



United Nations Food Systems Summit Pre-Summit Affiliated Event

## Tokenism or democratic representation? Commitments for Institutionalizing Youth Agency in Food Policy Spaces

**Time and date:** July 28th, 13.30-14.20 Central European Summer Time (CEST)

**Registration:** <https://zoom.us/join/91186302000>

**Co-organizers:** Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD) and the Youth Alliance for Zero Hunger

### Partnering organizations

Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY)

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)

International Association of Agriculture and Related Sciences Students (IAAS)

WhyFarm

Global Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (GCSAYN)

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Civil Society Network Youth Leaders for Nutrition Programme

African Leadership Academy (ALA)

### Event description

This affiliated event will discuss the main barriers to consistent, democratic youth participation and the most effective commitments which governments and organizations can make to youth.

### Format overview (50 Minutes)

Event rapporteurs: Divine Ntiokam, GCSAYN Founder and Managing Director, and Audra Smith, WhyFarm Communications and Community Manager

#### *Introduction (10 Minutes)*

Introductory remarks: Jim Leandro Cano, Youth Alliance for Zero Hunger Chair

Keynote: Ambassador Hans Hoogeveen, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the UN Organizations for Food and Agriculture

#### *Panel discussion (20 Minutes): Effective commitments for youth engagement*

Moderator: Glindys Virginia Luciano, YPARD Network Engagement Coordinator

Frederica Emma, Focal point in the IFAD youth team

Yugratna Srivastava, MGCY Youth Constituency Focal Point to UNEP

Sophie Healy-Thow, SUN youth and Co-Founder at Act4Food Act4Change

Karen Munoko, FARA Agribusiness Expert

#### *Participant discussion with the panelists (15 minutes)*

#### *Summary and ending remarks. (5 minutes)*

