



2024 HLPF Side Event

“Empowering Youth for Sustainable Development: Voices from
the LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS
Organized by UN-OHRLLS

Virtual event

[9 July 2024, 8:15-9:50am, NY Time/EDT]

1. Background

Organized by the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries,
Landlocked Developing Countries and Sma2ang (en-U7 500.06 m0 g0 G -0.11 Tc[(202 TmIET8084BTW Tf1 0s88 557.0 T

Youth representatives will delve into the impact of socioeconomic challenges on youth

Discussants:

- Mr. Benson Makusha, *Penholder Drafting Youth Declaration, LLDC3 Youth Advisory Group / International Committee Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO)*
- Ms. Mwinji Nachinga, *Penholder Drafting Youth Declaration, LLDC3 Youth Advisory Group / Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY)*
- Mr. Jamie Macleod, *Economic Affairs Officer, OHRLLS*
- Ms. Ellen Taylor, *Youth Programme Officer, ITU*
- Ms. Amy Wickham, *Programme Specialist in Climate, Energy, Environment, and Disaster Risk Reduction at UNICEF*

Guiding questions:

1. For Discussants on Socioeconomic Challenges:
 - a. What are the predominant socioeconomic challenges confronting youth?
 - b. How does the current debt burden, literacy rate and loss of employment opportunities impact the development and future prospects of youth?
 - c. What innovative solutions can be implemented to promote sustainable economic growth and social well-being?

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