



Code of Conduct

Generation Connect Global Youth Summit

2 - 4 June 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda

Introduction

Shaping a safe, inclusive digital future together – leaving no young people behind.

This is the theme of the first-ever Generation Connect Global Youth Summit, taking place online and in person in Kigali, Rwanda, from 2 to 4 June 2022. Designed by young people for young people, this fully interactive Summit recognizes the role of digital natives as leaders of the rapidly changing technological environment – and of our future. The Summit is organized by ITU and hosted by the Government of Rwanda.

Open to 15- to 29-year-old youth from around the world, the Summit aims to engage global youth on the big issues of digital transformation, encourage young people to participate as equal partners with today's leaders of digital change and empower youth with skills and opportunities to build their vision of a safe, inclusive connected future.

The Generation Connect Global Youth Summit strives to create a dynamic, respectful, and inclusive space for young leaders, entrepreneurs, social change-makers, engineers, policy specialists, students, and others to exchange ideas, innovate actions and facilitate learning.

All attendees (regardless their age), moderators and organizers are thus expected to agree with the following Code of Conduct. The cooperation of all participants is required to create a safe and empowering, youth and child -friendly, and participatory environment.

Online participating youth at the Generation Connect Global Youth Summit may be legally considered as children. A child is defined as a person below the age of 18 years. Children have the right to be safeguarded from violence. A child safeguarding concern is any situation or behavior that places the child at risk or has the potential to harm a child physically or mentally through, inter alia, sexual abuse or exploitation, neglect, or negligent treatment, emotional or verbal abuse, discourteous behavior, threats, harmful or violent content or intimidation.

Zero Tolerance For Harassment

We do not tolerate any form of harassment targeting any person before, during and after the Summit, whether in person, online or outside the venue.

The Generation Connect Global Youth Summit will provide a harassment-free experience for everyone, online and physical participants, regardless of gender, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, disability, race, nationality, ethnicity, religion (or lack of religion) or physical appearance. Sexual language and imagery are not appropriate for any of our sessions or breakouts, breaks or reception, or on other online media as related to the conference.

Reporting Misconduct

If you feel hurt or see another participant being hurt, or experience anything that makes them feel uncomfortable, **inform the event organizer immediately by approaching any ITU staff at the Intare Arena or by sending an email to security@itu.int.**

All comments provided will be treated in confidence.

Conference participants engaging in harassing behavior, making others feel unsafe, or violating these rules may be warned, or asked to leave the conference, and are expected to comply immediately.¹

¹ Tech Change: Code of Conduct

Participatory Pledge

Participants are expected to make the following pledge:

In agreeing to abide by this Code of Conduct, online and physical participants of the Generation Connect Global Youth Summit agree to the following:

I will²:

- **Treat others with respect:** During the event, through the chat and/or on social media, please be respectful and friendly. Please do not shout, tease, bully or use any forms of violence or bad language.
- **Treat everyone equally:** We are all equal, regardless of race, gender, age, religion, education, cultural background, or anything else. There will be many different opinions and ideas and it is important that we welcome and celebrate diversity.
- **Use youth and child-friendly language:** Try to use simple language and avoid any overly complicated words. If something is not clear, ask someone to explain it. Speaking slowly will also help others understand what you are saying.
- **Listen to others:** We want to hear what all participants have to say, and everyone should feel welcomed and listened to in our shared space. Do not interrupt.
- **Only participate if I choose to:** Participation is voluntary. It is your choice to take part and you can decide not to join in the discussions at any time. You can also stop talking and answering questions any time you like.
- **Stay safe online:** Please do not share any personal information or your passwords with anyone. Please also do not share photos or information from private conversations with other participants on social media without approval and telling them what your intentions are.
- **Report** any form of stalking, following, harassing, photographing, or recording if I become aware of it.

I will not :

- **Employ any offensive verbal or written comments related to:** Gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion, technology choices.
- **Pick on or make fun of others.**
- **Employ any sexual images of any form.**
- **Engage in intimidating behaviour.**
- **Engage in any actions or behaviour that disrupts discussions.**

² The following pledge is adapted from the first briefing to children (2022) by the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence Against Children, Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid on the work of the Mandate.