



CALL FOR YOUTH SIDE EVENTS

Host a **youth side event** at the
2025 World Food Forum
flagship event

Champion youth for agrifood systems transformation

Deadline to apply: 18 May 2025, 23:59 PM CEST



Overview

The **World Food Forum (WFF)**'s **Global Youth Action Initiative (Youth Initiative)** invites Members of the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations \(FAO\)](#) and partners of the Forum, to apply to organize **youth side events** (in-person and hybrid) for the fifth annual **WFF flagship event week** to be held from **10 to 17 October** at the FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy.

These side events aim to amplify the voices of young people by providing a platform for sharing their ideas, innovations, solutions and projects, and provide opportunities for youth through education, capacity development and network building. Side events are expected to enrich the dialogue on agrifood systems transformation and foster an interactive environment where young individuals can actively participate, advocate for ideas and ignite action.

The WFF flagship event is an opportunity for young people and youth allies across the globe to connect on the topics of food and agriculture, providing a space to voice their perspectives and contribute their ideas to drive action and impact toward this year's theme: **"Hand in hand for better foods and a better future"**.

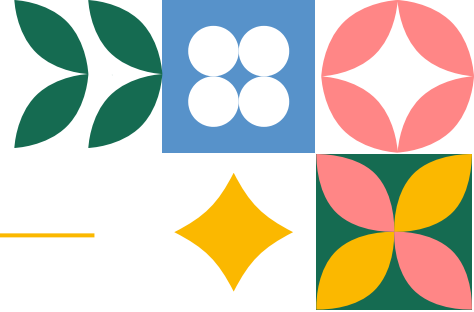
Practical Information

FORMAT

- Side events will be held **in-person (hybrid)** during the WFF flagship event from **14 to 17 October** at the FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy. All side events will be featured on the WFF virtual platform, allowing a hybrid modality.
- Each event will have a **maximum duration of 60 minutes** and is to be independently organized (the room and virtual broadcasting will be provided by FAO, but the logistics of the side event are the responsibility of its organizers).
- Side events can be structured in a variety of ways, for example: panel discussions, masterclasses, workshops or any other creative format that can support young people in creating a space that inspires new ways of thinking and doing, sparking discussions amongst various stakeholders, sharing knowledge, bringing together diverse and novel perspectives, inspiring action or providing an inclusive platform where good practices and ideas can be shared.

CONCEPTUALIZATION

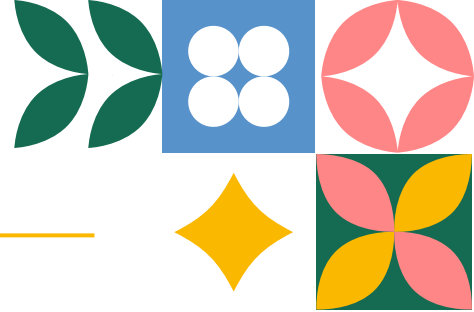
- Side events can be proposed by any entity. The WFF Youth Initiative encourages organizers to partner in the organization of side events. **Multistakeholder sessions will be prioritized.**
- Organizers are responsible for developing the concept note, planning and structuring the event, promoting and executing the event, and covering all associated expenses.



- Side events should be closely linked to the work of the WFF Youth Initiative and should connect to topics related to the 2025 WFF flagship event's theme: "**Hand in hand for better foods and a better future**".
- Side events must be **youth-led or focused on youth engagement or empowerment** and should align **with at least one of the following thematic areas related to agrifood systems transformation: youth policy, innovation, education, culture or local action**. In addition, events should be **gender-balanced, inclusive and representative of diverse backgrounds**, reflecting the WFF Youth Initiative's commitment to equity and broad representation.
- Side events must uphold non-discrimination and respect for all individuals.
- The WFF Youth Initiative encourages events focusing on different regions and organized in different languages. Interpretation may be available for an additional cost and details will be communicated to selected youth side events. All associated costs are the responsibility of the event organizers.
- **Only complete applications that meet all outlined criteria will be considered.**

LOGISTICS AND PROMOTION

- All costs related to side events, including travel, visas and logistical arrangements will be the responsibility of each side event's organizers.
- The WFF will provide the space and the room for the side event to take place. Basic materials such as a table and chairs will be provided. Rooms will include a projector and microphones and will be equipped to stream to the WFF virtual platform.
- To cover the **administrative costs of organizing the side event**, including room and audiovisual services, organizers will be charged a **flat fee of USD 1 250**.
 - * Small, youth-led organizations may apply for a waiver, which may be reviewed and granted at the sole discretion of the WFF Youth Initiative team.
- Side event organizers are responsible for the promotion of the event through their own channels.
- The WFF Youth Initiative will provide branding guidelines and materials.
- Approved side events will be displayed on the WFF flagship event agenda and the WFF virtual platform.
- To further support the promotion of the events, organizers may also apply for additional packages:
 - **Package 1 - Pre-event promotion support:** Includes promotion of the side event on the WFF Youth Initiative's social media channels – **USD 1 000** (in addition to the USD 1 250 administrative fee).
 - **Package 2 - Post-event outcome dissemination:** Includes one post-event article on the WFF Youth Initiative's website – **USD 1 000** (in addition to the USD 1 250 administrative fee).



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Use the online form to submit a side event proposal. Note that incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- The deadline to submit side event proposals is **18 May**.
- The WFF Youth Initiative team will be responsible for reviewing all proposals and selecting the events based on the criteria listed above.
- Organizers will be contacted after the submission and will receive a notification regarding the acceptance of their proposal in June.
- Once accepted, side event organizers will be requested to submit a detailed concept note, including confirmed title, event description, detailed agenda and speakers **within two weeks of notification**.
- The full schedule of side events will be posted on the WFF Youth Initiative's website after the acceptance of the detailed concept notes.
- All queries regarding side events should be addressed to youth-side-events@world-food-forum.org.

DISCLAIMER

By submitting the application form, you acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. The WFF Youth Initiative team reserves the right to accept or reject any application at its discretion.
2. Incomplete applications or those not meeting the specified criteria will not be considered for selection.
3. The submission of this application does not guarantee selection to host a side event at the World Food Forum flagship event. The WFF Youth Initiative team can accommodate a **limited number of side events** and **only selected applicants will have the opportunity to host sessions during the WFF flagship event**.
4. Selected applicants must adhere to all guidelines and requirements outlined by the WFF Youth Initiative for organizing and hosting a youth side event, including providing a detailed concept note and collaborating with multiple partners.
5. The WFF Youth Initiative team may modify the format or scheduling of the flagship event, including the mode of delivery for side events, based on logistical considerations and space limitations.
6. All side events hosted during the WFF flagship event are expected to take place in-person. However, **due to space limitations, the WFF Youth Initiative team may not be able to guarantee an in-person format for all selected side events**. In such cases, side events will have the option to be conducted virtually.
7. All information provided in this application must be accurate and truthful to the best of your knowledge.
8. The WFF Youth Initiative and its affiliated partners are not liable for any expenses incurred by applicants in relation to their participation in the flagship event.
9. By submitting this application, you consent to the collection and processing of your personal data for the purpose of evaluating and selecting side event hosts, in accordance with applicable data protection laws and regulations.
10. The WFF Youth Initiative team reserves the right to amend or update these terms and conditions at any time without prior notice.