



GYM 2015

3rd Global Youth Meet (GYM) on Youth, Health and Development

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Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India

The 3rd Global Youth Meet Declaration: A Resolve to Guard Our Globe

WE, 160 young people from 30 countries assembled at the 3rd Global Youth Meet on the theme of Youth, Health and Development with a vision to become torchbearers of the Sustainable Development Goals, identify mechanisms for youth participation to advance a comprehensive and inclusive global health agenda and generate global action points to safeguard the lives of present and future generations.

We,

- Yield to the fact that adolescents and young people are under-represented in the global policymaking processes.
- Observe that a majority of the world's youth population resides in low-and middle income countries, which face development challenges including, disproportionate employment, devastation by conflicts and the aftermath of climate change, social inequality and lack of access to education and healthcare services.
- Underscore that adolescents and young people can transform the future only if we have requisite skills, health, decision-making capacities and real choices in life

And now resolve to...

- Thrive in a sustainable world by promoting health and development among our peers around the world
- Help to preserve the Planet, People, Peace and Parity through effective partnerships

In wake of the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goals, which is an opportunity to re-imagine the world and determine the *future*

We call upon,

The Governments, international agencies, fellow youth, civil society and media to take decisive action to promote inclusive development and protect the largest-ever population of youth from being exposed to the inequitable conditions.

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We call on fellow young people across the world to,

Advocate for equal rights and access to basic services, including appropriate technology, besides skill building of youth and their empowerment to support accelerated investment in poverty eradication actions. (Global Goal 1)

Advocate for a rights-based approach to ensure global food security, with focus on healthy foods, especially for the poorest of the poor youth in the developing and the least developed countries. (Global Goal 2)

Inculcate healthy and risk-free behaviours and advocate for prevention of non-communicable diseases and prioritization of mental health and well-being among adolescents and young people (Global Goal 3)

Ensure child, disability and gender sensitive education as a right while providing safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all with more emphasis on health and life skills in both formal and informal education. (Global Goal 4)

Adopt peer-led approaches at the community level to promote effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life for all gender identities and expressions. (Global Goal 5)

Develop communication strategies for youth to lead norm setting and behaviour change at the community level on water-use efficiency, reduction of pollution and dumping, and waste management. (Global Goal 6)

Adopt energy efficient practices, beginning at the home level and explore innovations related to use of renewable energy and clean energy technology. Encourage youth to innovate, find solutions, create and become leaders in this field. (Global Goal 7)

Promote the engagement of youth in productive work to enhance their economic and social position with a long-term focus on promoting health and environment sustainability. (Global Goal 8)

Harness the skills of youth to advance responsible and meaningful infrastructure development through innovative approaches such as application of communication technology to enhance general standard of living and well-being. (Global Goal 9)

Strive towards equal opportunities for social and economic development of populations across the globe, including within countries and regions. (Global Goal 10)

Create an enabling environment through youth leadership and engagement, across cities and communities to support adoption of healthy behaviours, environmental conservation and economic growth. (Global Goal 11)

Advocate for efficient use of natural resources through adoption of 3R approach: reduce, reuse, recycle; promote the sustainable and innovative use of natural resources to secure well-being. (Global Goal 12)

Promote the engagement of youth to take action in mitigating climate change and strengthen volunteer schemes at the national level with youth as partners in implementing all biodiversity initiatives. (Global Goal 13)

Advocate improving ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the progress of developing countries, in particular small islands, developing States and least developed countries. (Global Goal 14)

Promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, protection of forests, reversal of land degradation and biodiversity loss through youth-led campaigns. (Global Goal 15)

Empower youth to advocate for and ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels while especially focused on building just, fair, democratic and corruption free communities, societies and nations. (Global Goal 16)

Develop multi-disciplinary partnerships and youth networks for concerted youth action to attain the Sustainable Development Goals and advocate with governments at country level to embrace multi-sectoral policy development and programme implementation in consultation with youth. (Global Goal 17)

**THIS IS A CALL TO ACTION TO GUARD OUR GLOBE
ENSURING A HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IS ALL WE HOPE**
