

The SDSN Youth Networks

SDSN Youth Overview

The Sustainable Development Solutions Network - Youth Initiative (SDSN Youth) was established in 2015 to ***train and equip young leaders with the knowledge and resources to build a more sustainable future.***

SDSN Youth has 185 team members from over 35 countries and leads both global and local initiatives. The global initiatives cover a number of sectors, such as sustainable education for K-12, sustainable communities and entrepreneurship. Each program follows the three-step theory of change.

**Educate and train
volunteers**

**Ideate and
collaborate in
communities**

**Implement and scale
the solution.**

Our local initiatives, regional and national networks, cover 20 jurisdictions in various continents. Each Regional/National Youth Network focuses on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) locally.

Youth Networks Program

The Youth Networks Program is embedded in these regional/national networks, focusing specifically on the role of young people in these universities and knowledge centers.

- To address youth representation, youth education, solutions and initiatives specifically in geographic location
- To foster partnerships, representation, programs, collaboration
- To provide cultural and local context of the SDGs

Why get involved?

A dedicated team to save you time

Once you recruit a Youth Network Coordinator, we'll train them and connect them to our resources.

We set up your Network Coordinator for success, so they are ready to work with you on **localization and action**.

Engage the student base

Enabling sustainable development outreach to **cover all key stakeholders**.

Demonstrate your institution's commitment to supporting the involvement of young people.

Access SDSN existing program structures

No need for you to start youth engagement from scratch. We bring the templates, training, and resources from SDSN Youth's 5 years of global youth initiatives.

The Network Coordinator

Managing of their network

Member Organizations	Engaging the Member Organization within the network by identifying areas for collaboration, sharing resources, and networks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular formal & informal communications with Member Organisations to answer queries
SDSN Youth Programs	Connect SDSN Youth members (SDSN Youth Member Organizations, SDG Coordinators, Global Schools Advocates, Vatican Youth Symposium speakers) and external members with each other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep track of SDSN Youth program members in their network, and direct opportunities of collaboration and queries to the relevant parties
Network Engagement	Manage a list of stakeholders and their needs, challenges, skills, and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage informational channels to identify opportunities for collaboration

Admin and Governance

Network Outreach	Utilising local marketing to advertise global opportunities and also collate local ones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing your network's communication channels: email, social media, mailing lists, etc.
Network Impact	Researching, documenting and maintaining the contributions of SDSN Youth in the network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintaining baseline data for the network (Networks Assessment)• Collecting stories of impact within their network
Network Volunteers	Managing a team of local volunteers to help with the above responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate a team of volunteers to help with the above• Aligning volunteer work with goals and skills of volunteers

Regional collaboration

Cross-network collaboration	Collaborating with other Youth Network Coordinators on regional initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E.g. managing a translation team• Monthly connects with Youth Network Coordinators from the same region
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Support from Network Manager

Faculty resources

- Support from your faculty or division
- A close contact to help with booking rooms or sending mass emails to relevant student cohorts

This role can be the Network Manager, or another person within the institution.

Connections

- Connecting the Youth Network Coordinator to Member Institution Focal Point contacts
- Setting aside time, to align on yearly priorities and to regularly check-in with them

Other (optional)

- A room to work in
- The ability to share a physical workspace address for partnerships

Benefits to your network

Wider reach

Strengthen and widen your network reach to the student base across different institutions.

Empowering youth

Demonstrate your institution's commitment to supporting the involvement of young people.

Showcase local action spearheaded by your institution

Consolidate efforts

Consolidate institution outreach via one regional/national network secretariat, that covers all key stakeholders.

SDG Students Program Objectives

TRANSFORMING UNIVERSITIES

How do universities become hubs of learning and engagement for the SDGs?



TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

How do universities and students become drivers of new solutions to local problems?

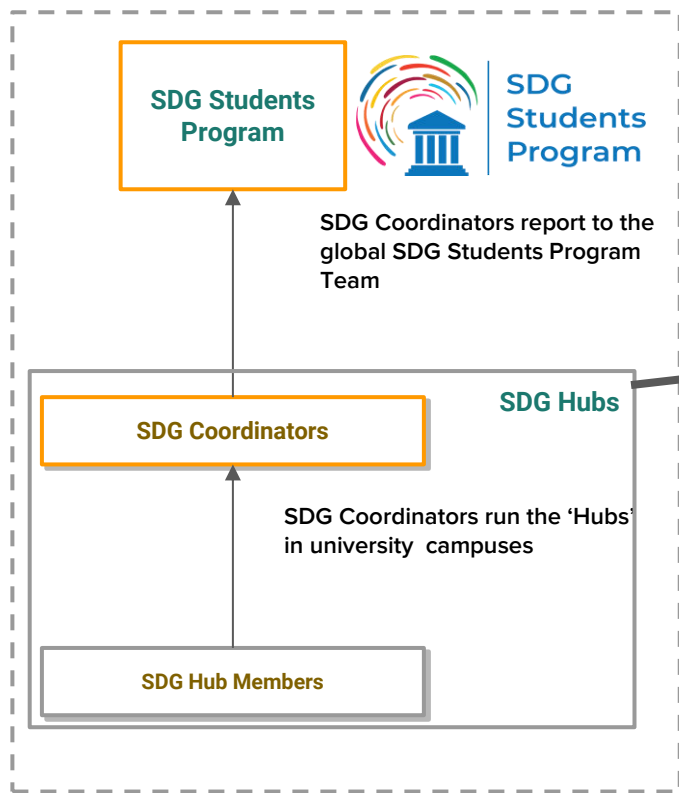


SDG
Students
Program

*Having recently recruited and trained coordinators from over **70 universities in 26 countries**, we are now undergoing a program-wide reform to improve our impact for the second generation of operation.*

Stay in touch with our developments at sdgstudent.org and follow us on Instagram @sdgstudentsprogram

SDG Students Program outlined



"The SDG Student Hub is a place for you to bring new ideas, new solutions, energy, organisation; to meet friends and colleagues who are committed like you to making the world a better place."

- Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs,
Director of SDSN & Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on the SDGs

SDG Students Program - Current programming

The SDG Students Program Certificate



Composed of eight criterion, the Certificate awards an official, signed document to students who demonstrate a varied and tangible contribution to sustainable development.

Webinars

SDSN Youth Live!

LIVE on SDSN Youth's Facebook Page
facebook.com/SDSNYouth

with **Professor Howard Bamsey**

Saturday, 29 August 2020
at 11:00 GMT/07:00 EDT/21:00 AEST

PROFILE

- Former Executive Director The Green Climate Fund
- 40 years of Civil, Diplomatic, & Ambassadorial Service
- Honorary Professor School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU
- Chair, Global Water Partnership

Topics covered

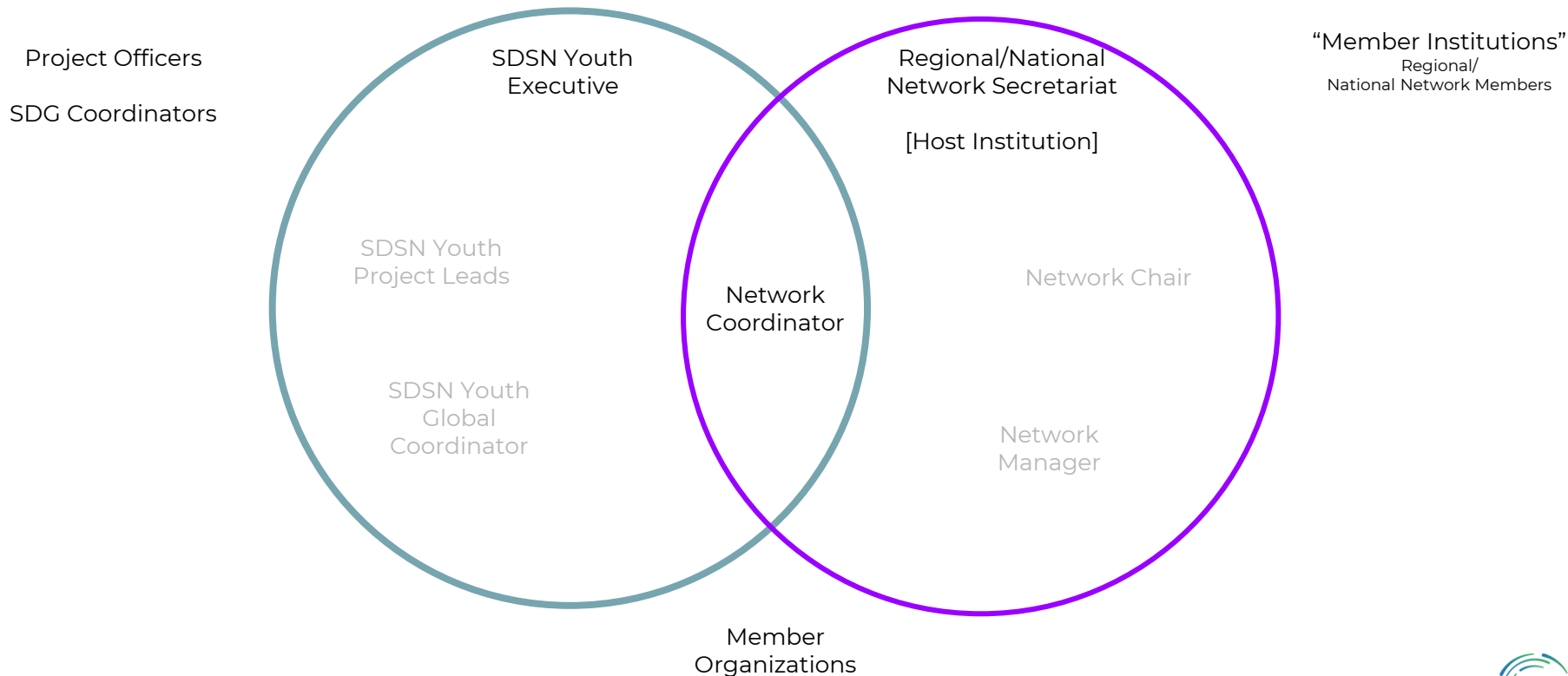
- Global State of Sustainable Finance
- Climate Diplomacy: A 40 Year Journey

moderated by Theresa Yung
Project Leader, SDG Students Program

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Featuring distinguished experts with decades of experience in our public-facing events (SDSN Youth Live!) and student-centred events featuring young professionals (GOALS Live!), the purpose of our broadcasting has been to promote public information on the SDGs while supporting our members' accessibility to expert advice

In Summary: Network Coordinator



SDSN Youth Team Values



Shared vision

A common purpose, an aligned vision to make impact.

Despite a variety of projects, with different objectives - it is important that we are all aligned to the shared purpose of creating solutions towards achieving the SDGs.



Initiative and Ownership

Taking responsibility.

We expect each other to proactively take action, take ownership and strive to make impact.



Teamwork and Cooperation

A cohesive team, that works together.

We are a team that collaborates and overcomes challenges *together*. We respect each other, and do whatever we can to enable and empower each other, and each other's work.



Open Communication

Openness and transparency leads to better teams.

In order to maximise impact, we want to work as effectively as possible. This means being open in the way we work, and in the way we make decisions.



To Be Global, Be Local

Respecting and integrating different backgrounds.

Spanning 35 countries, a singular 'global' approach does not always work. We believe that in order to be a true global organisation, we need to represent the local differences.



Enjoy yourself

Making meaningful connections, whilst making meaningful impact.

We want our volunteers to feel a sense of community, being part of an international organisation with one shared vision.

The End
Thank You