



**Y20**

**SAUDI ARABIA 2020**

Session briefing for  
Government-Youth Dialogue:  
Post-COVID-19 Opportunities

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# 1. EVENT OVERVIEW

## 2020 Y20 SUMMIT

The 2020 Y20 Youth Summit will take place virtually from **October 15-17**, marking the **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of youth having a seat at the global policy table** of the G20 countries. The Y20 Summit will be hosted for the first time in an Arab country: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The Y20 is one of the **most influential international diplomatic forums** for young leaders, and the only officially recognized platform for young people to engage with the wider G20.

The 2020 Y20 Summit marks the culmination of the work of youth delegations from G20 countries. Young leaders will **contribute policy recommendations** for the G20 agenda, to be presented to the G20 Leaders in the form of the **Y20 Communique**.

For the first time, we bring this Summit to a **global audience**.

## SUMMIT PROGRAM

This year's G20 is taking place amid one of the most severe crises that the world has faced in recent history. The COVID-19 pandemic is causing unimaginable disruptions and hardship globally. It is also highlighting the **importance of building a more inclusive, collaborative, human-centered world**, and more than ever, **the voice of youth is critical in addressing the many structural shortcomings within our system revealed by the pandemic**.

The language of the event is English.

## FOCUS AREAS



### YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Developing agile and dynamic future leaders



### FUTURE FIT

Preparing for the future of work and entrepreneurship



### GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Promoting proactive, culturally sensitive problem solvers



WHEN?

OCT 15

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OCT 17



WHO?

25 delegations

50 speakers

2k+

participants



WHAT?

1 communique

3 days of

program

20+ sessions

# 2. PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Please find below a program at a glance for the entire virtual event. Your session is highlighted in **pink**. All timings are Riyadh time. (GMT+3).

Please note that session timings are approximate and may be subject to change.

OCTOBER 15 – YOUTH EMPOWERMENT	15:00-15:05	<b>Y THE Y20</b> – Official welcome and scene-setting keynote
	15:05-15:10	<b>OFFICIAL MESSAGE FROM THE G20 SHERPA</b> – Official message
	15:10-15:15	<b>OFFICIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS</b> – Official message
	15:15-15:35	<b>THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPOWERING YOUTH: THE NEXT 10 YEARS</b> – Panel
	15:35-16:05	<b>GOVERNMENT-YOUTH DIALOGUE: POST-COVID-19 OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Panel
	16:05-16:15	<b>YOUTH EMPOWERMENT: HOW TO EMPOWER YOURSELF AS A FIRST STEP</b> – One-to-one session
	16:15-16:45	<b>THE STATE OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP: ADDRESSING MISMATCHES</b> - Panel
	16:50-17:20	<b>GETTING BEYOND WORDS: SUCCEEDING YOUTH EMPOWERMENT</b> – Expert panel
	17:20-17:45	<b>BUILDING BRIDGES AND BREAKING BARRIERS: YOUTH AND THE G20</b> - Panel
17:45-18:00	<b>EMPOWERED YOUTH: TOMORROW'S LEADERS</b> – Inspirational Keynote	
OCTOBER 16 – FUTURE FIT	15:05-15:25	<b>FUTURE FIT STARTS TODAY</b> – Scene-setting keynote
	15:25-15:30	<b>YOUTH TODAY, WORKFORCE AND CITIZENS TOMORROW</b> – Official address
	15:30-15:55	<b>YOUTH ROADMAP 2025</b> – Panel
	15:55-16:05	<b>YOUTH SEEKING INSPIRATION: A CONVERSATION WITH USAIN BOLT</b> – One-to-one session
	16:05-16:35	<b>FUTURE ENTREPRENEUR: FUTURE FIT-FOR-SUCCESS</b> – Youth panel
	16:40-16:50	<b>YOUTH SEEKING INSPIRATION: A CONVERSATION WITH VIRGIL VAN DIJK</b> – One-to-one session
	16:55-17:30	<b>YOUTH @ WORK: MATCHING SKILLS AND JOBS FOR 3.8 BILLION</b> – Expert panel
17:30-17:50	<b>CAVEMEN TO CAPPUCINOS: ADAPTATION FOR THE FASTEST CENTURY</b> – Inspirational keynote	
OCTOBER 17 – GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP	15:00-15:10	<b>GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: THE FIRST STEP IS ALWAYS THE HARDEST ONE</b> – Scene-setting keynote
	15:10-15:40	<b>HOW TO PREVENT A LOST GENERATION TO COVID-19</b> - Conversation
	15:40-16:05	<b>CALLING ON YOUTH PLATFORMS: ENABLING A GLOBAL MINDSET</b> – Panel
	16:05-16:20	<b>WHEN GLOBAL AND CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP COME TOGETHER</b> – One-to-one session
	16:20-16:40	<b>Y20 TAKES ON COVID-19</b> – Rapid fire session
	16:40-17:10	<b>THE GRASS IS GREENER... YOUTH-LEADING SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY</b> - Panel
	17:10-17:30	<b>SIGNING THE COMMUNIQUE</b> – Signing ceremony
	17:30-17:50	<b>THE Y20 LEGACY: A NEW CHAPTER FOR HUMANITY, CO-AUTHORED BY YOUTH</b> – Sherpa panel
	17:50-18:00	<b>CLOSING MESSAGE</b>

## PREPARING THE CONTENT OF YOUR SESSION

Please make sure you are **in touch with your moderator** to share your preferred talking points. The moderator will build the session flow with this in mind.

For panel sessions there will be no use of slides. Please note that if you would like to use any visual support for a keynote, it will need to be uploaded to the platform by our technical team. During the technical rehearsal, we will show you how you can control the content during your session. We therefore must receive it one week before your session.

## PRE-EVENT TECHNICAL CHECKLIST

### Device set-up

- Please use a desktop or laptop and Chrome as your web browser. On the day of event, please use the same device and join from the location used during the technical rehearsal.
- Please join with a wired internet connection. This is a recommended best practice in order to avoid video and audio dropping during the presentation.
- Please make sure your microphone and camera are enabled
- Installing Zoom is required for the Summit, as well as a solid internet connection a minimum of 3.0 Mbps (up/down). You can download Zoom using <https://zoom.us/download> and test your internet speed using <https://www.speedtest.net/>.
- You will receive a link to your session's Speaker Room 48 hours before the Summit. Only you can access this room (your team can't log on as only speakers can be in the Speakers Room.)

### Sound

It is preferable to **use a Bluetooth headset/headphones** for the call (as long as it has an attached microphone). Using this will usually stop feedback happening from the internal computer's microphone/speakers. If you choose to use a headset/headphones, please make sure that your clothing does not rub against the microphone as this will cause interference to the sound. There **is no need to mute/unmute yourself**, as the Show Producer will do this for you. During the Technical Call prior to the event, we shall test for sound quality and advise accordingly.

### Lighting

Ensure your desk has a strong light that can **illuminate your face** during your video conference. Having two desk lamps on either side of your webcam directed toward your face (or one large lamp) will work well. For natural light inside the room, whenever possible, sit facing the window, to ensure your face is well illuminated and clearly visible. Also be aware that your screen can be a large source of light, so adjust your screen brightness, too, especially if you do not have natural light.

### Background

The best approach is to simply have **a neutral-coloured wall** in the background. Shades of grey can work especially well as long as they do not match your shade of clothing. Having a 'tidy' bookcase, plant or painting/art is fine in the background, as long as it is not distracting for other viewers or too personal.

## ON THE DAY OF YOUR SESSION

Dress code is smart casual. Striped or chequered shirts do not transmit well on camera nor does large, shiny jewellery. Both can be visually distracting. Ideally, go with neutral, white or pastel tone colours.

### Arriving in the online Speakers Room

When you arrive in the online Conference Hall, 30 minutes before your session, please turn off all notifications and prevent any distracting pop-ups either by shutting down unnecessary applications or stopping any on-screen pop-ups. You will be able to access the virtual Speakers Room by clicking on the 'Speaker Room' button and you will be greeted by the Producer who will be doing a final sound and video check with you. Your fellow speakers will be in the same Speakers Room so you can finalize the session flow together.

### Technical support during your session

Our Show Producer will mute/un-mute you as required and will also manage when you go live on screen. You therefore don't need to ask if the audience can see or hear you – we will let you know if there are issues. Your personal Speaker Co-Ordinator remains in real-time contact with your team throughout your session, and they will let you know if and how a problem needs to be resolved.

### While you are live

- Do not close your browser or tabs at any point.
- We will automatically remove you from live mode once the session ends. When you no longer see your video, you are no longer live.

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OCTOBER 15 – 15:35-16:05

## GOVERNMENT-YOUTH DIALOGUE: POST-COVID-19 OPPORTUNITIES

When to log on to the virtual Green Room: **15:05**

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### SESSION DESCRIPTION

Providing opportunities for youth to be fully engaged, empowered and productive citizens requires collaboration and integrated solutions. This is particularly pertinent as we address the difficult situations many students and recent graduates find themselves in due to COVID-19. A tour d'horizon, this session will explore how governments around the world go about creating such a constructive framework and network, leveraging the energy and innovative ideas from youth.

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### SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS

- How can governments best communicate with youth to support them in becoming empowered?
- Examples of to start and maintain constructive and inclusive dialogues with youth, across societal divides?
- What are effective post COVID-19 support mechanisms for youth?

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### FORMAT

- The moderator will welcome each of the panelists, by mentioning name, role and organisation (full speaker biographies are available on the screen throughout the event).
- In the interest of preserving time for debate, there will be no **opening statements** by speakers.
- The moderator will ask questions, as agreed during the pre-session chat in the virtual Green Room, and **make it clear to whom the question is directed**.
- We welcome comments on a point made by a fellow panelist - we are keen for this to be a **debate**, rather than a list of questions addressed to one person at a time. The best way for a panelist to signal to the moderator that he or she wishes to comment on a point is to raise his or her hand (not the virtual hand).
- The moderator will conclude the conversation, typically by asking the panelists for a final comment. Whilst **all responses and comments should be concise**, particularly the final one is more punchy when short.

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### INTERACTION WITH AUDIENCE

Q & A led by Moderator

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# 5. SESSION SPEAKERS



**Senator Matteo Renzi**  
Former Prime Minister of Italy

Matteo Renzi has been the Senator of the electoral college of Florence since 2018. He has served as Prime Minister of Italy until December 2016 and as Mayor of Florence from 2009 to 2014. He was the youngest Prime Minister in the history of the Italian Republic.

With his government's economic policies, Italy went from -1.7% of GDP to +1.6%. His "JobsAct" bill created 1.2 million new jobs. Renzi led the European council in the second half of 2014.

He participated in numerous international meetings including three editions of the G20 and three editions of the G7. He signed the Paris agreement on environmental sustainability and climate change. He tackled the migration crisis as a Prime minister by proposing the Migration Compact in Europe and the Sophia operation named after the little girl saved at sea by Italian volunteers. He signed the law on the recognition of civil unions, multiplied state investments against poverty by 100, led the only Italian government with gender equality between women and men.

Renzi is the author of numerous publications and of a TV series on the cultural, financial and artistic beauty of Florence. Since 2017 he has taught a course at Stanford University at their Florence headquarters entitled "The challenges of Europe".



**Alvin Tan**

Minister of State for Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade, Singapore

Mr Alvin Tan is Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth, and Trade and Industry. He is also Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar GRC.

Before government, Mr Tan was Head of Public Policy and Economics (APAC) at LinkedIn, and earlier, Facebook's Head of Public Policy and Trust and Safety (Southeast Asia), where he was responsible for strategic investment, SME digitalisation, authenticity, cybersecurity and online safety. He has also worked in investment banking at Goldman Sachs, and on tech projects at the United Nations.

Mr Tan has been an active community leader in Singapore since 2005, and was Chair of an Inter-Racial and Religious Confidence Circle in Chinatown.



**Dr. Flavio Siniscalchi**

Head of the Department for Youth Policies and the Universal Civic Service of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Flavio Siniscalchi is Head of the Department for Youth Policies and the Universal Civic Service of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

He joined the Italian public administration in 2003, serving in the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Later, he joined the Department of Civil Protection, Presidency of the Council of Ministers as Head of the Office for general affairs and human resources.

He previously worked in the private sector as legal advisor.

He started his career as Teaching Assistant in Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Rome, La Sapienza.

He is the author of several articles and publications in the legal field.



**Shri Kiren Rijju**  
Honourable Minister of Youth  
Affairs & Sports, India

#### Literary, Artistic & Scientific Accomplishments

Wrote many articles in the newspapers and magazines relating to social, cultural and political issues; Has special interest in Strategic & Security Affairs.

#### Social And Cultural Activities

An active social worker since school days, led various social movements as a social worker and student leader; Represented India in various social and cultural events held in many Countries; Was member of youth and cultural team which participated in the "Festival of India in U.S.S.R." in 1987; Participated in seminars in various countries; part of Parliamentary Delegations to various countries.

#### Special Interests

Visiting historical and religious places, sight seeing and interacting with people living in the remote areas of the world; Cultural Exchange Programmes amongst various Communities

#### Favourite Pastime and Recreation

Reading books about places, people and culture, watching classical movies and listening to traditional and folk music

#### Sports and Clubs

Has keen interest in Badminton, Football and Athletics; Was best athlete in school and college; participated in National games; Vice-President, National Archery Association of India;

#### Other Information

Adjudged as the Best Young Parliamentarian by the Media during 14th Lok Sabha; Recently designated by United Nations as Disaster Risk Champion for Asia Pacific Region due to his work in the area of Disaster Management. First Indian to be conferred with this Honour; Member, Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Government of India, 2001-2004 Member of many national and international organizations, selected as one of the Asian Youth Leaders by Asia Society in Youth Conference held in Tokyo, 2008;



**Sarah Alkhedheiri**  
Y20 Sherpa, Saudi Arabia

Sarah Alkhedheiri is the Y20 Sherpa for the Saudi presidency of the Y20 in 2020. Sarah is currently a graduate student of Social & Public Policy at the London School of Economics. She was a Senior Initiatives Manager at Misk Foundation's Misk Global Forum, focused on Global Citizenship. Prior to joining Misk, Sarah was a consultant at McKinsey & Company, focusing on the Public & Social sectors.

Sarah has a BA in Political Science & International Affairs from Northeastern University in Boston. She is a member of the Global Shapers community, and served as Curator of the Riyadh Hub in 2017/2018. In her free time, Sarah enjoys art, history, music, and running.