves as Dean of the College. His research specializes in the study of investment management with a focus on international financial markets. He has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals in Finance and Economics and has published several books and monographs. Professor Karolyi served as Executive Editor of the Review of Financial Studies, is past president of the Western Finance and Financial Management Associations and is currently a director of the American Finance Association. Professor Karolyi received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from McGill University and worked for years in research at the Bank of Canada. He subsequently studied for his MBA and PhD degrees in Finance at the Booth School of Business of the University of Chicago.

Kwasi Mitchell - US Chief Purpose and DEI Officer and Global Chief Sustainability Officer, Deloitte



As Deloitte US's Chief Purpose and DEI Officer, Kwasi Mitchell leads the organizational strategy of architecting a more equitable future for all through a focus on sustainability, equity, trust, and social impact in the US. Kwasi also serves as Deloitte's Global Chief Sustainability Officer, collaborating with Deloitte leaders, clients, and other key stakeholders across the globe to further the organization's sustainability commitments. Kwasi built and oversees Deloitte's dedicated US Purpose and DEI Office, leading the organization's efforts to address some of the world's more complex issues with a focus on four areas to enact positive change: sustainability, equity, trust and social impact. His leadership as US Chief Purpose & DEI Officer is helping integrate sustainability, equity, trust and social impact into Deloitte's operations, strategy and decision-making to deepen the impact and positive change for our clients, people and communities. He also supports clients on their journey to becoming purpose-driven organizations, fostering collaborations that address systemic barriers and drive more equitable outcomes. Before his current role, Kwasi was the DE&I leader and pro bono social impact lead for Deloitte Consulting in the US. He has a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Northwestern and an MBA from Drexel University. Today, he sits on several national and global nonprofit boards working to build a more equitable society. Kwasi lives in Washington, D.C., with his lovely wife, Kathleen.

Bosen Lily Liu - Head of Partnership and UN Liaison, UNESCO



Currently working as the Head of the Partnership and UN Liaison Unit at UNESCO IESALC, Ms. Bosen Lily Liu has been leading consensus-making among stakeholders to promote emerging education agendas and priorities such as transforming education and greening education, establishing hands-on partnerships to support increasing access and quality of higher education, and leading South-South Cooperation on strategic higher education planning and financing. Before this role, she was a donor, managing 1.26 million donations to eight countries in the Global South during the pandemic; a policymaker on education, innovation, environmental efficiency, and standardization with a global scope covering all UN regions and hands-on experience in more than 40 countries; an innovator at the grassroots level leading the creation of a robotic device that democratizes access to literacy education; and a scholar specializing in triangular cooperation, taking an evidence-based approach to optimize the efficiency and impacts of partnership models and providing capacity building in Africa and Asia.

Jean Christophe Carteron - Co-Founder, Sulitest



Jean Christophe Carteron is the co-founder and President of Sulitest, an international movement initiated in 2013 to increase sustainability literacy worldwide. Before fully devoting himself to Sulitest, he spent 14 years piloting the CSR strategy at a French Business school (from research to pedagogy, social impact, or green campus initiatives). As a board member of various NGOs, networks, and foundations, he is a leading figure in social responsibility and sustainable assessment for higher education institutions. He also serves as co-chair of the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), an open partnership between 10 United Nations entities and the higher education community, which was launched at the Rio+20 UN conference. Following the success of the Awareness Test, which has already been taken by more than 350,000 people, Sulitest launched in March 2023, The Assessment of Sustainability Knowledge (TASK™), an assessment tool providing relevant, robust, and comparable metrics for academic institutions to better pilot, deploy, and report on their impact on sustainability education.

Urmila Sarkar - Deputy Director, Programmes - Generation Unlimited (UNICEF)



In July 2019, Urmila Sarkar joined the Generation Unlimited Global Team based in New York and is currently their Deputy Director, Programmes. She has 25 years of experience in the international development, education and employment sectors. Before that, she was UNICEF's Regional Chief of Education for South Asia and Education Chief for India. Urmila began her UN career with the ILO Geneva managing their child labour and education programmes and with the ILO Regional Office for Asia Pacific as their lead on youth skills and employment. Urmila's passion to promote greater civic engagement began in her home country, Canada as a student leader and community organizer. She also played a key role in organizing the Global March Against Child Labour, which mobilized millions until its culmination at the ILO Geneva where the Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour was drafted in June 1998. Urmila received her MALD from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and her BA in High Distinction from the University of Toronto.