

# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

# WOMEN DELIVER

4<sup>th</sup> Global Conference | 16-19 May 2016 | Copenhagen, Denmark  
#WD2016



## OBJECTIVES

- Promote learning, sharing, networking, and collaboration amongst young people and all WD2016 participants.
- Recognize young people as stakeholders, decision-makers, problem solvers, and change agents - who are poised to, and are already, making the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) matter most for girls and women.
- Launch and promote meaningful youth engagement guidelines and call on target audiences to adopt them.

## REGISTRATION

- We offer a special rate of \$400 for young people (under the age of 30, at time of the conference)

## WHEN & WHERE

16-19 May 2016 | Copenhagen, Denmark

## WHO

The conference will bring together world leaders, advocates, activists, civil society, decision and policy makers, private sector representatives, researchers, young people, media, and other global influencers.

## 2016 GLOBAL CONFERENCE & YOUNG PEOPLE SHIFTING THE PARADIGM ON YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Half the global population is under the age of 30. In some countries, young people are the vast majority of the population. It is young people's access, choices, and opportunities regarding healthcare, education, and employment that not only define their lives, but influences everyone's future. Across the globe young people are driving social progress and directly influencing the sustainability and resilience of their communities and nations.

There is increasing recognition among world leaders that not enough progress has been made towards the health, rights, and wellbeing of adolescents and youth. Meaningfully involving young people in decision making that affects their lives is key for real progress to be made. Young people can be powerful spokespeople for their own needs and agents of change who can transform policies, programs, and communities for the better. It is time to shift the paradigm on youth engagement and ensure their participation and engagement in a new and exciting way.

There is no better place or time than the Women Deliver 2016 Global Conference (WD2016) to highlight the importance of young people, and there is no better way to give the power of youth a platform than by meaningfully engaging young people and inviting their participation in all that WD2016 has to offer. From a two-day Youth Pre-Conference to the Youth Zone, to the plenary and concurrent sessions, young people - who will make up 20% of all participants of WD2016 - will be front and center embodying this new paradigm of youth engagement.

## ABOUT THE WOMEN DELIVER 2016 GLOBAL CONFERENCE

Women Deliver conferences are world-renowned convenings focused on the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women. The Women Deliver 2016 Conference will be the largest gathering on girls' and women's health and rights in the last decade and one of the first major global conferences following the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The focus of the conference will be on how to implement SDGs as they relate to girls and women, with a specific focus on health, in particular maternal, sexual, and reproductive health and rights, and the inter-connections with gender equality, education, environment, and economic empowerment.



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AT WD2016

Women Deliver conferences offer multiple opportunities for learning, sharing, networking, and collaborating. Here are some of the features specifically designed for youth engagement in 2016:



## YOUTH PRE-CONFERENCE

One of the largest Youth Pre-Conference gatherings of young people on girls' and women's health and rights following the launch of the SDGs, it will be held on 15-16 May 2016, wrapping up just before WD2016's opening plenary.

More than 500 young people under the age of 30 from across 125 countries (of which, approximately 35% are men) will hear from keynote speakers, hold roundtable discussions, participate in training workshops, and network with peers and high-level participants.

Participation is by invitation only, limited to Women Deliver's 200 Young Leaders and 300 Youth Scholarship Recipients.



## YOUTH ZONE

A physical space located within the exhibit halls dedicated to all youth attendees, the Youth Zone will be a bustling central hub for intergenerational dialogue, the discussion of ideas and best practices, and networking.



## YOUTH VOICES

The voices of those under 30 will be fully integrated across WD2016's program. Young people will be featured speakers on plenary and concurrent sessions at WD2016. Their voice and opinions receive equal weight and value as all other panelists and speakers.

All this is in addition to numerous partner side events, receptions, culture night, media forum, virtual conference, and other events that young people are encouraged to participate in.

## YOUTH WORKING GROUP

To promote collaboration and transparency, Women Deliver is working closely with its Youth Working Group comprised of youth-serving, youth-led, or youth-focused organizational members to provide strategic guidance towards development and implementation of WD2016's Youth Program.

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