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Y-Peer PNG's 1st Youth Forum on Sustainable Development

Youth Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Report

Date: Wednesday 31st January, 2024

Venue: Lamana Hotel, Alecia Conference Room

Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Participants: 37 out of 44 Selected Applicants



I. Introduction

The inaugural Youth Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) convened on 31st January 2024 at the Alecia Conference Room in the Lamana Hotel. Aimed at fostering dialogues among young leaders, the event sought to generate innovative solutions to community challenges. A notable turnout of 37 out of 44 selected applicants marked the significance of this gathering. This event marked the first Y-PEER PNG Youth Forum on Sustainable Development, where young people gathered to hear from experts sharing insights into PNG's developmental progress, focusing on our National goals and the SDGs. The forum took a closer look at ESCAP's target goals for 2024, specifically addressing SDGs 1, 2, 13, 16, and 17. Participants engaged in discussions to formulate logical solutions to pertinent issues and issued a call to action at local, national, and regional levels.



Attachment : ESCAP's targeted SDGs for 2024



II. Executive Summary

The inaugural Youth Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held at Lamana Hotel's Alecia Conference Room brought together 37 out of the 44 selected applicants. Chaired by Mr. Edwin Terwiel Ningal, the event aimed to stimulate meaningful dialogues among young leaders, fostering innovative solutions to community challenges. Key speakers, including Kim Allen (Commonwealth Youth Council Chairperson), Mr. Kia Wia Henry, Ms. Evengelyn Kove, Ms. Vilousa Hahembe, Dr. Faiteli, and Mr. Bryan Earles, provided diverse perspectives and practical approaches to sustainable development.

The afternoon breakout sessions, guided by these esteemed speakers, delved into specific SDGs—1, 2, 13, 16, and 17—resulting in actionable solutions. The forum emerged as a catalyst for future initiatives, signaling a collective commitment to driving positive change at local, national, and regional levels.

2024
National Youth Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ahead of APFSD

Y-PEER
Youth Peer Education Network PNG

National Partners

- YOUTH SCIENCE SOCIETY PAPUA NEW GUINEA (CONSULTANT/AGENCY)
- WORKING GROUP ON DISABILITIES (AP-PEER AUSTRALIA)

Regional Partners

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- THE GLOBAL GOALS (Celebrating 20 years on Path 2030) Y-PEER Asia Pacific Center

Theme: Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions in Asia and the Pacific with Young People at the forefront.

Venue: Lamana Hotel
Port Moresby, National Capital District
Date: January 31st, 2024

Attachment : Official banner of National Youth Forum on Sustainable Development

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IV. Morning Session

Opening Remarks:

Mr. Edwin Terwiel Ningal welcomed participants, highlighting the forum's importance as a platform for youth engagement.

Keynote Speech:

Kim Allen, Commonwealth Youth Council Chairperson, delivered a keynote speech focusing on practical solutions to community issues, emphasizing collaboration.

PNG's SDG Progress:

Mr. Kia Wia Henry provided an insightful overview of Papua New Guinea's progress regarding the SDGs, urging participants to take ownership of local challenges.

Community Development and Climate Change:

Ms. Evengelyn Kove shared perspectives on sustainable approaches in community development and climate change, emphasizing the interconnection of individuals, communities, and the environment.



*Fig1.0
National Coordinator giving
opening remarks*



*Fig1.2
Keynote Address by Mr. Kim Allen*



*Fig1.3
Overview of SDGs and PNGs
Progress by Mr. Henry Nema*



*Fig1.4
Presentation by Ms.
Evengelyn Kove*



*Fig 1.5
Encouragement by Ms.
Bronwyn Kili*



V. Afternoon Session

Partnerships in Education:

Ms Vilousa Hahembe emphasized the crucial role of education in achieving SDGs and expressed interest in collaborative efforts with Y-Peer PNG.

Youth and Demographic Dividend:

Dr. Faiteli delved into the concept of demographic dividend, highlighting the pivotal role young people play in societal development.

Entrepreneurship for Social Impact:

Mr. Bryan Earles challenged participants to be entrepreneurial problem-solvers, addressing societal issues with self-sustaining solutions.



Fig2.0

Ms. Vilousa Hahembe during her presentation



Fig2.1

Dr. Alfred Faiteli during his presentation



Fig2.3

Mr. Bryan Earles during his presentation



Fig2.4

Participants looking on as presentations are in session



VI. Breakout Room Sessions

Group 1 (SDGs 1 and 2):

Issues: Climate change, untapped agriculture, child displacement.

Solutions: Climate conservation, sustainable agriculture, child protection policy implementation.

Group 2 (SDG 13):

Issues: Limited global cooperation, lack of capacity/resources, awareness.

Solutions: Improved intergovernmental relations, strategic partnerships, and increased awareness.



*Fig3.0
Group 1 Participants
partake in group
discussions*



*Fig3.1
Group 4 Participants
brainstorm solutions*



*Fig3.2
Group 2 participants
present their discussions*



*Fig3.3
Group 4 participants
present their discussions*



Group 3 (SDG 16):

Issues: Weak governance, unequal justice access, rising crime rates.

Solutions: Transparency enhancement, advocacy for justice systems, and youth empowerment initiatives.

Group 4 (SDG 17):

Issues: Lack of coordination, information sharing, and tech capacity.

Solutions: Effective communication, focus on data collection and technological investment.



*Fig4.0
Group 2 participants
continue with discussions*



*Fig4.1
Group 3 participants amid
discussions*



*Fig4.2
Group 1 participants amid
presentation*



*Fig4.2
Group 4 participants amid
presentation*



VII. Closing Session

The National Coordinator concluded the program, summarizing key takeaways from the breakout discussions. Commitments were made to increase youth engagement through Y-PEER AP initiatives, paving the way for potential collaborations and impactful initiatives.

The Youth Forum on SDGs marked a significant milestone in fostering youth-led initiatives for sustainable development. The event provided a platform for robust discussions, actionable solutions, and commitments towards driving positive change in Papua New Guinea.



Fig5.0 Group photo of participants after close of program



VIII. Acknowledgments

The success of the first-ever Youth Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is attributed to the invaluable contributions and support from various individuals and organizations. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to:

- Y-Peer Asia Pacific Center in Bangkok and ARROW: For their leadership and funding assistance, enabling Y-PEER PNG to organize and conduct the Youth Forum on SDGs.
- The Working Group on Disabilities: For their commitment and collaboration in making the event inclusive and accessible to all participants.

Speakers:

- Kim Allen (Commonwealth Youth Council Chairperson)
- Mr. Kia Wia Henry (SDGs Progress Overview)
- Ms Evengelyn Kove (Community Development and Climate Change)
- Ms. Vilousa Hahembe (Partnerships in Education)
- Dr. Faiteli (Youth and Demographic Dividend)
- Mr. Bryan Earles (Entrepreneurship for Social Impact)

We express our sincere appreciation for their time, expertise, and dedication to investing in the development of young people.

Bronwyn Kili: For her role as a guiding mentor throughout the planning and execution of the Youth Forum on SDGs.

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- Badogna Tech and Graphics Solution: For their exceptional efforts in producing our event banner on time, even under tight deadlines.
- Regina Ningal and Felix Harvey: For their unwavering commitment and helpful contributions as faithful volunteers throughout the entire event.

The collaborative efforts of these individuals and organizations have played a pivotal role in making the Youth Forum on SDGs a resounding success. We extend our sincere thanks to each one for their invaluable contributions.

