

# WORLD YOUTH ASSEMBLY

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Palais des Nations and University of Geneva



Geneva  
Youth Call

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Geneva Youth Call (GYC), a project created at the University of Geneva, invites young people worldwide, in-person and online, to represent the interests of youth and shape solutions to current and future challenges.

The 2022 Assembly will address the topic of the Environment through 8 sub-themes such as promoting the development of sustainable cities or preserving biodiversity.

With the help of scientific experts and inspiring personalities, youth representatives will be invited to workshops and discussion sessions to shape concrete solutions related to the environment. At the same time, the world's youth that were not able to participate in the Assembly in-person will be able to shape solutions on a virtual space provided by the Geneva Youth Call. The solutions developed during the sessions in-person and online will be implemented in the World Youth Charter, a tool for action and advocacy that will be presented to the United Nations.

The Assembly will take place at the United Nations Geneva and the University of Geneva with the support of the Kofi Annan Foundation.

## ASSEMBLY

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 | Day 1**

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### **Morning Session (Palais des Nations, Geneva)**

An opening ceremony at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, with representatives of the UN-Geneva and the University of Geneva, with the intervention of young opinion leaders.

#### **8 am – 9 am**

Arrival of the Youth Representatives, experts, opinion leaders at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

#### **9 am – 9.30 am**

Official opening address, including the official supports and representations of the event:

- **Ms. Tatiana Valovaya** (Director of the United Nations' Office in Geneva)
- **Mr. Nicolas Levrat** (University of Geneva, director of the Global Studies Institute)
- **Mr. Yves Flückiger** (University of Geneva's rector)
- **Ms. Christina Kitsos** (City Councillor, Geneva)

### 9.30 am – 9.45 am

Explanation of the GYC's objectives, Assembly's objectives, and program:

- **Frédéric Esposito** (Director of the Bachelor in International Relations University of Geneva)
- Speakers: Geneva Youth Call  
**Eva Leona Luvisotto, Noa Rakotoarijaonina, Jérôme Lanci**  
(Co-founders of the Geneva Youth Call)

### 9.45 am – 10.15 am

Experience Sharing across International Geneva:

- Moderator: **Alexandre Hedjazi**, Director Global Environmental Policy Program, University of Geneva

### 10.15 am – 11.15 am

Opinion leaders conference. Motivational speeches by young opinion leaders, calling on the youth to mobilize to generate positive impacts:

- Chair: **Martin Patel** (University of Geneva, Vice Director of the Institute for Environmental Sciences)
- Speakers:
  - **Maxime Dumont**, In charge of Pangaea X Program, initiator of Reversed Board, In charge of mind-shifters
  - **Leon Gojani**, Program Director at MCW Global, Kofi Annan Change Maker 2021
  - **Sharon Matongo**, Lawyer, Legal Trainee at the European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR), Co-founder of Charity Drive Zimbabwe, Kofi Annan Change Maker 2021
  - **Karimot Odebode**, Founder of Black Girl's Dream Initiative, Poet/Author
  - **Jeremiah Thoronka**, Founder/CEO Optim Energy

### 11.15 am – 12 pm

Open discussion between the ISE Director, opinion leaders, and participants on the potential of youth to generate change:

- Moderator: **Martin Patel**, Vice Director ISE

### 12 pm – 1.30 pm

Lunch break at Palais des Nations.

## Afternoon Session (Uni Mail, University of Geneva)

Workshop sessions to raise awareness of environmental issues from which solutions will be drawn.

### 1.30 pm – 2 pm

Transfer from the Palais des Nations to the University of Geneva by public transports.  
(Tram 15: Palais des Nations -> Uni-mail)

## 2.15 pm – 4.15 pm

First workshop session: distribution of the participants in 8 thematic workshops and first awareness with scientific experts followed by question and answer session between the experts and the youth representatives:

- **Workshop #1: Ensuring access to clean water**  
(Uni Mail, room 1130)
  - Speaker: [Jérémy Lucchetti](#), Prof. at UNIGE
- **Workshop #2: Developing access to renewable energy**  
(Uni Mail, room 1140)
  - Speaker: [Jan-Philipp Sasse](#), Prof. at UNIGE
- **Workshop #3: Restoring ecosystems and preventing deforestation**  
(Uni Mail, room 1150)
  - Speaker: (TBD)
- **Workshop #4: Preserving marine biodiversity**  
(Uni Mail, room 1160)
  - Speaker: [Bastiaan Ibelings](#), Prof. at UNIGE
- **Workshop #5: Sustainable consumption and production**  
(Uni Mail, room 1170)
  - Speaker: [Dorinda Phillips](#), Geneva Ambassador Zero Waste Switzerland
- **Workshop #6: Acting against plastic waste**  
(Uni Mail, room R030)
  - Speaker: [Laurianne Trimoulla](#), Oceaneye
  - Speaker: [Didier Perret](#), Prof. at UNIGE
- **Workshop #7: Promoting sustainable cities' development**  
(Uni Mail, room R040)
  - Speakers: [Alexandre Hedjazi](#) and [Matteo Tarantino](#), Profs. at UNIGE
- **Workshop #8: Reducing and managing electronic waste**  
(Online - Zoom)
  - Speaker: [Joost de Kluijver](#), Closing the Loop

## 5 pm – 5.30 pm

Meeting of all participants: (Uni mail auditorium R380)

Summary and explanation of the next day's proceedings (GYC team)

## Evening

### 7 pm - 8 pm

Drink offered by the City of Geneva at Palais Eynard in Geneva.

# Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 (Day 2)

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## Morning Session (Uni Mail, University of Geneva)

Workshop sessions: assessment of the core problems, outline of resolutions and solutions, supervised by field experts.

### 8.15 am – 10.15 am

Deliberation and preparation session among youth representatives (no expert intervention, same rooms).

### 10.15 am – 10.30 am

Break at Uni Mail.

### 10.30 am – 12 pm

Sessions of elaboration and construction of solutions, supervised by field experts:

#### - Workshop #1: Ensuring access to clean water

(Uni Mail room 1130)

- Expert: [Klas Moldeus](#), UN Water
- Expert: [Maria Ana Borges](#), IUCN (TBC)

#### - Workshop #2: Developing access to renewable energy

(Uni Mail room 1140)

- Expert: [Eli Cohen](#), Founder and CEO Alaya Water and Ecology
- Expert: [Margaux Emery](#), Project Manager in Renewable Electricity Products

#### - Workshop #3: Restoring ecosystems and preventing deforestation

(Uni Mail room 1150)

- Expert: [Jan Isler](#), Founder and Director of OneAction
- Expert: [Stuart Orr](#), Freshwater Leader, WWF

#### - Workshop #4: Preserving marine biodiversity

(Uni Mail room 1160)

- Expert: [Jessica Battle](#), Senior Expert Global Ocean Policy and Governance, WWF
- Expert: [Sian Owen](#), Director Deep Sea Conservation Coalition

#### - Workshop #5: Sustainable consumption and production

(Uni Mail room 1170)

- Expert: [Dorinda Phillips](#), Geneva Ambassador Zero Waste Switzerland
- Expert: [Julie Perrenoud](#), Agenda 21

#### - Workshop #6: Acting against plastic waste

(Uni Mail room R030)

- Expert: [Lise Andrey](#), Race for Water Foundation
- Expert: [Milan Despotovic](#), The Sea Cleaners Foundation

#### - Workshop #7: Promoting sustainable cities' development

(Uni Mail room R040)

- Expert: [Horace Perret](#), Science and You(th) project leader

## **- Workshop #8: Reducing and managing electronic waste**

(Online - Zoom)

- Expert: [Sophia Simmons](#), Global Shapers Community, WEF
- Expert: [Pascal Leroy](#), WEEE Forum
- Expert: [Gaëlle Mogli](#), ConnectAID
- Speaker: [Rachel Harri Weiser](#), ConnectAID

### **12 pm – 1.30 pm**

Lunch at Uni Mail.

## **Afternoon Session (Uni Mail, University of Geneva)**

Workshop sessions: consolidation of the solutions envisioned, selection of the methods and needs, precision of the method, supervised by field experts.

### **1.30 pm – 3.45 pm**

Sessions of consolidation and solutions specification, supervised by field experts (Same rooms, same experts).

### **3.45 pm – 4 pm**

Break at Uni Mail.

### **4 pm – 6 pm**

Deliberation and finalization session among youth representatives (no expert intervention, same rooms).

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2022 (Day 3)

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### Morning Session (Uni Mail, University of Geneva)

Final workshop session. Finalization of solutions, refinement of final elements, and preparation for presentation of solutions (no expert intervention).

#### 8.15 am – 10.15 am

Finalization of solutions, refinement of final elements (no expert intervention, same rooms).

#### 10.15 am – 10.30 am

Break at Uni Mail.

#### 10.30 am – 12 pm

Preparation for the presentation of solutions (no expert intervention, same rooms).

#### 12 pm – 1.30 pm

Lunch at Uni Mail.

### Afternoon Session (U600, Uni Dufour, University of Geneva)

Presentation of the solutions of each workshop, approval of the proposals and adoption of the Youth Charter.

#### 1.30 pm – 1.50 pm

Solutions developed on the Geneva Youth Call virtual space.

#### 1.50 pm – 2.05 pm

“Ensuring access to clean water”

#### 2.05 pm – 2.20 pm

“Developing access to renewable energy”

#### 2.20 pm – 2.35 pm

“Restoring ecosystems and preventing deforestation”

#### 2.35 pm – 2.50 pm

“Preserving marine biodiversity”

#### 2.50 pm - 3.05 pm

Break at Uni Dufour Hall

#### 3.05 pm – 3.20 pm

“Sustainable consumption and production”

#### 3.20 pm – 3.35 pm

“Acting against plastic waste”

**3.50 pm – 4.05 pm**

**“Promoting sustainable cities’ development”**

**4.05 pm – 4.20 pm**

**“Reducing and managing electronic waste”**

**4.20 pm – 4.35 pm**

Break at Uni Dufour Hall.

**4.35 pm – 5.30 pm**

Approval of each workshop solution for inclusion in the Youth Charter.

**5.30 pm – 6.00 pm**

Official approval of the Charter, permanent and removable parts.

**6.00 pm - 6.30 pm**

Proclamation of the Youth Charter and official handover to **Ms. Vellucci**, Director of the United Nations Information Service in Geneva.

**6.30 pm – 8 pm**

Closing drink at Uni Dufour Hall.

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