

Youth Rising





YouthActionNet® gave me the opportunity to dig deeper into who I want to be as a leader, how I want my venture to grow, and how I want to change the system in creating a socially-inclusive Indonesia.

Dissa Ahdanisa

2017 Laureate Global Fellow

INDONESIA

UNITED BY **HOPE**, A GENERATION OF YOUTH IS **RIISING UP** AND **ADVOCATING** FOR POSITIVE CHANGE.

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YOUNG SOCIAL
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LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTES

1.7M
LIVES IMPACTED*

Youth have long stood at the forefront of social justice movements,

galvanizing civic activism in defense of fundamental human rights. Equally valuable are youth-led advocacy efforts to influence values and behaviors over the long term. For 18 years, YouthActionNet®, a signature initiative of the International Youth Foundation (IYF), has supported young social entrepreneurs, ages 18 to 29, in leading positive change. Joining us are 24 national and regional youth leadership institutes around the globe.

Our 1,970 fellows hail from 94 countries. Through their

impact-driven social ventures, these young leaders champion the values of justice, equity, and inclusion so critical to bridging today's deep divides. They recognize that changing the world begins with transforming people's attitudes and behaviors. From harnessing the power of technology to elevate citizen voices to marketing upcycled products, fellows employ a range of tactics to convey critical messages and reshape how people relate to each other and the planet.

Through creative advocacy—aimed at shifting mindsets, influencing systems, and impacting policies—

a growing grassroots movement of young people is leading the way toward a more equitable, sustainable future. These pioneering youth, born after 1980, form what we call Cohort 2030, a generation uniquely equipped to demand and deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the face of today's global challenges, these youth offer hope and a host of innovative solutions. And that's good news for all of us.

*Most recent data available from 2016.

Changing Mindsets

Whether the goal is to promote gender equality or prevent pollution, lasting social change begins with reinforcing new behaviors and attitudes. These YouthActionNet Fellows employ creative tactics to shift mindsets—from launching a café with a message of inclusion in Indonesia to marketing dolls that reinforce a positive sense of identity among Afro-Brazilian children.

AN INCLUSIVE CAFE

DISSA AHDANISA // INDONESIA // 2017 FELLOW

Only a quarter of Deaf individuals in Indonesia are employed, leaving many to face a lifelong struggle against poverty. Through Fingertalk Enterprise, Dissa Ahdanisa provides job opportunities for the Deaf, while creating spaces where the Deaf and hearing communities can interact. In addition to two cafés, Fingertalk operates a handicraft market and a car wash—each providing

meaningful jobs to Deaf youth. Leveraging the popularity of social media, Dissa carefully crafts messages that promote Fingertalk's mission of inclusion. Says Dissa, "One way we work to change mindsets is by telling people sign language is cool."

SDG #8: PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL

A CAMPAIGN CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE

DAVID RODRIGUEZ // SPAIN // 2017 FELLOW

David Rodriguez founded Pegasus Sport to eliminate the negative perceptions and stereotypes associated with those who are differently abled. Among its programs, Pegasus promotes the inclusion of people with disabilities through sports and connects families to affordable neurological therapies. Through its *Lo*

mío no es normal (My Way Isn't Normal) campaign, the organization also shifts public perceptions of difference. Delivered through events, marketing materials, and branded clothing, the campaign celebrates the qualities that make each and every person special.

SDG #16: PROMOTE PEACEFUL & INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES



DOLLS THAT NURTURE SELF-ESTEEM

GEÓRGIA SANTOS NUNES // BRAZIL // 2017 FELLOW

Geórgia Santos Nunes recalls struggling to find a black doll to purchase in Salvador, Brazil, a city where a majority of citizens are of African descent. She then learned that while more than half of Brazil's population identifies as black, only three percent of the dolls being sold reflected this reality. Through Amora, the young entrepreneur now produces and markets dolls that reinforce the positive identity of young Afro-Brazilians and disrupt deeply entrenched patterns of discrimination.

SDG #10: REDUCE INEQUALITY



A NEW WAY OF LEARNING

MAIA FREUDENBERGER //
MADAGASCAR // 2017 FELLOW

Maia Freudenberger launched Projet Jeune Leader (Project Young Leader) to reduce rates of unintended teen pregnancy, school dropouts, and risky sexual behavior among adolescents in Madagascar. Over five years, the program's trained peer educators have reached 39,000 students in 12 schools. Beyond its impact on individual youth, Projet Jeune Leader's interactive approach to learning has energized educational systems. "Schools are more dynamic now," says Maia. "Students are more eager to learn and participate." Interviews with over 70 parents and teachers reinforce Projet Jeune Leader's impact on schools. Said one teacher, "The project really benefits us as well. Their educators help us better relate to our students."

SDG #3: GOOD HEALTH & WELL BEING



Influencing Systems

Sustaining social change over the long-term—at scale—means transforming how systems operate. Systems change takes a variety of forms—from influencing how education is delivered in schools to the hiring practices of companies. For today's youth, this progress often begins with mobilizing a critical mass of individuals within a given system to press for change, or demonstrating the efficacy of a new way of operating.

GIRLS STAND UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS

SYLWIA VARGAS // POLAND // 2017 FELLOW

Sylwia Vargas co-founded MamyGlos (Polish for “we have a voice”) to equip teenage girls in Poland to advocate for their rights and end gender discrimination in their schools and communities. Through workshops on activism and women’s empowerment—and creative media campaigns—MamyGlos empowers Poland’s next generation to take a stand

for gender equality. To date, MamyGlos has delivered its message within over 40 schools, with teachers embracing new tools and lesson plans. “From a very young age, girls are taught to be obedient, silent, and not to set boundaries,” says Sylwia. Through MamyGlos, girls learn to stand up against sexism.

SDG #5: ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

YOUTH AS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES

ANNA OPOSA // PHILIPPINES // 2013 FELLOW

Anna Oposa, Executive Director of Save Philippines Seas (SPS), refers to her work as ‘advocasea.’ With Filipinos dependent on the sea for food, tourism, and livelihoods, SPS empowers citizens toward collective action and behavior change. Youth trained through SPS’s Sea and Earth Advocates Camp have implemented over 50 environmental projects and awareness-raising campaigns

in the Philippines and across Southeast Asia. Through its advocacy efforts, SPS has strengthened law enforcement and prevented thousands of single-use plastics from entering the seas. Says Anna, “SPS offers a platform for citizens to be a voice for the sea, whether through downloading and using our toolkits, learning how to reduce plastic waste, or writing letters to leaders.”

SDG #14: CONSERVE MARINE RESOURCES



“We want each and every girl in Poland to feel safe and secure at home, on the street, at school, and in their own body.”

—Sylwia Vargas

Impacting policies

Youth-led efforts to influence policies take time, perseverance, and a strategic approach to engaging partners and achieving identified goals. For Teresa Boullón, convincing municipal government leaders in Peru to create libraries in schools started with setting bold targets and demonstrating citizen-led success over time. For Sergio Andrade, creating more pedestrian-friendly cities in Mexico began with collecting data and mobilizing people to make their voices heard.

JOBS FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

FREDRICK OUKO // KENYA // 2009 FELLOW

For more than a decade, Fredrick Ouko has sought to re-write the narrative of disability in Africa. In 2008, he founded the Action Network for the Disabled (ANDY) to challenge societal stereotypes and employer discrimination against people with disabilities. Among its activities, ANDY increases job and self-employment opportunities for youth who are disabled and empowers youth to make their voices

heard. Fredrick is a member of a National Youth Policy committee appointed by the Ministry of Public Service, Youth, and Gender Affairs to represent youth with disabilities in the policy review process. He was also instrumental in establishing the African Youth with Disabilities Network (AYWDN). With chapters in 12 countries, AYWDN promotes adherence to the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

SDG #8: PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL

LITERACY AS A HUMAN RIGHT

TERESA BOULLÓN // PERU // 2015 FELLOW

With 65 percent of Peruvian students lacking basic reading ability and only a fraction of schools having libraries, Teresa Boullón founded Un Millón de Niños Lectores (One Million Readers) in 2011. Through engaging local schools, parents, and businesses, the social enterprise has already created 45 libraries serving over 32,000 children. Teresa's dream of working with the government to scale her efforts came true in 2016 when local authorities in the Miraflores District of Lima inaugurated a policy

establishing a local public library system. Teresa's now taking steps to expand the model to other Latin American countries.



SDG #4: QUALITY EDUCATION

**“We will not stop until all schools
in Peru have libraries.”
—Teresa Boullón**



CITIZENS UNITE FOR LIVABLE CITIES

SERGIO ANDRADE // MEXICO // 2017 FELLOW

"For decades, Mexican cities have prioritized cars over pedestrians, with not enough attention to promoting mobility, safety, and equity," says Sergio Andrade. Through Liga Peatonal (Pedestrian League), a national network of organizations, activists, and experts, Sergio seeks to transform the nation's cities into walkable, pedestrian-friendly spaces for all people. League members educate and empower citizens to act through campaigns, with the ultimate goal of influencing both systems and public policies. Among its accomplishments, Liga Peatonal has successfully advocated for changes to municipal construction regulations and reforms to Mexico City's Transit Law.

SDG #11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES



A hallmark of YouthActionNet's training model is peer-to-peer learning.

YOUTH AS DRIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT

5 Lessons

Today's youth are poised to play a critical role in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Young people born after 1980, what we refer to as Cohort 2030, are distinct from other generations in important ways—their native fluency in innovation and technology, their attitudes toward diversity, their antipathy regarding corruption, and their concern about climate change.

How do we ensure that this generation—and those post-Millennial and Generation Z youth to follow in their footsteps—achieve their full potential as active citizens and change-makers? Over 18 years, YouthActionNet has identified five essential steps for realizing the power and promise of the world's largest-ever youth generation.

1 Leverage Formal Education

To truly prepare youth for their role as global citizens, learning needs to extend beyond the classroom. Educational systems need to prioritize active citizenship along with academic achievement. Students need access to experiential, project-based learning that exposes them to injustice and inequities in their communities. Applied learning builds skills and prepares youth as lifelong problem solvers. Young people need to look at where existing systems are failing and build agency among those too often marginalized.

2 Nurture Empathy, Kindness, and Compassion among Youth

Youth agency begins with empathy. More than 80 percent of applicants to our Laureate Global Fellowship in 2018 stated that their motivation for leading change came from a

volunteer experience or being personally impacted by a social challenge in their community or family. By increasing volunteer opportunities and exposing students to urgent needs in their communities, youth are far more apt to be civically engaged later in life. When youth interact meaningfully with those they perceive as different, barriers erode and empathy grows.

3 Pursue Unconventional Avenues for Reaching Youth

To leverage the energy and talent of today's youth, we need to meet young people where they are already active—through sports, arts and entertainment, online, in faith communities, and in schools. These are the spaces where youth voices gain expression and youth-led social change takes root. Through Fatuma's Voice, Chris Mukasa has encouraged thousands of Kenyan youth to

4 Look to Young Innovators as Drivers of R&D

Youth offer unique perspectives on development challenges and can be natural risk-takers.

express themselves through art, poetry, and music, while creating bottom-up solutions to social challenges. In Papua New Guinea, Jaqueline Joseph uses sports to advance gender equality. Through her eight-week, school-based initiative, trained volunteers facilitate discussions among students, ages 12 to 15, about respectful relationships. These and other YouthActionNet Fellows excel at creating safe spaces for youth to nurture the values of equity and inclusion so central to building open societies.

"Laureate's commitment to building the next generation of innovative and ethical leaders—one community at a time—lies at the heart of our global partnership with IYF."

—José Roberto Loureiro, Chief Executive Officer, Laureate Brazil

5 Focus on Grassroots Networks

With young people's faith in traditional institutions declining, more localized approaches to development are needed. In 2017, two out of three youth respondents to the IYF Global Millennial Viewpoints

Survey revealed that they feel their government does not care about their wants and needs. As a result, youth are turning away from top-down, large-scale interventions and toward grassroots solutions defined by strong interpersonal relationships, trust, and reciprocity. With the aid of digital technologies, youth are also creating informal, translocal networks and collaborating around issues of shared concern. More investment is needed to support community-generated action and youth-led networks.

A LOCALLY ROOTED, GLOBALLY CONNECTED NETWORK

Over 18 years, YouthActionNet® has established or partnered with youth leadership institutes in the following countries and regions.

Anglophone Africa Regional Program*

Social Entrepreneurs Transforming Africa
(SET Africa)
Kampala, Uganda
www.facebook.com/SETafrica

Arab Regional Program

King Abdullah II Award for Youth Innovation and Achievement
Amman, Jordan
www.kafd.jo

Australia

Young Social Pioneers
Melbourne, Australia
www.fya.org.au

Brazil

Prêmio Laureate Brasil: Jovem Empreendedor Social—UAM
São Paulo, Brazil

Prêmio Laureate Brasil: Jovem Empreendedor Social—UnP
Natal, Brazil

Prêmio Laureate Brasil: Jovem Empreendedor Social—UniNorte
Manaus, Brazil

Prêmio Laureate Brasil: Jovem Empreendedor Social—UNIFACS
Salvador, Brazil

www.premiolaureatebrasil.com.br

Chile

YouthActionNet Chile
Santiago, Chile
www.yanchile.cl

Costa Rica

Premio Yo Creo
San José, Costa Rica
www.premioyocreo.com

Francophone Africa Regional Program*

Innove4Africa
Dakar, Senegal
www.synapsecenter.org/innove4africa

Honduras

Premio Yo Emprendo
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
www.premioyoemprendo.com

Jordan

BADIR
Amman, Jordan
www.badir.jo

Kyrgyzstan

School of Social Entrepreneurship
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
www.ase.kg/en

Mexico

Premio UNITEC a la Innovación Tecnológica para el Desarrollo Social
Mexico City, Mexico
www.unitec.mx/premio

Premio UVM por el Desarrollo Social
Mexico City, Mexico
www.premiouvvm.org.mx

Morocco*

Entrepreneurs en Mouvement
Casablanca, Morocco

Nigeria

Social Innovators Programme
Lagos, Nigeria
www.leapafrica.org

Peru

Protagonistas de Cambio UPC
Lima, Peru
www.premioprotagonistasdelcambio.upc.edu.pe

Portugal

Programa Jovens Empreendedores Sociais
Lisbon, Portugal
www.europeia.pt/universidade-europeia/jes

Senegal*

Projet JETS (Jeunesse, Entreprise et Transformation Sociale au Sénégal)
Dakar, Senegal
www.warccroa.org/jets

South Africa

MSA LEAD
Johannesburg, South Africa
www.msalead.msa.ac.za

Spain

Jóvenes Emprendedores Sociales
Madrid, Spain
www.emprendoressociales.universidadeuropea.es/

Turkey

BİLGİ Genç Sosyal Girişimci Ödülleri
Istanbul, Turkey
www.bilgiggo.org



MEXICO

Partners: Universidad del Valle de México (UVM) and Universidad Tecnológica de México (UNITEC)

HONDURAS

Partner: Universidad Tecnológica Centroamericana (UNITEC)

COSTA RICA

Partner: Universidad Latina de Costa Rica

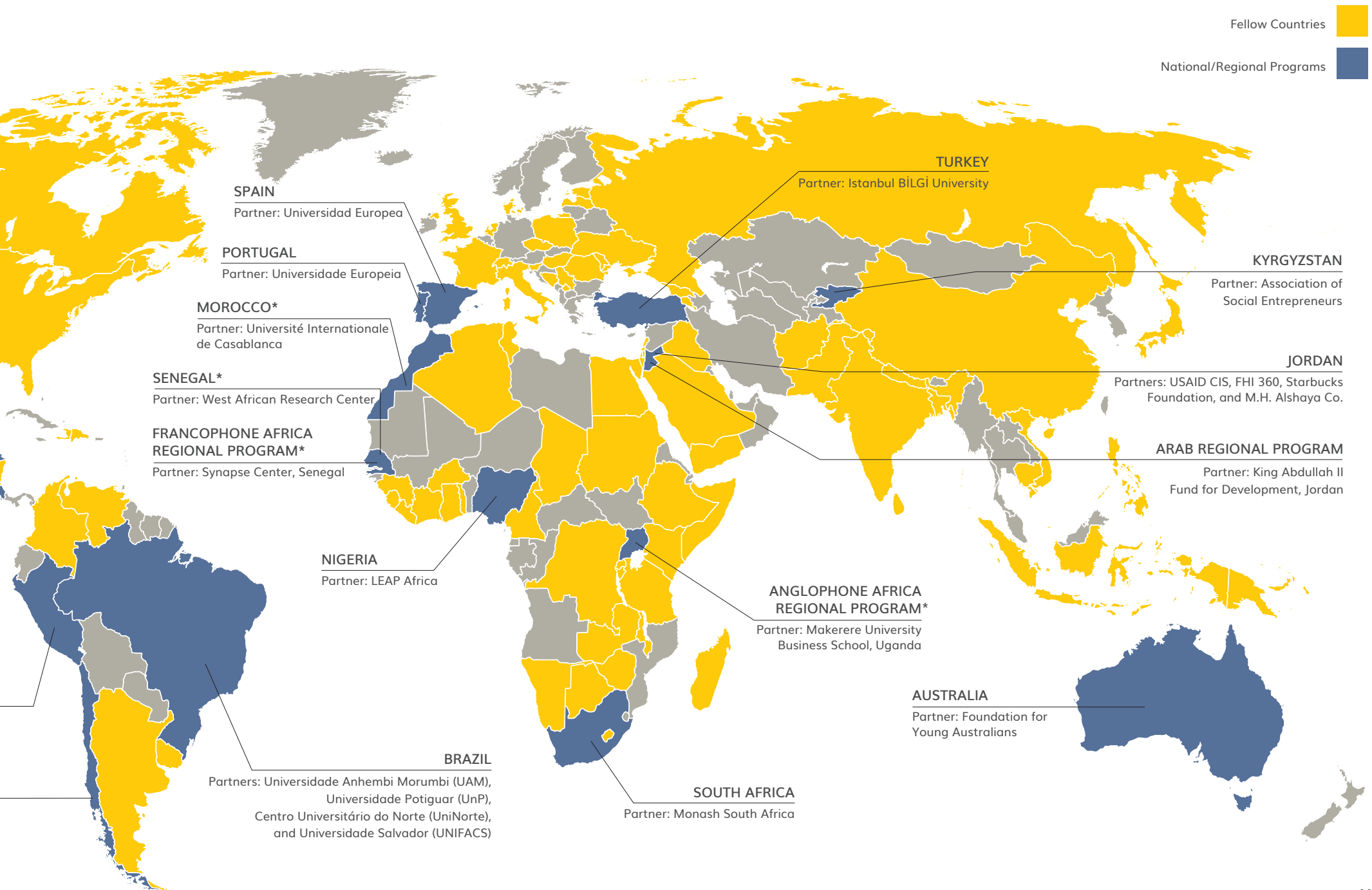
PERU

Partner: Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas (UPC)

CHILE

Partners: Universidad Andrés Bello (UNAB), Instituto Profesional AIEP

*Indicates programs that are not actively recruiting fellows.



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Each year, we proudly support the leadership journeys of 20 outstanding young social entrepreneurs through the Laureate Global Fellowship. Supported by Laureate International Universities, the yearlong program includes advanced leadership training, coaching, advocacy, and networking opportunities. Together these young change-makers—all founders and CEOs under 30 years of age—demonstrate Laureate's and IYF's commitment to developing an emerging generation of global leaders.

Civic Engagement



Alberto Cabanes, 29
Adopta Un Abuelo
SPAIN

Alberto launched Adopta Un Abuelo (Adopt Grandparents) to ensure the elderly in Spain feel heard, accompanied, and loved. To date, more than 620 youth volunteers have been paired with 365 elders, with whom they meet once a week, gaining valuable experience and wisdom.
www.adoptaunabuelo.org



Anika Manzoor, 26
Youth Activism Project
UNITED STATES

Anika co-founded the Youth Activism Project (YAP) to promote teen-led action to advance the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals. In 2017, 120 YAP-trained activists in the US and Mali led campaigns on girls' education, gun violence, sex trafficking, and other issues.
www.youthactivismproject.org



Cleofash Alinaitwe, 26
Art Planet Academy
UGANDA

Through Art Planet Academy, Cleofash trains youth to replicate innovative farm technologies across five priority enterprises, including horticulture, maize, and poultry production. Its 40 certified trainers have contributed to increased agricultural output among 1,000 rural homesteads.
www.ahumuzaignatius.wixsite.com/artplanetacademy



Andrea Gonzalez Negron, 27
Salto Peru
PERU

Through Salto Peru, Andrea connects low-income micro-entrepreneurs to trained university students, who provide business consulting services and access to expanded business networks. To date, 300-plus micro-entrepreneurs have benefited from the advice of over 120 volunteer consultants.
www.saltoperu.com



Maryam Mohiuddin Ahmed, 28
Social Innovation Lab
PAKISTAN

Maryam founded the Social Innovation Lab (SIL) to enable young change-makers to build sustainable social enterprises, create ecosystems that support social innovation, and push for human-centered policy-making. Since 2013, SIL has worked with 38 consultants and incubated 86 social enterprises, which have impacted over 3.8 million lives globally. www.socinnlab.org

Education



Maria Elisa Muñoz, 25
D'Cuero
ECUADOR

Elisa launched D'Cuero to connect rural producers of handcrafted, high-quality leather footwear to expanded markets through a walk-in store and online sales platform. In 2017, D'Cuero empowered more than 30 artisans with skills training while promoting sustainable business practices.
www.dcueroshoes.com



Germán Santillán, 26
Oaxacanita Chocolate
MEXICO

Germán is Founder and CEO of Oaxacanita Chocolate, a company that uses artisanal chocolate production to generate positive economic, social, and environmental impact in the Mixtec region of Oaxaca. The company has created a productive and collaborative value chain that now engages 26 indigenous families.
www.oaxacanitachocolate.com



Simotwo Zainabu, 24
Mashinani Hub
KENYA

Simotwo co-founded Mashinani Hub, which offers business incubation services along with solar-powered office space, e-learning, mentoring, and internet access. In 2017, more than 1,500 youth and women in rural Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo benefited from the hub's services, with 16 youth enterprises incubated.
www.facebook.com/pg/mashinanihub



Leonardo Capel, 25
A+ Educação
BRAZIL

Leonardo co-founded A+ Educação to provide Brazil's school teachers with a voice, resources, and recognition. The social enterprise operates a crowdfunding website where teachers publicize their needs, and it provides online and in-person teacher training. In 2017, 2,850 students benefited from new materials, and more than 100 teachers received training.
www.amaiseducacao.org



Alparslan Demir, 25
Biryudumkitap
TURKEY

Through Biryudumkitap, Alparslan provides more than 250,000 email subscribers with daily five-minute readings of fiction, non-fiction, or poetry. The book previews and excerpts are designed to boost literacy, nurture empathy, and enhance communication among the public at large.
www.biryudumkitap.com

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Environment



Muhammad Faisal Laghari, 28
LearnOBots
PAKISTAN

Muhammad co-founded LearnOBots, a technology company that seeks to revolutionize education through creative products and services that promote STEAM learning. With a special focus on girls and young women, LearnOBots reached 2,000 students in 2017.

www.learnobots.com



Jemma Phibbs, 24
School Space
UNITED KINGDOM

To address school funding cuts and community members' need for space to carry out activities, Jemma co-founded School Space. Through facilitating the rental of school facilities, School Space has generated £500,000 for its 25 school partners, with 60,000 community members accessing school facilities monthly.

www.school-space.org



Prince Agbata, 26
Coliba Waste Management Services
GHANA

With less than two percent of plastic in Ghana recycled, Prince co-founded Coliba Waste Management Services. Among its activities, the company sets up buy-back centers for segregated plastics, establishes school recycling programs, and operates a 'trash to wealth' recycling program serving over 4,000 households. www.coliba.ci



Manvendra Singh Inaniya, 27
Alaap People's Foundation
INDIA

Through the Alaap People's Foundation, Manvendra works to restore the native forests of the Himalayas. Alaap's community-driven model mobilizes citizens to create native forests, promotes sustainable livelihoods, and empowers youth as eco-change-makers. Over 200 eco leaders are now engaged, with seven native forests planted. www.alaap.in

Health



Sonal Jain Padamchand, 25
Boondh
INDIA

Sonal co-founded Boondh to reduce the stigma surrounding menstruation in India while propagating affordable, eco-friendly period products. In 2017, Boondh reached 11,000 women with menstrual literacy programs, de-stigmatization workshops, and the sale of reusable menstrual cups.

www.boondh.co

Social Inclusion



Maulen Akhmetov, 22
Kunde Social Café
KAZAKHSTAN

To combat the social stigma and isolation facing individuals with mental disabilities, Maulen founded the Kunde Social Café. The organization trains and employs adults with mental disabilities while fostering a positive space for interaction with the public, including university student volunteers. In 2017, 115 individuals with disabilities received training.
www.facebook.com/pg/kundecafe



Allister Chang, 27
Wash & Learn
UNITED STATES

Through Wash & Learn, Allister installs curated Wi-Fi hotspots in laundromats, enabling patrons to develop literacy and digital literacy skills with the help of in-person facilitators. An initiative of Libraries Without Borders, Wash & Learn is active in four states, reaching 16,000 people annually.
www.librarieswithoutborders.org/wash_and_learn-bronx/



Daniela Retamales Gomez, 29
Fundación Prótesis 3D
CHILE

Through Fundación Prótesis 3D, Daniela provides free prosthetics to children and adults with upper extremity disabilities. Youth in detention contribute to the process of printing the 3D prostheses. To date, the initiative has impacted 36 families, with 12 youth trained in job readiness skills.
www.fp3d.cl



Jacqueline Lawrence, 26
Mbeya Highlands FM Radio
TANZANIA

Jacqueline founded Mbeya Highlands FM Radio to give voice to the voiceless in southern Tanzania. Mbeya's 'media for development' approach advances solutions to social challenges through public forums and radio programming reaching roughly 2.7 million people annually.
www.mhfm.business.site



Luis Pazos, 29
Recidar
PERU

Through Recidar, Luis connects low-income families with donated household goods. Recidar operates a free pick-up service for donated items that are sold through its community store, which offers fair prices and a dignified buying experience. The Recidar movement now comprises more than 6,000 families and 60 institutions.
www.recidar.pe

A QUIET REVOLUTION

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Over 18 years, YouthActionNet Fellows have stood at the forefront of a quiet revolution stirring in their communities and nations.

With fresh eyes and a healthy dose of idealism, they question outworn behaviors and belief systems. They dare to say it's not acceptable to marginalize minority groups, to allow poverty to persist, or remain passive in the face of climate change.

Through their social ventures, fellows seek to shift fundamental human values and behaviors. Many employ creative tactics that engage and persuade—a campaign celebrating what makes every person special, a café upholding a message of inclusion, or a web platform connecting indigenous craftspeople to the global marketplace.

Youth did not create the problems they now inherit. While many young people are motivated to act, others remain on the sidelines, lacking direct exposure to social challenges or unsure

of how to contribute. Our collective responsibility lies in preparing them with the knowledge, skills, and desire to care for people and the planet.

Through our partnership, Laureate and IYF leverage what we each do best in supporting the role of youth as engaged global citizens. With more than a million students enrolled at Laureate International Universities, its campuses offer rich environments for developing entrepreneurial mindsets for social impact. IYF, with close to 2,000 YouthActionNet Fellows in 94 countries, excels at providing targeted training and support to young social entrepreneurs throughout their social change journeys.

Together, we bridge the practical experience of young grassroots leaders with student learning needs. As a result, students gain inspiration and applied learning opportunities, while their community-based peers benefit from valuable knowledge and expertise. In Peru, for example, students studying

business ethics at Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas serve as pro-bono consultants to YouthActionNet Fellows across Latin America. In Spain, Universidad Europea links students to fellows seeking guidance on technical needs such as financial systems and business strategies.

With 1.2 billion youth now coming of age, the potential for youth-led social change has never been greater. As the global community grapples with how to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, increasing youth agency must be part of the solution.

Our gratitude extends to those young founders and CEOs profiled in these pages and the many other YouthActionNet Fellows around the globe who are passionate advocates and architects of a new worldview rooted in justice, equity, and sustainability.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FOUNDATION

For more than 25 years and in over 100 countries, the International Youth Foundation (IYF®) has focused exclusively on helping young people succeed. A global nonprofit organization, IYF believes that there are three keys to achieving this success: learning skills that will endure, earning a livelihood, and growing as an engaged citizen. IYF supports youth in developing work readiness skills, choosing a career path, and securing employment or deciding to start or grow their own small business or social venture. IYF initiatives have benefited more than 7.4 million young people directly, and over 12 million additional people have benefited indirectly. We forge partnerships to deepen investment and impact in youth employment and engagement. In cities and towns across the United States and around the world, IYF empowers young people to lead productive, fulfilling lives.

www.iyfnet.org

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