



Young Scientists Group Commitment Form

Background and Objective

Members of the Young Scientists Group (YSG) of the World Food Forum (WFF) work collaboratively with the WFF to engage youth in dialogues and events, and develop scientific outputs related to agrifood systems transformation, in line with the annual theme of the WFF. The YSG plays an important role, as it is uniquely positioned to help inspire youth to engage in science and agrifood issues. Members gain experience serving in a group of a leading youth initiative and will have a real impact on the WFF strategies and outputs to reach this important audience.

After its launch and first year of activity in 2022, the second YSG cohort will commence its activities in May 2023 for a two-year period. The main objective of the YSG is to provide scientific evidence and technical knowledge to the various initiatives of the Forum, and to develop an annual WFF Young Scientists report on specific policy issues of particular concern to youth, related to agrifood systems transformation. Leveraging on FAO areas of expertise, and by engaging partners and relevant academic networks, the Group plays a critical role in providing the WFF with the necessary science-based direction, and allows for formal scientific opinions related to documents, statements or action-oriented proposals generated by the participating youth. Eventually, the YSG will support the formalization and institutionalization of the WFF, with a particular focus on youth action, innovation, and education.

Following the mandate of the first YSG cohort, a YSG alumni network is being created with the aim of building an active alumni community.

Time Commitment

- Two to four hours per month, including regular YSG coordination and planning meetings, and regular sub-group meetings (missing meetings continuously without reason may result in removal from the Group);
- Four to eight hours per month, including active participation in one of the group's scientific working groups as well as thematic working groups;
- Notable contribution to the YSG Report – including its ideation, research, redaction, publication and communication;
- Virtual or in-person participation in the World Food Forum flagship event, held in October of each year;
- Representing the WFF YSG through at least four contributions as speaker at a conference, technical meeting and/or panel discussion, or through TV appearances or public presentations;
- Regular support to the outreach activities, initiatives and tracks of the WFF.

Each YSG member is expected to understand and agree to the time commitment, ensuring all tasks are completed as listed above.

Each YSG member that completes the above activities will receive a certificate of completion, as well as a letter of participation at the end of their two years of service. In addition, YSG members will have the possibility of joining the alumni network.

By signing this commitment form, the Member agrees that if the commitments detailed above are not met:

- A warning will be issued by the Secretariat to the member;
- If the member's behavior is not adjusted following the issuance of a warning, YSG membership will be revoked.

Statement of Commitment

I, _____, have read and understood the commitment needed as part of the Young Scientists Group of the World Food Forum, and agree to commit to the above stated activities during the 2023-2025 term.

Signature, date

This page must be signed and submitted with your application.