

**The 1st D-8 Senior Officials Meeting on Youth  
Hosted by the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Dhaka, 20 May 2024**

**Report**

The Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> D-8 Senior Officials' Meeting on Youth in Dhaka on 20 May, 2024. Delegates from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Türkiye attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached as **Annex- I**.

Before commencing its substantive session, the Meeting offered its deepest condolences to the esteemed Delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the untimely demise of H.E. Ebrahim Raisi, the Honourable President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and H.E. Hossein Amir Abdollahian, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, along with their entourages, which was caused by the tragic incident involving helicopter crash in Iran on Sunday, 19 May 2024. The Meeting also observed a minute of silence as a gesture of condolence and sympathy to the people and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

**Agenda Item 1:       Opening of the Meeting**

The Chair of the Meeting, Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed, the Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh delivered the opening remarks and officially opened the Meeting. He stressed youth empowerment in every sphere by developing their capacity and ensuring economic development through engaging the young people of the D-8 Member States in innovation, development and technological advancement. He further underscored the formation of efficient and productive youth society through training and excellence at national and international level. His opening remark is attached as **Annex-II**.

**Agenda Item 2:       Adoption of Agenda**

The Meeting considered and adopted the agenda which is attached as **Annex- III**.

**Agenda Item 3:       Remarks by the Secretary-General of the D-8**

The Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, delivered his welcoming remarks. The Secretary-General underlined the need for formulation of a national policy and regulations to prioritize youth entrepreneurship; creation of entrepreneurs' alliance involving the D-8 youth; reevaluation of export and import policies for SMEs in D-8 countries to encourage youth entrepreneurs. and improving all forms of education i.e., vocational, formal, digital literacy, and entrepreneurial education among D-8 youth. The remark is attached as **Annex-IV**.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Remarks by the Heads of Delegation of the D-8 Member States**

The esteemed Heads of Delegation of the D-8 Member States delivered their respective national statements on youth highlighting the status of their youth development and outlining the ways and means to enhance youth engagement among the D-8 Member States. The remarks are attached as **Annex- V**.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Consideration and Recommendation of Establishment of D-8 Youth Council in Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Bangladesh briefed the Meeting on the proposed D-8 Youth Council, including the nature of the Council, its regulation, registered office, membership, the executive committee, rules of procedures for the convening of the Council, decision making process, budget and funding mechanism, as well as the operational manual.

The Meeting principally agreed on the establishment of the D-8 Youth Council in Dhaka, as was approved previously by the D-8 Commission through its 46<sup>th</sup> Session, held in Istanbul, Türkiye on 15-16 February 2023. The Meeting was of the view that the articles of the Constitution of the proposed D-8 Youth Council needs to be discussed further among the Member States and tasked the Secretariat to share the draft ‘Constitution of the D-8 Youth Council’ with the Member States again. The Meeting invited the Member States to provide their respective inputs to the draft Constitution with a deadline of one month after receipt of it.

The draft ‘Constitution of the D-8 Youth Council’ under consideration is attached as **Annex- VI**.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Presentation on the Best Practices of the D-8 Member States**

The Delegates from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Türkiye shared the best practices on the youth development in their respective countries as follows:

- a. The Delegate of Bangladesh made a presentation on Digital Skills for Smart Generations. The Presentation is attached as **Annex- VII**.
- c. The Delegate of Indonesia made a presentation on Blue and Green Economy and Eco Tourism. The presentation is attached as **Annex- VIII**.
- f. The Delegate of Nigeria made a presentation on Climate Resilience Youth Development and Youth Networking. The presentation is attached as **Annex- IX**.
- g. The Delegate of Pakistan made a presentation on Non-Formal Education for Youth. The Presentation is attached as **Annex- X**.
- h. The Delegate of Türkiye made a presentation on Employment Policy for Youth and Entrepreneurship Development. The Presentation is attached as **Annex- XI**.

#### **Agenda Item 7: Establishment of an ‘Integrated Youth Database Website’**

The Delegate of Bangladesh briefed the Meeting about their proposal of the establishment of an integrated youth database website for D-8 Youth. The Delegate highlighted further the salient features of this website and its role on enhancing networking among the D-8 Youth.

The Meeting principally acknowledged the idea of establishing an ‘Integrated Youth Database Website’ of the D-8 youth, however, requested Bangladesh to share a detail concept note defining the purposes, objectives, criteria, data type and other relevant features of the database website.

**Agenda Item 8: Consideration of the draft of “Dhaka Declaration on D-8 Youth 2024” to be adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the D-8 Youth Ministers**

The Meeting considered the draft “Dhaka Declaration on Youth 2024”, after which it endorsed the draft, based on the principle of consensus, for the Draft to be adopted by the Ministers in their Session the following day. The draft Declaration, finalized by the SOM, is attached as **Annex- XII**.

**Agenda Item 9: Date and Venue of the 2<sup>nd</sup> D-8 Senior Officials’ Meeting on Youth**

The Meeting appreciated the Federal Republic of Nigeria for its gracious offer to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Officials’ Meeting on Youth. The date and venue of the meeting will be announced in due course.

**Agenda Item 10: Any other business**

The Meeting noted the proposal from the delegate of Nigeria to enrich the draft Constitution of the D-8 Youth Council and requested Nigeria, through the D-8 Secretariat, to circulate the proposal as part of their enrichment of the Constitution.

The Meeting noted the proposal from the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish a Secretariat dedicated to Youth Empowerment and Skill Development Center in Tehran. However, the Meeting requested Iran to send its proposal officially through the diplomatic channel.

**Agenda Item 11: Consideration and Adoption of the Meeting Report**

The Meeting considered and adopted the Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Youth.

**Agenda Item 12: Closing of the Meeting**

The Meeting was closed with the following statements:

- a. The Secretary-General of the D-8 conveyed profound gratitude to the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for hosting the meeting and warmly thanked Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed for his competent chairing. He also thanked all delegates for their active participation and contribution to the Meeting.
- b. In his Closing Remarks, the Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, expressed his profound appreciation to all delegates

for their fruitful discussions and commended the constructive outcome of the deliberations.

The Meeting also appreciated the D-8 Secretariat for its valuable work.



**OFFICE OF THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**  
**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

**Status on the implementation of D-8 Youth and Youth Engagement in Nigeria**

Distinguished Excellencies, Esteemed Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great honor and profound gratitude that I extend my greetings to you all, acknowledging the exceptional efforts of the Government of Bangladesh and the esteemed Minister of Youth and Sports for graciously hosting the inaugural D-8 Youth Ministers Meeting. Your contributions have significantly advanced the D-8 Youth Agenda and its Council.

Representing the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I am privileged to present this national statement regarding the progress in implementing the D-8 Youth and Youth Engagement initiatives. With a collective population of approximately 1.2 billion across D-8 member states, constituting close to 1/7th of the world's populace and contributing significantly to global trade, with over 30% being comprised of young individuals, Nigeria recognizes the pivotal role of its youthful demographic. Our commitment lies in fostering their development and active participation in both national and international spheres.

Under the leadership of His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Nigeria is dedicated to advancing the Eight Presidential Priorities and Deliverables, which encompass a spectrum of reforms spanning from economic restructuring, to unlocking potentials of the energy and natural resources, enhanced infrastructure, human and agricultural security, educational, health and social investments. These initiatives harmonize seamlessly with the D-8 agenda and our collective aspirations to empower youth as catalysts for progress.

Nigeria has undertaken several pivotal initiatives to propel the D-8 Youth agenda forward, including:

Policy Framework: The imminent launch of a comprehensive National Youth Policy underscores our commitment to aligning with D-8 Youth priorities. This strategic blueprint will guide youth development across various domains, from education to entrepreneurship, thereby harnessing their potential as global assets.

Institutional Strengthening: The establishment of a dedicated D-8 Youth Focal Point within the Ministry of Youth Development serves as a nucleus for coordinating youth activities in Nigeria and fostering collaboration with fellow member states.

Youth Quota: Approval from the Federal Executive Council to implement a 30% Youth Quota in government appointments underscores our commitment to equitable representation and participation in decision-making processes.

Skills Development Programs: Initiatives such as the National Youth Skills Program equip young Nigerians with the requisite skills for success in the modern workforce, thereby fostering entrepreneurship and economic empowerment.

Innovative Financial Support: The National Youth Investment Fund serves as a catalyst for youth entrepreneurship and innovation, facilitating economic transformation and job creation. The ministry has acquired the fund not merely as a financial reservoir but as a catalyst for youth entrepreneurship and innovation. It represents our commitment to transforming the economic landscape by investing directly in the potential of our young people.

Data-driven Approach: The impending launch of a youth data bank underscores our commitment to understanding and addressing the needs of young Nigerians, particularly in employment and entrepreneurship. This is in alignment with the vision of the D-8 youth agenda, and I will urge each and everyone of us to commit to it.

Youth-centric Infrastructure: The establishment of Youth Hubs and SMART Cities initiatives or “Youth Villages” provides young people with platforms for socio-economic empowerment and leadership development. The SMART cities will be designed as super incubators that will be focused on developing technical and business leadership skills that can help youth-led organizations scale and sustain profitable operations.

Youth Development Bank: to address youth unemployment and empower young entrepreneurs. This initiative would provide young Nigerians with easier access to capital and financial literacy training to grow their businesses. The bank is envisioned as a collaboration between the public and private sectors, possibly including the Bank of Industry, the African Development Bank and other partners.

Youth Leaders Initiative: We are establishing an institute to help cultivate a new generation of visionary and ethical leaders. This initiative would provide a tailored leadership development program for young adults aged 18-35.

Youth Entrepreneurship Support: We are implementing various initiatives to support youth entrepreneurship, including providing access to finance, mentorship opportunities, and business incubation facilities. These programs empower young people to turn their ideas into viable businesses.

Youth Participation in Decision-Making: We are committed to ensuring the active participation of young people in decision-making processes. We are creating platforms for youth dialogue with policymakers and encouraging youth representation in government committees and councils.

The D-8 member states have the most energetic, resourceful, and strong-willed youths, who are dedicated to being positive agents of change, it is important to equip them with a structured agenda for peace. *Nigeria's National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security* is a three-year pilot program launched in 2021 to empower young Nigerians to participate in peacebuilding. It collaborates between youth, government and other stakeholders to achieve peace and security through youth development initiatives.

Establishment of Youth Advisory Groups: The minister is launching Youth Advisory Groups (YAGs) focused on key areas of the SDGs and D-8 agenda, like climate change and health. These groups will bring together young minds to develop solutions, with mentorship from experts. The goal is to empower young people and get their fresh ideas on tackling important issues.

These efforts underscore our commitment to the development of Nigeria and fostering youth participation and leadership.

Despite commendable progress, Nigeria acknowledges the challenges impeding the full realization of the D-8 Youth agenda, including limited resources, digital disparities, and the issue of brain drain. However, we remain resolute in our dedication to overcoming these obstacles through innovative solutions and strategic partnerships.

Nigeria, as a conceptual founder of the D-8 Youth Council, reaffirms its unwavering commitment to advancing the D-8 Youth agenda in collaboration with member states. Under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's leadership, we envision a future marked by robust knowledge sharing, joint programs, and youth exchange initiatives within the D-8 framework.

In conclusion, the Nigerian government, under the guidance of Minister of Youth Development, Dr. Jamila Bio Ibrahim, reaffirms its steadfast support for the D-8 Youth agenda and its Council. To further synergize our development agenda and allow our youths to flourish both socially and economically, we should deem it fit to have member state youth envoy and youth envoy advisory council and create exchange programs that will encourage sustainability of our vision.

We are confident that through collective endeavors, the D-8 can harness the boundless potential of its youth population to drive sustainable development and prosperity across member states.

Thank you.

# **PRESENTATION ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH NETWORKING: THE NIGERIAN PERSPECTIVE.**

*Honorable Ministers, Distinguished Delegates, and Esteemed Guests,*

It is with great privilege and a sense of duty that I address this esteemed gathering on behalf of the Nigerian Ministry of Youth Development, presenting the Nigerian perspective on "Climate Resilience Youth Development and Youth Networking" within the framework of the D-8 Ministerial Meeting.

## **2. Understanding Climate Resilience**

Climate resilience stands at the forefront of our national agenda. It embodies our capacity to anticipate, adapt, and respond to climate-related shocks and stresses. For Nigeria, this entails a comprehensive approach encompassing research, infrastructure development, policy formulation, and community-based initiatives. Our aim is to fortify our nation against the evolving challenges posed by climate change through putting in place mechanism for overcoming climate related challenges and climate resilient systems, ensuring the well-being of our people, the sustainability of our economy, and the preservation of our environment.

## **3. Overview of Youth Demographics in Nigeria**

Nigeria boasts one of the world's largest youth populations, a demographic dividend with immense potential for driving sustainable development across various sectors. However, this potential is hindered by a myriad of challenges, including unemployment, insecurity, inadequate healthcare and education systems and socio-cultural pressures. Addressing these challenges is paramount to unlocking the transformative power of our youth for national progress.

## **4. Climate Change in Nigeria**

The impacts of climate change are keenly felt in Nigeria, manifesting in extreme weather events, flooding, delayed rain seasons, droughts, desertification, deforestation, biodiversity loss as well as the recession of the Lake Chad Basin . These phenomena disproportionately affect vulnerable communities, exacerbating existing socio-economic disparities. Our youth, comprising a significant portion of the population, are particularly vulnerable to these impacts, threatening their education, health, and future livelihoods. Urgent action is required to mitigate these effects and build resilience at both individual and community levels.



## **5. The Role of Youth in Climate Resilience**

Despite these challenges, Nigerian youth have demonstrated remarkable resilience and initiative in addressing climate change. Youth-led initiatives have been instrumental in raising awareness, fostering innovation, and driving sustainable solutions. Through platforms like the Nigerian Youth Climate Coalition (NYCC) and initiatives such as Project YEPP, young leaders are actively engaged in advocacy, capacity building, community action, and entrepreneurship, contributing to the nation's climate resilience efforts.

## **6. Youth Networking for Climate Resilience**

Youth networking serves as a powerful catalyst for climate resilience, enabling collaboration, knowledge sharing, capacity building, policy engagement, and community action. Platforms like the Nigeria Youth Climate Preservation Network (NYCPN) facilitate the exchange of ideas and resources, empowering young environmental ambassadors to drive positive change. Furthermore, technology and social media play a pivotal role in fostering connectivity and amplifying youth voices, facilitating collective action and advocacy.

## **7. Lessons from COP28**

Nigeria's participation in COP28 yielded valuable insights and opportunities for youth engagement in climate action. From advocating for youth inclusion to forging global partnerships and influencing policy discussions, our presence at COP28 underscored the importance of youth empowerment in addressing climate change challenges effectively. By leveraging these lessons, we can further enhance our resilience-building efforts and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

## **8. Challenges and Opportunities**

While significant progress has been made, challenges persist, including resource constraints, governance issues, and stakeholder engagement gaps. Addressing these challenges requires a concerted effort from all stakeholders, including governments, civil society, and the private sector. By harnessing the potential of our youth, investing in their education and skills development, and fostering an enabling environment for innovation and entrepreneurship, we can overcome these challenges and build a more resilient and sustainable Nigeria.

**9.** In conclusion, I reaffirm Nigeria's commitment to advancing youth-led climate resilience initiatives and strengthening youth networks for collective action. By harnessing

the creativity, energy, and passion of our youth, we can chart a course towards a more resilient, prosperous, and sustainable future for Nigeria and the D-8 member states.

Thank you.

**1<sup>st</sup> D-8 Senior Officials Meeting on Youth  
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**List of of Delegation**

Country	Name and Ministry
Bangladesh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>H.E. Dr. Mohiuddin Ahmed (HoD)</b> Secretary Ministry of Youth and Sports</li><li>2. <b>Mr. Kazi Mostak Zahir</b> Joint Secretary Ministry of Youth and Sports</li><li>3. <b>Dr. Md. Zahirul Islam</b> Deputy Secretary Ministry of Youth and Sports</li></ol>
Egypt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Mr. Mina Machary (HoD)</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary Embassy of Egypt in Dhaka</li></ol>
Indonesia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>H.E. Heru Hartanto Subolo (HoD)</b> Ambassador of Indonesia in Dhaka</li><li>2. <b>Mr. Arif Suyoko</b> Counsellor for the Political and Socio-cultural Affairs Embassy of Indonesia in Dhaka</li><li>3. <b>Mr. Robbi Firly Harkha</b> Attache Embassy of Indonesia in Dhaka</li></ol>
Iran	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Mr. Rouhollah Ramezani (HoD)</b> Director General Office of Coordination and Supervision of Youth Affairs Ministry of Sports and Youth</li></ol>
Nigeria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>H.E. Mr. Donuma Ahmed (HoD)</b> Permanent Secretary Ministry of Youth and Sports Development.</li><li>2. <b>Mr. Rasheed Olwadamilare Yusuf</b> Special Assistant (Policy) Ministry of Youth and Sports Development</li><li>3. <b>Mr. Okon Abia Victor</b> Ministry's Desk Officer</li></ol>

Pakistan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Dr. Muhammad Ali Malik (HoD)</b> Deputy Secretary Prime Minister's Youth Programme</li><li><b>2. Mr. Muhammad Bilal</b> Second Secretary, Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka</li></ol>
Türkiye	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Mr. Ahmet Temurci (HoD)</b> Director General International Organizations and Foreign Relations Ministry of Youth and Sports</li><li><b>2. Mr. Mustafa Barış Öztürk</b> Head of Department Ministry of Youth and Sports</li></ol>
D-8 Secretariat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. H.E. Amb. Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam (HoD)</b> Secretary-General</li><li><b>2. Mr. Punjul Setya Nugraha</b> Director Economy, Implementation and External Relations</li><li><b>3. Mr. Md Biplob Tarafder</b> Program Officer</li></ol>

# **Welcome Speech to be delivered by the Hon'ble Secretary for the Ministry of Youth and Sports at the 1st Meeting of the D-8 Youth Senior Officials 2024**

**20 May 2024**

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

**Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,**

Assalamu Alaikum and Very Good Morning.

It is a great honor and privilege for me to welcome all of you on behalf of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Bangladesh at the '1st D-8 Senior Officials' Meeting -2024'.

**Excellencies,**

We know, The D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation was announced officially through the Istanbul Declaration of the Summit of Heads of State and Governments on June 15, 1997. H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, is one of the founding members of D-8. When D-8 was established, she attended the first summit in Istanbul as Prime Minister. She was also the chair when we hosted the 2nd D-8 Summit in Dhaka in 1999. Bangladesh successfully completed her chairmanship for the period of 1999–2001, and then Bangladesh became the chairman of D-8 for the second time after two decades.

**Distinguished Delegates,**

Bangladesh has had the honor to successfully hold the first ever 'D-8 Youth Summit 2021' on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 with the theme 'Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Transformation' with participation of around 200 youth delegates from all D-8 member states on the sideline event of 10<sup>th</sup> D-8 summit. In this summit some major findings recommended by the youth were:

- Establishing of D-8 youth hub/ common youth council
- Help the young entrepreneurs financially by exploring the possibility of creating a D-8 bank for youth with a provision of lower interest rate and less barrier to get loan from the banks.

- Improve education for people, starting from vocational skills. Focus on soft skills like problems solving and communication skills promoting women economic rights through inclusiveness and equal participation.

Excellencies,

I'd like to thank all member states for their support to establish a D-8 youth council to better advance youth development in the D-8 region. This will create a dedicated youth hub for D-8 countries to share expertise and experience through youth networking.

The vision of the proposed Youth Council will be empowering and connecting young people of all the D-8 member states for their better life.

And the mission will be-

1. Establishing youth in every sphere of life by developing their talents and ensuring empowerment and
2. Engaging the young people in innovation, development and technological advancement of the D-8 member states.

### **Respected Senior Officials,**

The Government of Bangladesh is organizing 1<sup>st</sup> D-8 Youth Ministers and Senior Officials Meeting to boost sharing of knowledge, experiences and networking of D-8 youth. The aim of this meeting is to harness the efforts of member states to nurture, educate, mobilize and empower the Youth. The 1<sup>st</sup> D-8 Senior Officials Meeting will be a day long discussion on different issues to find out the way and means to foster greater economic cooperation among the member states, especially for the young population. It will also imprint a positive momentum and act as a catalyst for the leadership to focus on the advancement and inclusion of youth in the journey towards resilient and sustainable economies.

**Excellencies,**

I believe D-8 Youth Council will promote professionalization of youth work improve co-ordination, support quality youth leadership and strengthening the capacity of youth people of the D-8 member states.

Dear Colleagues,

Constructing a Smart D-8 requires a collaborative endeavor to enable and include our young population as proactive catalysts for transformation. To fully use the benefits of our demographic dividend towards a successful and sustainable future, we need to invest in education, advance innovation and entrepreneurship, promote digital inclusion and empower society. To achieve this goal and guarantee inclusivity in the digital revolution, the member states must establish a strong collaborative framework.

**Distinguished Guests,**

It is a matter of pride for Bangladesh as we are hosting the 1st Meeting of the D-8 Youth Ministers and Senior Official's Meeting -2024' this year. I express my utmost gratitude to the D-8 member states for choosing Bangladesh as the host of this year's event for the very first time. I believe this meeting will be beneficial for all the member countries.

I wish all senior officials from member states and everyone involved in the meeting, I look forward to your active participation and contribution to the 1<sup>st</sup> D-8 Senior Officials' Meeting. I thank you all for joining the meeting on behalf of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Bangladesh.

Long live the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation.  
Once again, I express my sincere thanks to everyone.

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**Adopted Agenda**

**Agenda Item 1: Opening Remarks by the Chair and opening of the Meeting**

**Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda**

**Agenda Item 3: Remarks by the Secretary-General of the D-8**

**Agenda Item 4: Remarks by the Heads of Delegation of the D-8 Member States**

**Agenda Item 5: Consideration and Recommendation of Establishment of D-8 Youth Council in Bangladesh**

**Agenda Item 6: Presentation on the Best Practices of the D-8 Member States**

- a. Digital Skills for Smart Generations -**Bangladesh**
- b. Green Jobs and Economic Empowerment for the Youth- **Egypt**
- c. Blue and Green Economy and Eco Tourism -**Indonesia**
- d. Sports and Cultural Heritage- **Iran**
- e. Technological Advancement and Innovation- **Malaysia**
- f. Climate Resilience Youth Development and Youth Networking-**Nigeria**
- g. Non-Formal Education for Youth- **Pakistan**
- h. Employment Policy for Youth, Entrepreneurship Development-**Türkiye**

**Agenda Item 7: Establishment of an 'Integrated Youth Database Website'**

**Agenda Item 8: Consideration and finalization of the draft of "Dhaka Declaration on D-8 Youth 2024" to be adopted by the D-8 Youth Ministers**

**Agenda Item 9: Date and Venue of the 2<sup>nd</sup> D-8 Senior Officials' Meeting on Youth**

**Agenda Item 10: Any other business**

**Agenda Item 11: Consideration and Adoption of the Report of Senior Officials' Meeting on Youth**

**Agenda Item 12: Closing**

- a. Closing remarks by the Secretary-General of the D-8.
- b. Closing remarks by the Chair, the Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Bangladesh.



**INTRODUCTORY REMARK BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ISIAKA ABDULQADIR IMAM, THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE D-8, AT THE D-8 SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING ON  
YOUTH**

**DHAKA, 20 MAY 2024**

**Honourable Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I am delighted to be back in Dhaka today to attend the First Session of the D-8 Senior Officials Meeting on Youth.

I thank the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, particularly the Ministry of Youth and Sport, for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to me and my delegation.

I should congratulate the Government of Bangladesh on the excellent arrangement for this Senior Officials' Meeting. I trust we can have constructive discussions to strengthen our cooperation in youth development.

**Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates**

Today's meeting is timely and crucial.

The first importance is that this is the first session of the Senior Officials responsible for Youth from the D-8 Member States. The second importance is that it will provide a solid groundwork for the Ministerial session tomorrow.

Another significance of this meeting is that young people are significant agents of community and national development. They have been at the forefront of leading community initiatives, reshaping the political system, and playing key roles in technological advancement and innovation.

In the D-8, young people constitute around 20% of the total population. Therefore, we must treat these demographics as an asset in achieving the goals and aspirations of the D-8 Organization.

**Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates**

My statement will comprise two main parts: **first**, an overview of the potential for youth cooperation in the D-8, and **second**, the way forward and suggested programs for D-8 Youth Cooperation.

**First**, you would recall that the Government of Bangladesh organized the 1st D-8 Youth Summit virtually on 21 April 2021 with the theme, “Entrepreneurship for sustainable transformation”.

The Summit was organized at the margin of the 10<sup>th</sup> D-8 Summit. The Youth Summit issued the following recommendations:

- ➔ Formulation of a national policy and regulations to prioritize Youth entrepreneurship.
- ➔ Creation of Entrepreneurs Alliance among D-8 Youth
- ➔ Revaluation of export and import policies for SMEs in D-8 countries to encourage youth entrepreneurs.
- ➔ Improving all forms of education: vocational, formal, digital literacy, and entrepreneurial education among D-8 youth.

The ultimate outcome of the 1st D-8 Youth Summit was the establishment of the D-8 Youth Council, which the ministers will hopefully inaugurate tomorrow.

### **Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates**

**Second**, on the way forward for our youth development.

For the way forward, I want to table some recommendations for consideration of this noble gathering.

**First, the Creation of a Youth Leadership Program.** We need to create a comprehensive program to nurture youth leadership skills and promote civic engagement. This platform will provide an avenue for future leaders of the D-8 to meet and network. The platform will also provide the youth with the necessary knowledge to contribute to good governance, innovation, and civil stability.

**Second, the Inclusion of Youth in the D-8’s development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs).** To further the development of the D-8's SMEs we need to bring the youths, with their energy, creativity, and digital acumen, on board. Empowering youths within D-8 SME development requires concerted efforts to enhance access to finance, provide tailored skills development, and streamline regulatory processes.

**Third, the Promotion of Sports Diplomacy.** Sports are arguably a unifier for youths. Sports provide an avenue for interaction and constructive engagements. Therefore, we need to organise sports events and tournaments to help build bridges between nations and promote friendship and understanding among youth.

May I inform this gathering that the Republic of Indonesia has proposed D-8 badminton games to be organized this year. I call on other Member States to organize similar sports events to foster sports diplomacy among D-8.

**Fourth, the D-8 Youth Volunteer Program.** Similar to the United Nations Volunteer, if instituted, the program will harness the collective expertise of member countries within the D-8 to address pressing socio-economic challenges across member countries and strengthen our multilateral ties. This program will enable the deployment of skilled volunteers in various sectors such as healthcare, education, agriculture, and technology.

#### **Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates**

Lastly, we look forward to hearing submissions from member states on the following areas: digital skills for the smart generation, green jobs and economic empowerment, blue and green economy and eco-tourism, sport and cultural heritage, technological advancement, climate resilience and youth development, and non-formal education and youth entrepreneurship.

To conclude, Mr. Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am optimistic that this Meeting will forge closer collaboration and knowledge exchange among our Member States, allowing them to collectively address common challenges and share best practices in youth development.

I wish us a successful deliberation for today's meeting. I thank you for your kind attention.



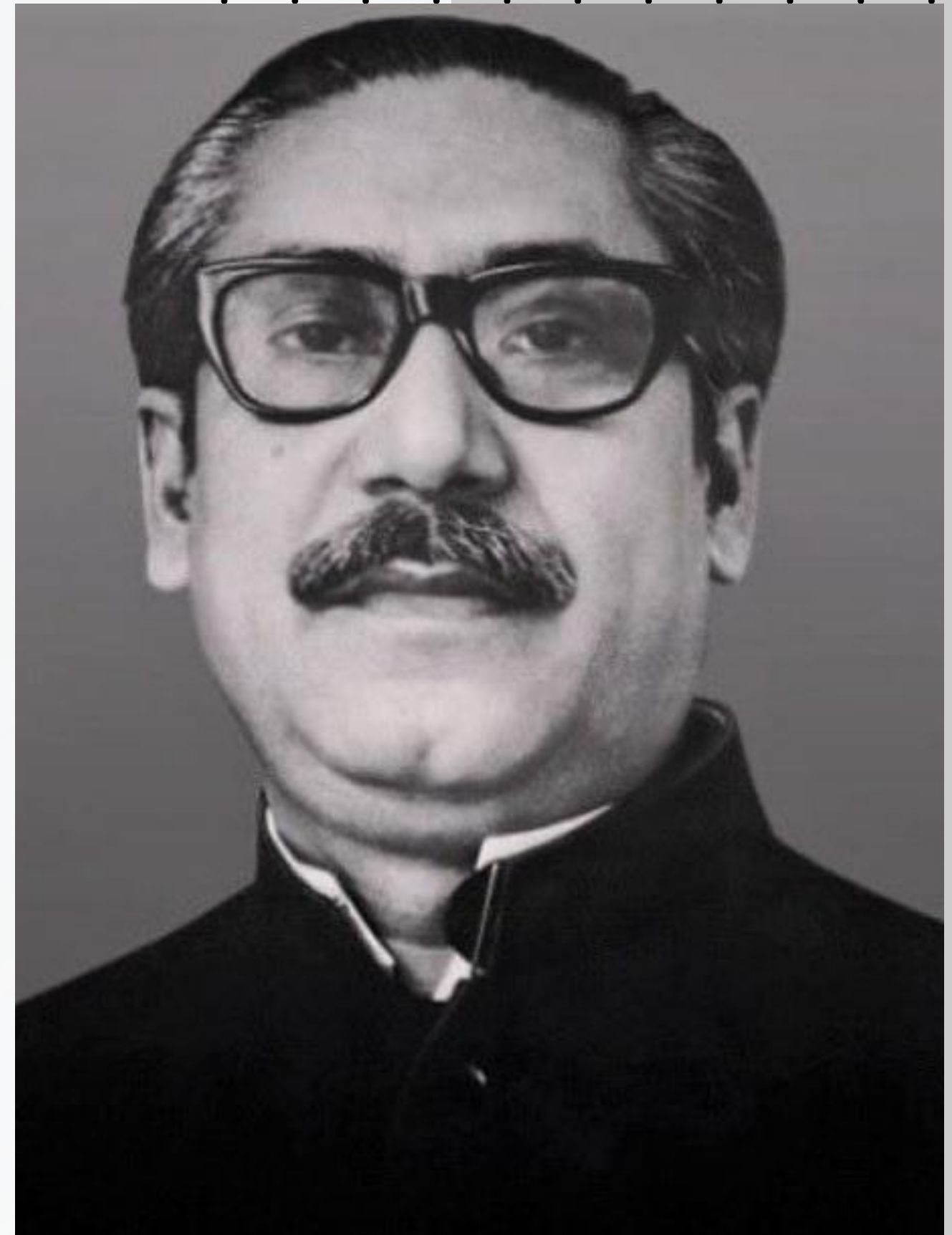
# The Youth of Bangladesh



## **THE FATHER OF THE NATION "BANGABANDHU SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN"**

*The Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, had a profound vision for the youth of his nation. He believed that empowering the youth was essential for the overall development and progress of Bangladesh. Bangabandhu envisioned a nation where young people would be the driving force behind social, economic, and political transformation.*

*One of his key priorities was to provide quality education and skills training to the youth, ensuring that they were equipped with the knowledge and capabilities to contribute meaningfully to society.*





*Sheikh Hasina, Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, has prioritized youth development as a key component of her government's agenda. She has articulated a vision that aligns with the principles and aspirations of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.*

*Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has launched numerous programs aimed at empowering young people and creating opportunities for their socio-economic advancement. These initiatives include entrepreneurship development schemes, job training programs, and youth-focused employment initiatives designed to harness the potential of Bangladesh's youthful population.*





## Demography of Bangladesh

- Population: 171.1 million; Male: 49.50%; Female: 50.50%
- Percentage of Youth Population: 35.16%
- Literacy Rate: 74.66%; Male: 76.56%; Female: 72.82%
- Language: Bangla (National Language)  
English is widely understood and spoken.
- Labor Force: 73.69 million; Male: 48.25 million; Female: 25.44 million
- GDP Growth Rate: 6.03% (2022-2023)
- Mobile Phone Users: 55.89%
- Internet Users: 30.68%
- Number of Freelancers: 0.65 million



# YOUTH POPULATION OF BANGLADESH

**Youth Population in Bangladesh : 47 Million**

**Number of Registered/Enlisted Youth Organization : 22600**

**Trained Youth : 7.1 Million**

**Number of Youth Entrepreneurs: 2.5 million**

**Self Employed : 1.2 Million**







## MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS (MoYS)

The Ministry of Youth and Sports, Bangladesh is responsible for promoting youth wellbeing and their development by providing skill development training, enhancing their knowledge and capacities and giving them loans for establishing small enterprises and businesses. The aim of these activities is to make youth responsible, self-confident, self-reliant and to transform them into disciplined, productive workforce.



# VISION & MISSION OF MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS



**vision**

Skilled Youth Power for National Development & Sports for Good Health and Recreation.



**MISSION**

Formation of efficient and productive youth society through training and excellence in sports at national and international level.



# Major Responsibilities of MoYS Relating to Youth Development

All matters relating to youths - their welfare, training, and prospect

Organization and mobilization of the youths for voluntary participation in the development activities of the country.

Administration of grants-in-aid under specific projects.

Research and study on youths and youth development activities.

Awarding youths for self-employment and welfare-oriented voluntary activities .

Programs to encourage a sense of adventure, responsibility, confidence, and achievement in youths.

Promoting activities for creating employment opportunities for the unemployed and underemployed youths.



**1. National Youth award Policy 2010**

**7. National Youth Council Rules-2021**

**2. Youth organization (Registration) Act 2015**

**6. Youth Welfare Grant Policy-2020**

**3. The Youth Welfare Fund Act, 2016**

**5. Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Youth Development Act, 2018**

**4. National Youth Policy 2017**

**Major  
Legal and  
Policy  
documents**



# Training for Youth Development

Skill Development Training on 83 Modern and Traditional Trades

70 Training Centers

Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Youth Development provides diploma and training on skill development

Every year 0.3 million youths provided with skill development training

Total 7.1 million youths have been provided with skill development training



## Some Projects

Enhancing Capacity of the Department of Youth Development for Training in Information Technology in 64-Districts Project

Employment Creation Through Freelancing Training for the Educated Job Seekers Project

Technology Empowerment Wheels for Underprivileged Rural Young People of Bangladesh (TECUB) Project

Integrated Management of Resources for Poverty Alleviation through Comprehensive Technology (IMPACT) Project

Driving Automation Training Project

Economic Acceleration and Resilience of the NEET (EARN) Project



# National Youth Council

To ensure participation of the youth in policy making and implementing youth-related policies, National Youth Council has been formed with 75 youth representatives.

64 of them are from 64 districts. 11 are nominated from different youth groups.

Out of 75 members 34 are women.

An executive committee of the National Youth Council comprising 27 members has been elected by the General Council members.



# Five Year Plan, SDG and Smart Bangladesh

In the 8th Five Year Plan a target has been set to create 11.33 million new jobs by 2025.

In the SDG (Goal 8.6) the target of reducing the number of NEET youth is 3% by 2030.

Bangladesh has set a goal of 'Smart Bangladesh' - where the target is set to be a developed country by 2041.

To achieve these goals the youth of the country will be the driving force. The Ministry of Youth and Sports are helping the youth population to prepare for the journey towards achieving these desired goals.





Thank You All

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

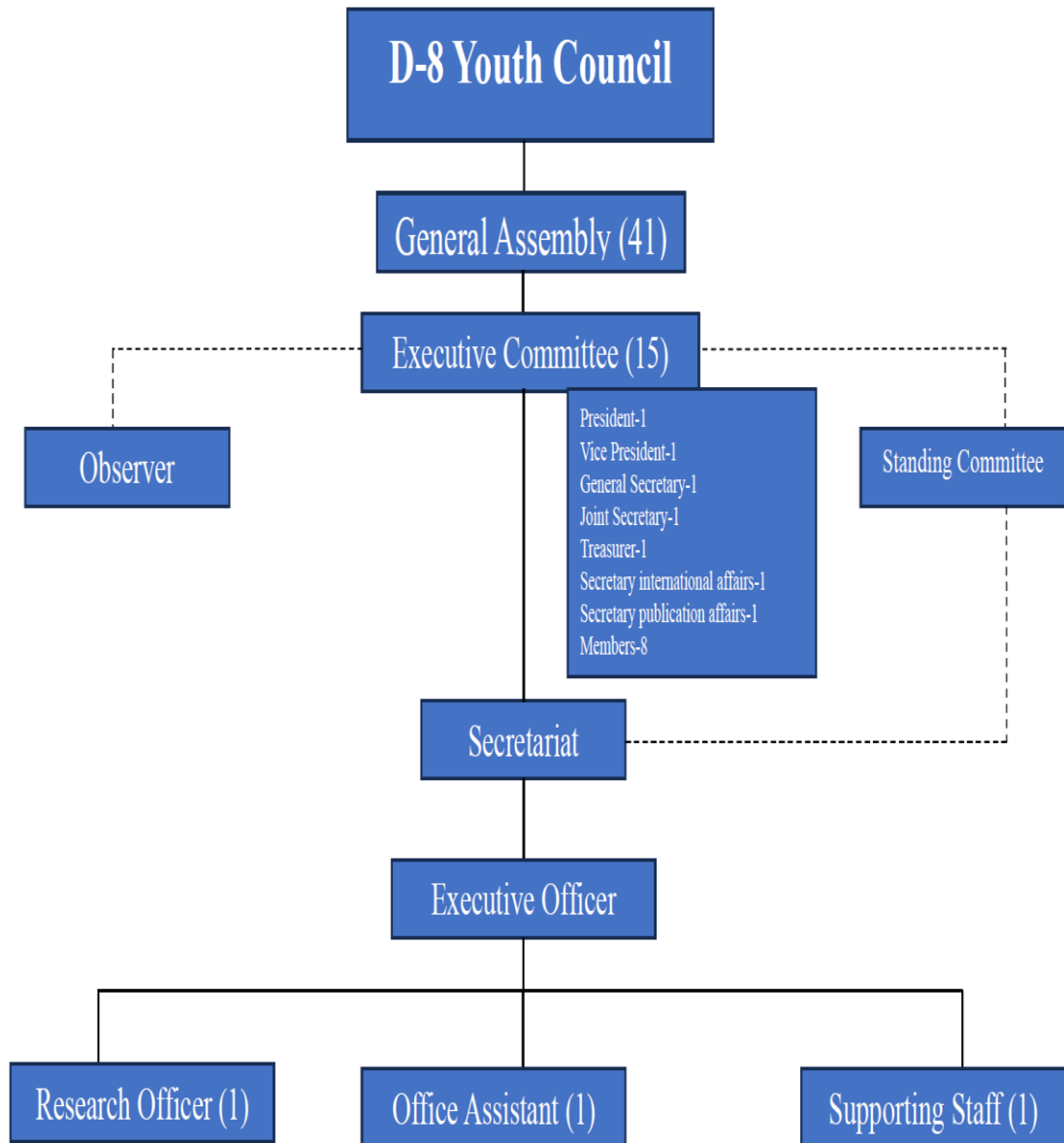
**AT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> D-8 YOUTH SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING**

**DHAKA, 20 MAY 2024**

- Indonesia extends its warmest regards to all participants of the D-8 Youth Ministerial Meeting. As a committed member of the D-8 organization, Indonesia recognizes the pivotal role of youth in shaping the future and driving sustainable development.
- Regrettably, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Indonesian delegation is unable to be present today but will join the meeting tomorrow. We extend our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.
- Indonesia acknowledges the importance of empowering youth to become active agents of change in their communities and beyond. We believe that investing in education, skills development, and entrepreneurship is crucial for unlocking the potential of our youth and fostering innovation-driven growth.
- In line with the D-8's objectives of promoting cooperation and solidarity among member states, Indonesia emphasizes the significance of collaborative efforts in addressing the unique challenges faced by young people today. Issues such as youth unemployment, access to quality education, and social inclusion require collective action and innovative solutions.
- Indonesia reaffirms its commitment to supporting initiatives that promote youth empowerment, leadership development, and cross-cultural exchange within the D-8 framework. We are dedicated to working closely with our fellow member states to create an enabling environment where young people can thrive and contribute meaningfully to society.
- In conclusion, Indonesia looks forward to fruitful discussions and collaborative endeavors that will advance the agenda of youth empowerment and sustainable development within the D-8 organization.



## Overview of the D-8 Youth Council





# Constitution of the D-8 Youth Council

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## **PREAMBLE**

The Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation “D-8” was established on June 15, 1997, with a vision to synergize the economic endeavors of eight developing countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey. The objectives of this global organization are to improve member states’ positions in the global economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at the international level, and improve the standards of living of their respective citizens and the group populace.

Youths are the vital force behind development. They have the skills and capacity to make a positive change in the world. Youth and adults are looking for strategies that can be involved in meaningful roles in the policy and decision-making process. Moreover, young people’s participation and leadership must be harnessed and mobilized strategically to contribute to civic stability and good governance, which are essential building blocks for a better environment for investment and innovation. The total population of D-8 member states is about 1.1 billion, which is close to 1/7th of the world’s total population. On average, 30% of its total population. These youth include rural youth., student youth, political youth, religious youth, economic youth, art and cultural youth, volunteer youth, unskilled youth, illiterate youth, disabled youth, orphan youth, sporting youth, etc. To promote all categories of youth in D-8 member countries, the 10th D-8 summit was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 5 April 2021, with the theme “Partnership in a Transformative World: Harnessing the Power of Youth and Technology.”

The 10th D-8 summit emphasized national policy constitution, reflection of the voice of youth, ensuring women's empowerment, and sustainable transformation through entrepreneurship, focusing on soft skills and leadership skills.

To create a dedicated youth hub in D-8 countries, sharing expertise and experience through youth networking is required. For this purpose, a D-8 Youth Council is needed to establish and will be responsible for implementing the youth development agenda under the rules, constitutions, provisions, and policies of D-8 Economic Co-operation.

## **Article -1: Name of the Council**

The name of the council will be D-8 Youth Council which is hereinafter referred to as DYC.

## **Article -2: VISION AND MISSION OF THE COUNCIL**

### **Vision:**

To empower and connect young people among the D-8 member states for their better life.

### **Mission:**

1. To establish youth in every sphere of life by developing their capacities and ensuring empowerment.
2. To engage the young people in skill development, innovation and technological advancement of the member states.

## **Article-3: OBJECTIVES**

The DYC will work to achieve the following objectives:

- I. To build a consolidated platform and network for youths in the member states.
- II. To promote effective cooperation among the youth councils/youth organizations of the member states.
- III. To facilitate and increase communication between the youth and other related organizations by strengthening networking and knowledge sharing among different stakeholders.
- IV. To develop short, medium, long term, programs, projects, plan, policies regarding the youth welfare of the member states.
- V. To enhance the implementation of youth development policies in member states.
- VI. To conduct general research on priority issues for youth development in D-8 member countries.
- VII. To introduce special scholarships in different youth development areas among the D-8 member states.

The DYC at all levels will work to ensure appropriate safeguarding measures protect vulnerable youth or persons at risk involved in the process.

## **Article-4: Registered office and Location of the Council**

The registered office and secretariat shall be located in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in consultation with the D-8 secretariat.

The office of the DYC will work with the D-8 member states as an affiliated body in accordance with the D-8 rules, policies and guidelines.

## **Article- 5: Legal Status**

The Council shall be a non-profit organization, and none of its net income or network shall be used for the personal benefit of its members. The executive committee shall prepare memoranda, protocols, and other legal instruments of the organization. The Council shall use its own logo, subject to the approval of the D-8 Secretariat.

## **Status of DYC**

The D-8 Youth Council is a D-8 youth network for stakeholders to amplify the voices and experiences of young people and to harness and expand their expertise, strength, and ideas to promote youth work.

The operation of the DYC shall, in all respects, be administered in compliance with the D-8 constitution, rules, policies, procedures, and practices.

## **Article-6: Nature of the Council**

The D-8 Youth council will be an affiliate body of the D-8.

## **Article-7: Advisory Committee of the Council**

I) The DYC Advisory Committee will be composed of eight members supporting the work of the council. One member from each member states.

II) The committee will be formed to coordinate and facilitate government cooperation in the respective countries, as well as support the work of the

national youth council executives and other national youth bodies of the member states.

The member of the advisory committee will be nominated by the ministry of youth and sports affair of the respective member states.

## **Article-8: General Assembly of DYC**

The D-8 Youth Council General Assembly shall consist of 41 members (18–35 years of age) regardless of their ethnic origin, color, sex, gender, disability, special needs, marital status, language, or religion from the member states. General Assembly member of the council will be nominated by the Ministry of Youth and Sports/Ministry of Youth Affairs of the Member States.

The Member of DYC General Assembly will be drawn from organizations representing the following categories from each member state:

National Youth Council / National Youth Body (One from each member states)	1x8	08
Intergovernmental organization (One member from each member states)	1x8	08
Academic Institutions (One member from each member states)	1x8	08
Youth organizations (One member from each member states)	1x8	08
Advisory Member (One Official from each member state)	1x8	08
D-8 special Envoy from host country (Bangladesh)	01	01
Total		41

At least two-fifths of the members of the General Assembly shall make a quorum.

General Assembly is the highest decision maker body of DYC.

## **Article -9: Observance of the DYC**

The DYC shall form an observance committee consisting of one person from each of the member states. The DYC secretariat may invite representatives from organizations that have specific subject-matter expertise relating to the work of the secretariat. All representatives shall be recognized as observers.



1. Observers shall have the opportunity to attend the council’s general assembly and other events.
2. Observers may recommend or support the candidates of the council member but shall have no voting rights.
3. Observers shall only take part on the floor at the invitation of the president of the DYC.

## **Article- 10: Membership Application Form**

The General Assembly shall empower the D-8 Youth Council CEC (Central Executive Committee) to develop an application form and procedure with relevant issues. A standardized form and online application process will be developed by the secretariat. Membership approval will be based on an assessment, a due diligence process.

## **Article-11: Review, Suspension and withdrawal of the membership**

A member or observer may withdraw from DYC at any time, giving written notification addressing the president of the council, or may be terminated if any subversive activities are done by the member. It should be recognized by the General Assembly.

## **Article-12: DYC Executive Committee**

The DYC Executive Committee shall be consisted of 15 members elected by voting of General Assembly member of the council. The Electoral board, election and voting rights stated at article-17. The structure of the executive committee having following posts.

President	1
Vice President	1
General Secretary	1
Joint Secretary	1
Treasurer	1
Secretary international affairs	1
Secretary publication affairs	1
Member (One member from each member states)	8
Total	15

The functions and powers of the DYC Executive Committee shall include the following:

- a. The Executive Committee will prepare the agenda for the General Assembly.
- b. The Executive Committee will propose a program of work for the council and a corresponding budget estimated by the executive officer or as it considers desirable to the General Assembly.
- c. The Executive Committee Regular activities on the aim and objectives of the DYC or as defined by the General Assembly.

## **Duty Charter:**

### **President**

- i) The DYC president shall perform the functions of the president.
- ii) Preside over the meeting of DYC in coordination with the member states.
- iii) The President shall be responsible for the execution of the DYC's program and also as adopted by the General Assembly through D-8 secretariat.

### **Vice president**

- i) Shall cooperate and assist the President of DYC.
- ii) In absence of President he/she shall perform the duties of the President.

### **General Secretary:**

- i) General Secretary shall manage administrative process.
- ii) Shall prepare draft agenda of meeting of DYC.
- iii) Arrange and conduct meeting with the consultation of the President.
- iv) Preserves all records, documents of DYC.
- v) Responsible for co-ordination and co-operation with all members.

### **Joint Secretary**

Provide support to the Secretary and any other duties assigned by the President of DYC.

### **Treasurer:**

Prepare a bi-annual budget and submit it to the DYC executive meeting; conduct expenditures, keeping all financial records and documents; and submit all expenditure records to the general assembly for post-approval.

The executive committee's operation, protocol, and prerogatives will be subject to the TOR as defined.

### **Secretary International Affairs**

Will be responsible for international communication. Build a network among the member states of the youth organization.

### **Secretary Publication Affairs**

Will be responsible for all kinds of documentation, including preparing and publishing periodical journals, magazines, bulletins, newsletters, website etc.

### **Executive Member:**

The executive members will be responsible for the overall conduct of the affairs of the council in their respective member states. In addition, any specific responsibility given by the CEC will be liable for implementation.

## **Article -13: Youth Delegates of the General Assembly**

- i) Youth from the D-8 member states will be the delegates to the DYC general assembly.
- ii) A youth-led organization may nominate an interested candidate to be a part of the delegation, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the member states.
- iii) Where the National Youth Council / National Youth Body exists in a country, the council shall designate the national delegation through appropriate authority.
- iv) The head of the department of youth development in each member state or the representative shall automatically be a part of the national delegation of the DYC with observer status.
- v) The Minister of youth affairs or the representative of the government shall automatically be a part of the national delegation of the DYC with observer status.

vi) The General Assembly is the highest decision-maker when convened as quorum and due to meet biannually.

vii) The General Assembly holds the right to make decisions on the electoral board, General Assembly, financial budget approval, and/or any relevant subject matter of interest beneficial to DYC.

## **Article -14: Standing Committee**

1. DYC shall establish a standing committee on thematic issues of the council, which shall support the council in all technical operations and practical works, including innovation, transformation, democracy, education and skills, youth employment and entrepreneurship, peacebuilding, respect and mutual understanding, health and wellbeing, sports for development and peace, tourism and culture, children, and disability issues.
2. The committee shall submit a progress report about their activities every two years to the general assembly.
3. The standing committee operations, protocol, and prerogative will be subject to the TOR (Terms of Reference) as defined.

## **Article -15: Secretariat and Appointment of the Officer and Staff**

1. The D-8 youth council shall establish its permanent secretariat in the host country.
2. The Secretariat will recruit executive officer and such staff as may be required as far as resources allow, all of whom shall be persons ranging in age from 18 to 35 years, or in accordance with employment law in the respective country.
3. The executive officer will submit a report to the president of the council.
4. The executive officer will be accountable for the efficient and effective management of the council as well as for the promotion of the interests of the council and communication with DYC member's observance, the executive committee, standing committee, electoral board, arbitrators, working group, and partners.
5. The DYC executive officer will be responsible for office management and international communication.
6. The DYC executive officer will serve under a contract that will be signed by the President on behalf of the DYC. Cancellation of the contract will require prior notice from both sides.

## **Article-16: Meeting and Quorum of the DYC**

1. The quorum of the Executive Committee of DYC shall be in the one-third presence of the executive members.
2. The general assembly shall hold a general meeting every two years. A special session shall be convened by the President of the council at the request of the two-third majority of the delegation in writing.
3. The general meeting of the General Assembly meetings shall be held at the venue of the host country unless otherwise determined by the General Assembly.

## **Article -17: Election and voting rights**

1. Voting rights and election of the executive and delegation shall be prescribed in the DYC manual.
2. Voting shall be by secret ballot via physical or secure online mechanism.
3. The president of the DYC shall rotate in alphabetical order among the member states.
4. No Country shall hold an elected position of the council for two consecutive terms.
5. There shall be a transition period of three (3) months before the new executive assumes office after election at the executive committee. At the end of three (3) months the new executive shall officially assume the charge.
6. **Electoral Board:**

Electoral Board shall be made by General Assembly of DYC-

### **Electoral Board Consisting of five (05) members:**

Chairman-1

Secretary -1

Member – 3

The DYC will make electoral constitution and duties of the Electoral Board which will contain:

- a. The composition and duties of the electoral board.
- b. Appoint and function of the members of the electoral board.
- c. Selection of the chairman and secretary of the electoral board.
- d. Such other related matter.

## **7. Arbitrators to the council**

- a) There shall be a panel of arbitrators of the council appointed by the host government of the DYC and approved by a simple majority of the general assembly.
- b) The panel of arbitrators shall consist of three (3) youth 18–35 years of age from three member states who will be selected based on merit and relevant expertise.
- c) The arbitrators appointed will be independent and impartial without any direct or indirect conflict of interest, maintaining ethics and integrity at all times.

## **Article -18: Assets and Property of the Council**

The DYC and DYC executives have the responsibility for all properties of the council and shall ensure that assets and resources are used only for their designated purposes.

## **Article -19: Finance and budget of the council**

1. The budget shall be administered by the secretariat of the council in accordance with D-8 standards of accounting and accountability.
2. The General Assembly shall approve and give final effect to the budget and to the appointment of financial responsibility among the members of the council, subject to such arrangements with the D-8 and other partners as may be provided in the agreement to be entered into within the confines of the constitution.
3. The council may accept voluntary contributions, donations, bequests and subventions directly from governments, public and private institutions, associations and private persons philanthropic institutions, subject to conditions specified in the financial constitutions.
4. Each Member State shall support the Council with annual Fees (The amount/fees will be decided as per negotiation with D-8).

## **Article -20: Expenses of Delegates**

1. Each delegation of its government and institution shall bear the expenses of sending its national delegation to the General Assembly for any activities of the council. Where it may participate to represent the voices of your people at important D-8 youth activities.
2. The council shall raise funds or otherwise may seek funding to support delegations subject to availability of funds.

## **Article- 21: Audit and Accounts**

1. The executive shall appoint a qualified person or organization to be the auditor of the D-8 Youth Council.
2. The report of the audited accounts of the council shall be submitted to the general assembly and before accepting the report it shall require an approval of simple majority of the delegations present.

## **Article -22: Communication and Confidential Information**

1. Prolocutor

Any interactions with the media relating to the council and constituents shall be undertaken solely by persons appointed by the executive committee.

2. Publications

DYC activities, development of technical materials, documents, and policy papers shall be published regularly, which will reflect the views and stated policy of the DYC, but shall not be produced without the approval of executive committee of the DYC.

## **Article -23: D-8 Youth Council Website:**

The D-8 Youth Council will have a webpage that will be housed within D-8 youth's domain. The webpage will include a list of participant entities subject to their consent.

## **Article- 24: Amendment of the Constitution**

The terms of reference may be amended from time to time as per the needs of the DYC secretariat. A proposal for amendments to this constitution shall become effective upon receiving the approval of the General Assembly by a two-thirds majority of the council.

## **Article -25: Dissolution**

1. Members of the council may decide to dissolve the council through a decision taken at the general assembly by a three-quarters (75%) majority of the delegation of the council.
2. Any assets owned by the council at the time of dissolution shall be transferred to the host country's treasury or shall be transferred anywhere in consultation with the D-8 secretariat.

## **Article- 26: Adoption of the Constitution**

1. The constitution shall be subject to adoption.
2. This constitution shall remain open for signature at the inaugural DYC general assembly.
3. The DYC executive officer shall send a certified copy of the text to each of the delegations, members, and affiliated observers of DYC.
4. This constitution shall come into force when it is accepted by the delegation of simple majority of the member countries.
5. We, the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have signed this constitution on behalf of our young people in the D-8 member states.



# Digital Skills for Smart Generation

Empowering Youth for a Smart Bangladesh

# Human Capital Development

Human Capital Development is the most things for Bangladesh now. Here are the reasons,



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4th Industrial  
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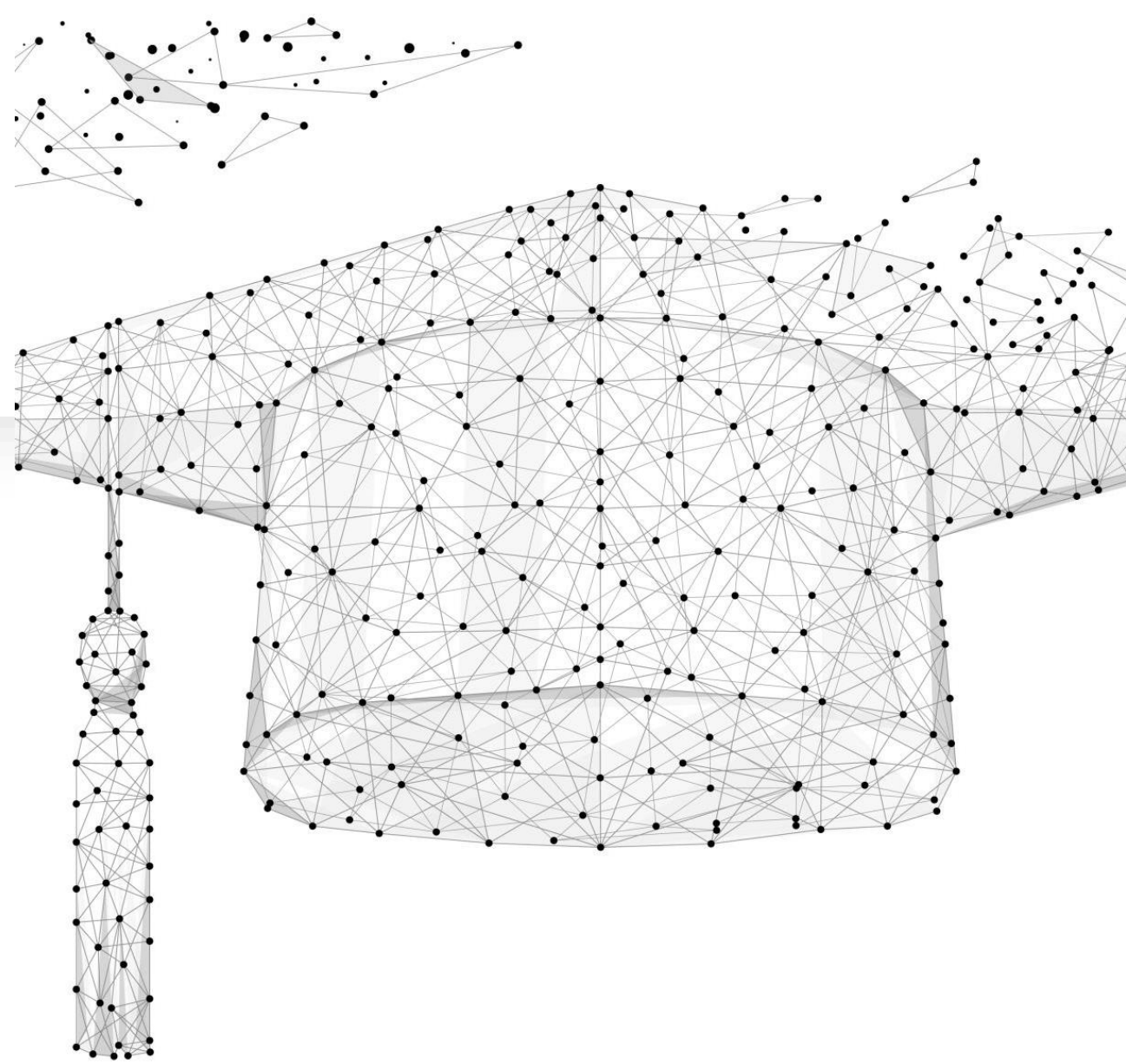
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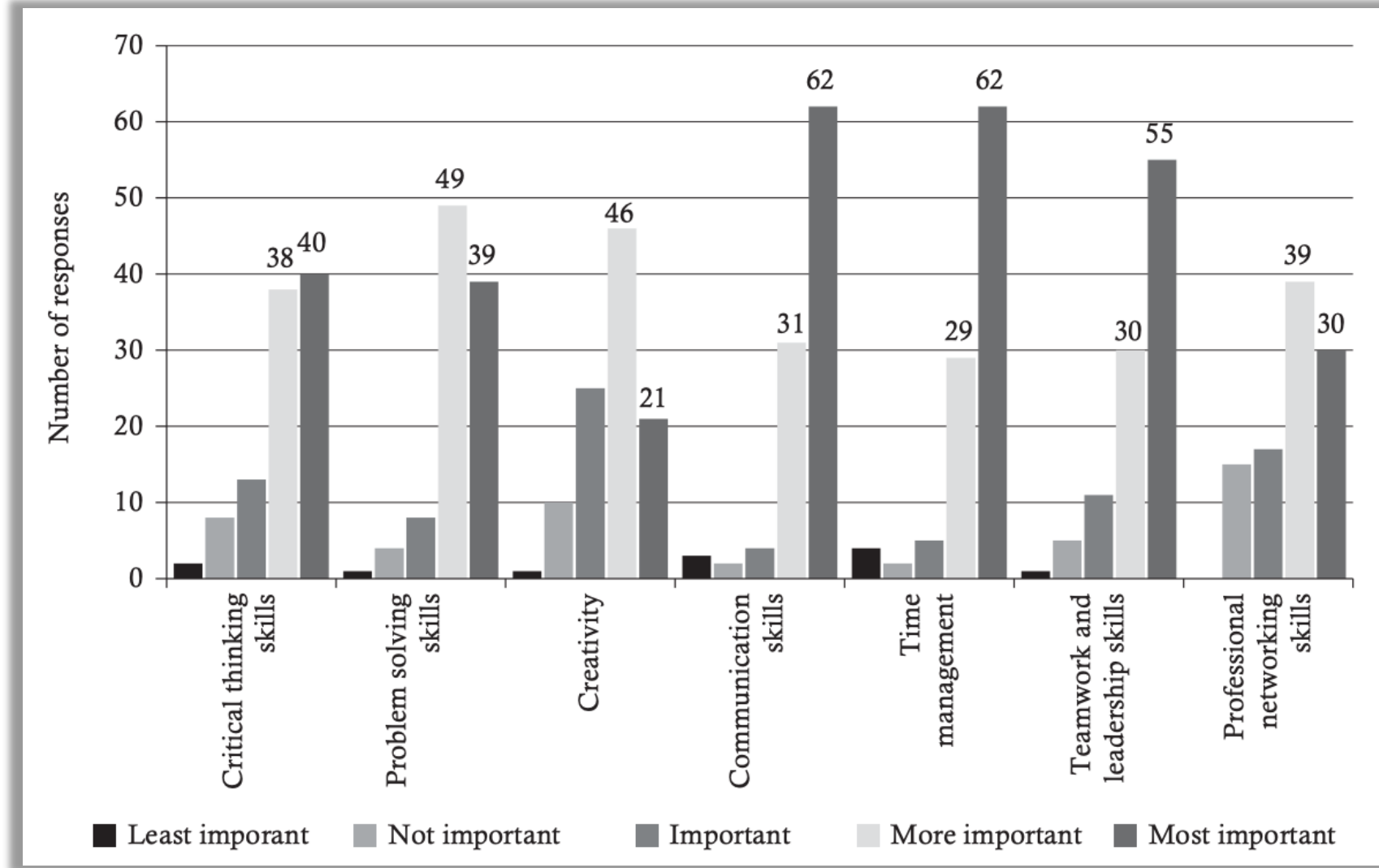
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# Challenges and Opportunities

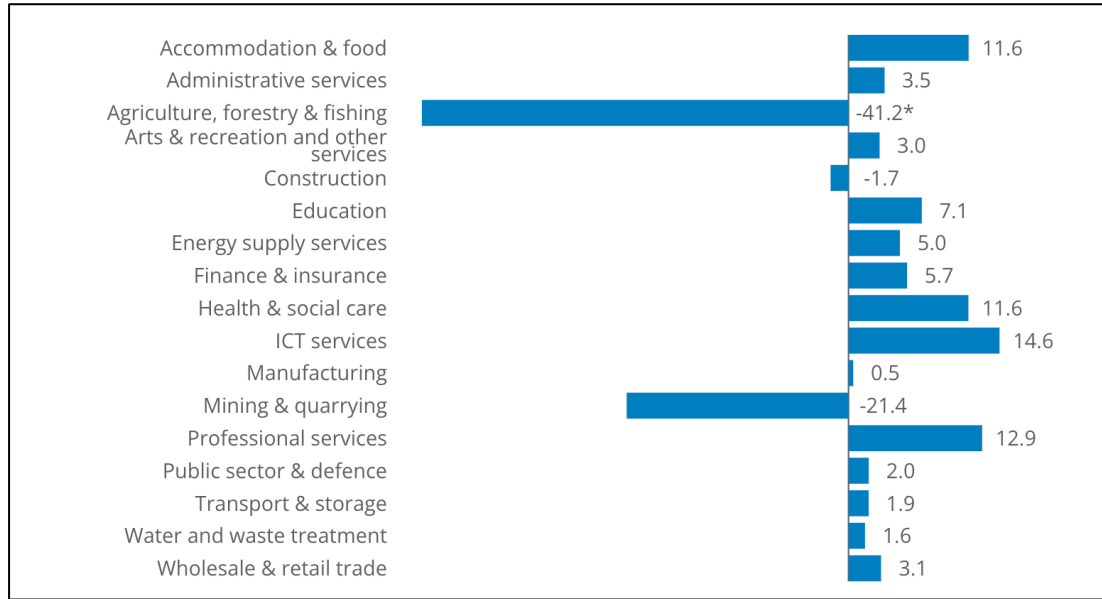
- Skill gap between education and industry needs.
- Unequal access to technology and training resources across the country.
- Need for targeted skill development programs for youth.
- Opportunity to create a digitally empowered generation.



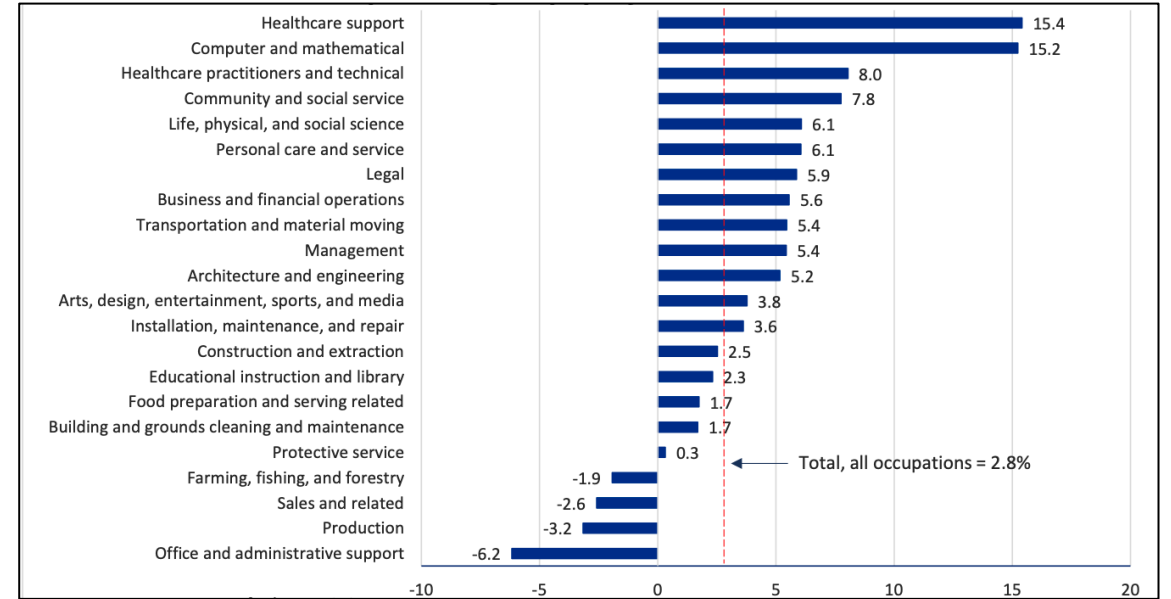
# Soft Skills Considered the Most Important by Employers in Bangladesh



# The nature of jobs is changing over time



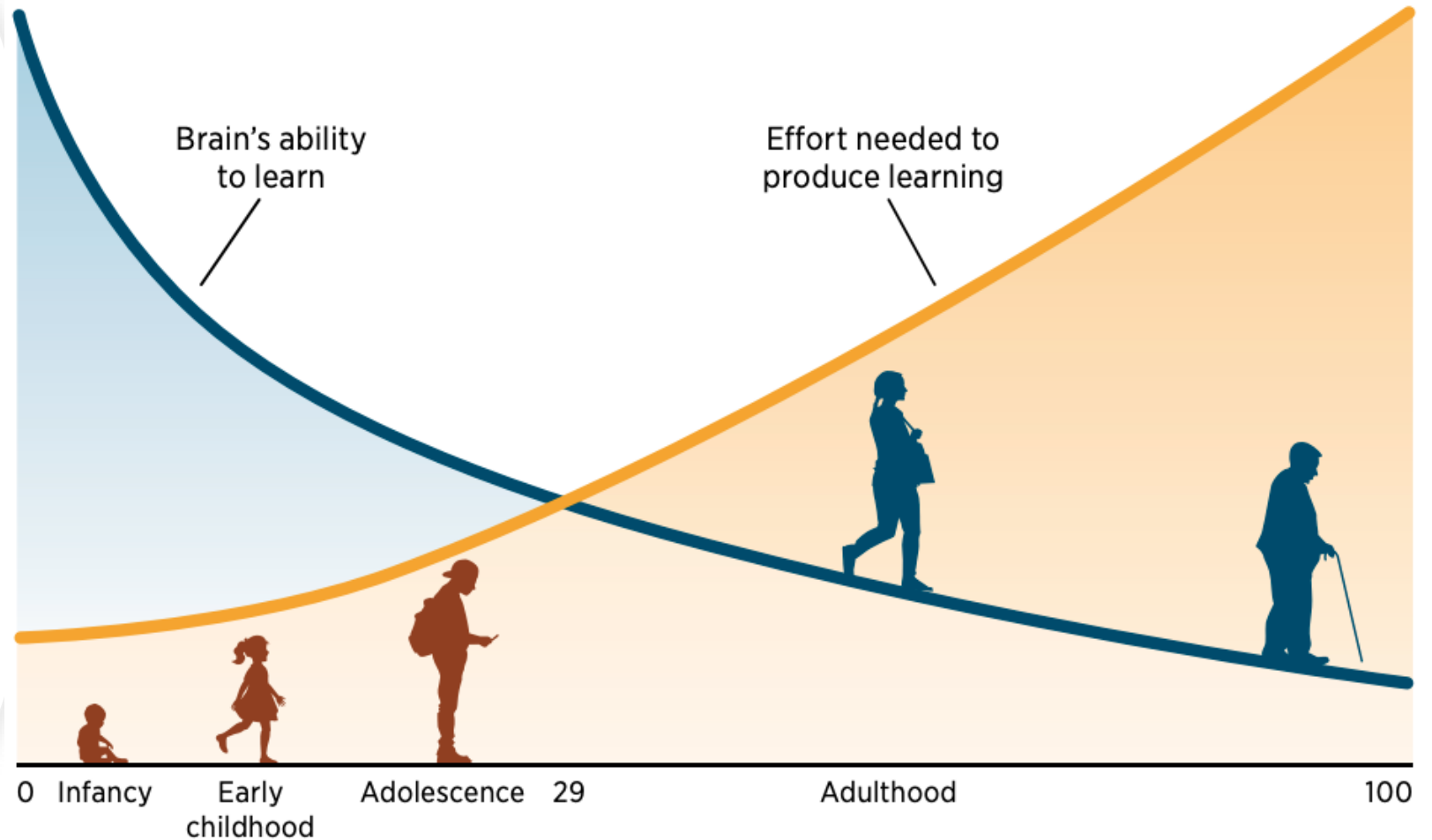
Future employment growth (%) by sectors in EU27 in 2022-2035



Future employment growth (%) by sectors in US in 2022-2032

## Why Youth?

- The urgency for Bangladesh to capitalize on its youthful population before the dependency ratio shifts with aging.
- The brain's ability to learn from experience decreases with age.



# HOW 4IR IS SHAPING THE JOB LANDSCAPE



## **New Job Roles:**

Entirely new professions are appearing that focus on developing, managing, and interacting with these recent technologies. This could include AI ethicists, data analysts specializing in AI-generated data, or robotics engineers.



## **Shifting Skillsets:**

While some jobs may be automated, many will transform. Workers will need to adapt by developing new skills to complement technology, such as critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving.

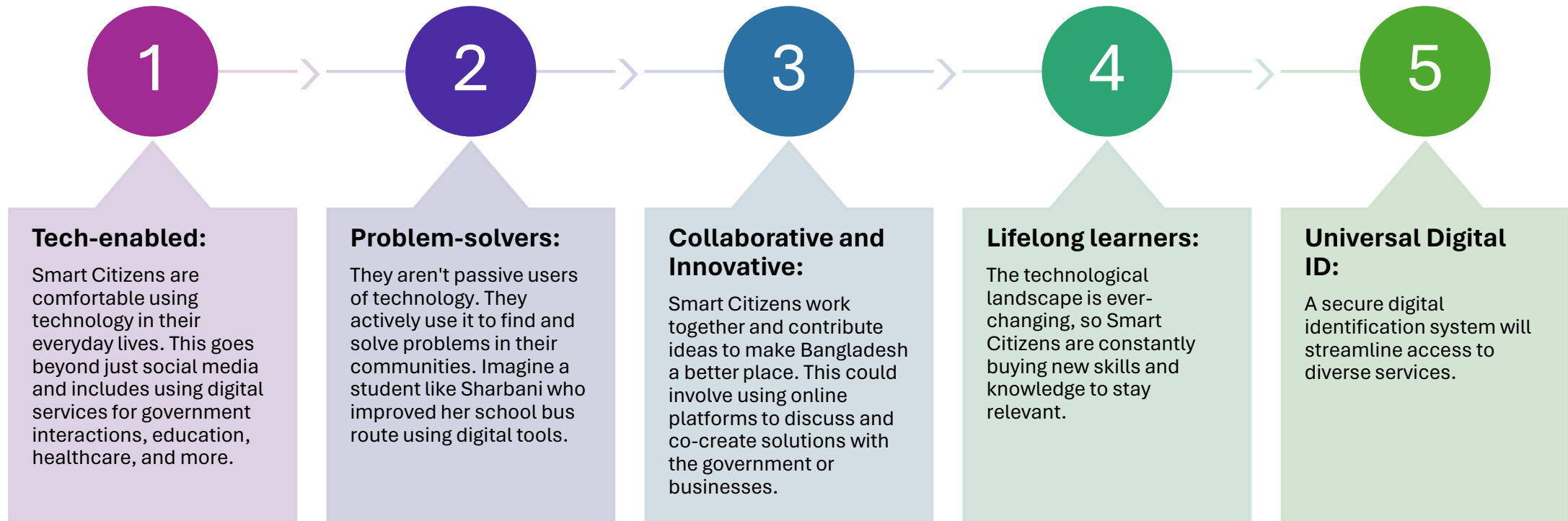


## **Globalized Opportunities:**






The rise of remote work and the interconnectedness fostered by 4IR technologies opens doors for individuals to find work across geographical borders. This can be particularly beneficial for those in developing economies.

# The vision of **Smart Bangladesh** by **2041**

The vision of Smart Bangladesh by 2041 hinges on having a population of empowered and tech-savvy citizens, or "**SMART CITIZENS**" as they're called. They are a crucial pillar alongside Smart Government, Smart Economy, and Smart Society. Here's what defines a Smart Citizen in Bangladesh's vision:





Smart Citizens	
<p>Estonia</p> 	<p><b>Estonia eID</b> - Digital ID streamlines access to e-commerce, banking, govt services etc.</p> <p><b>People's Assembly policy crowdsourcing</b> - Crowdsourcing process allowing the Estonian people to make recommendations and deliberate on democratic reform and policy change</p>
<p>Australia</p> 	<p><b>Digital transformation agency (DTA)</b> – Central Governance body for national citizen centric digitalization agenda</p> <p><b>ICT focused primary and secondary curriculum</b> – 10 years of awareness and usage training embedded in education</p>
<p>Vietnam</p> 	<p><b>Universal smartphone program</b> - Program launched in 2020 aiming to achieve 100% smartphone penetration</p>
<p>Singapore</p> 	<p><b>Skills Future Singapore</b> - defines sectoral skills framework, national open skilling portal</p> <p>SG Digital Campaign – Optimism centered campaign with target groups like Hawkers Go Digital, Seniors Go Digital</p>
<p>India</p> 	<p><b>Aadhaar</b> - world's most advanced biometric authentication ID</p> <p><b>NASSCOM Future Skills Prime</b> - Accelerated industry-led skilling for 10 emerging and futuristic technologies for citizens</p>



Benchmark of Smart Citizens which needs to be followed to develop the strategy

# What are Digital Skills?



Ability to use digital tools and technologies effectively.



Includes areas like communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and information literacy.



Essential for success in the digital age.

# Benefits of Digital Skills



Increased employability and career opportunities.



Improved communication and collaboration skills.



Enhanced critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.



Greater access to information and resources.

# Strength of Bangladesh

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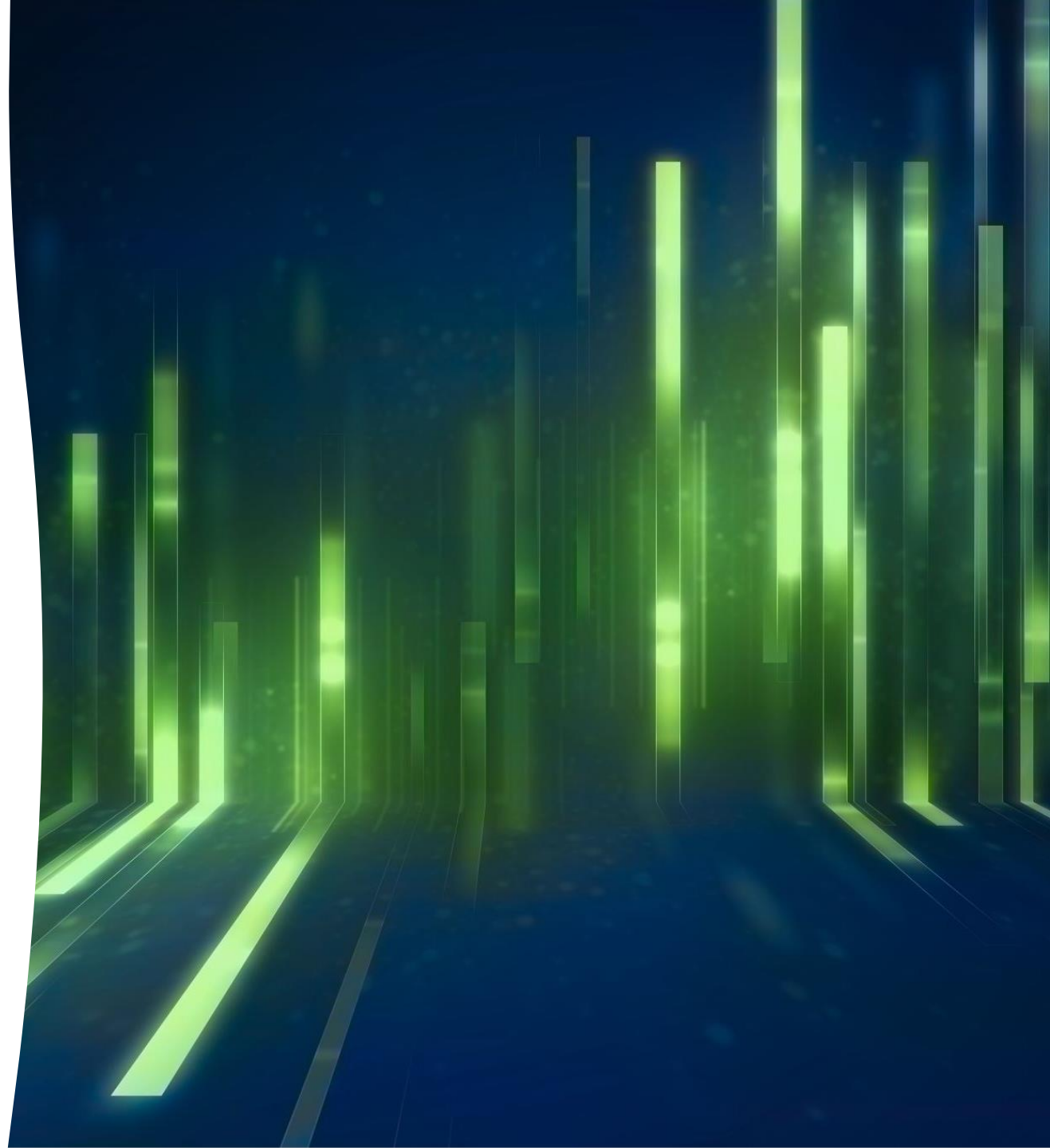
Government has already achieved the target in digital literacy.  
(by the Digital Bangladesh Vision 2021)

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Increased internet penetration and cell phone usage.

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Growing demand for digitally skilled workforce.



# DIGITAL BANGLADESH



**1400USD million+**  
Domestic market size



**40%**  
Growth in domestic market 2010-2018



**1000USD million+**  
Export income in 2019



**21%**  
Growth in Export 2013-2019



**22%**  
Forecasted growth in domestic market size 2018-2025



**4500**  
IT /ITES firms



**750000+**  
ICT professionals



**650000+**  
Registered freelances



**300USD million**  
BPO market size 2018



**71%**  
Growth in BPO services 2012-2018



**2500USD million+**  
Ecommerce market size 2020



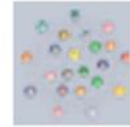
**3600USD million+**  
Estimated Ecommerce market size in 2023



**180USD million+**  
Wireless phone subscribers September 2021



**128USD million+**  
Internet users September 2021



**62million**  
Engaged in social network 2021



**68million+**  
Smart phone users 2020



**40million**  
No. of active mobile financial account



9th highest mobile phone subscribers in the world



9th highest internet users in the world



29 Hi-Tech parks for IT/ITes Industries



Highest levels of 4G coverage by population (95%) in South Asia with 5G implementation set to begin in 2021



4th cheapest mobile data among South Asian countries and 18th cheapest mobile data in the world

# Building a Digitally Skilled Workforce



Focus on STEM education  
(Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Mathematics)



Programs like ICT Skill  
Development Project by  
Ministry of ICT.



Public-private  
partnerships for skill  
training initiatives.



Collaboration with  
educational institutions  
and industry leaders.

# Empowering Young Minds



Ministry's programs focusing on digital literacy and skills. (e.g., Youth Innovation Lab)



Creating awareness and providing training opportunities for young people.



Encouraging youth participation in the digital economy.



Fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

# Building a Collaborative Ecosystem

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01

NEED FOR  
COLLABORATION  
BETWEEN  
GOVERNMENT,  
INDUSTRY, AND  
EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS.

02

IMPORTANCE OF  
PRIVATE SECTOR  
INVESTMENT IN  
SKILL  
DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMS.

03

ROLE OF NGOS  
AND CIVIL SOCIETY  
ORGANIZATIONS IN  
PROMOTING  
DIGITAL  
INCLUSION.

04

COLLECTIVE  
ACTION FOR A  
DIGITALLY SKILLED  
FUTURE.



# Thank you

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# Prime Minister's Youth Programme

## Non Formal Education in Pakistan

Dr. Muhammad Ali Malik  
Deputy Secretary, PMYP  
Prime Minister's Office, Pakistan

# Context

- ▶ Pakistan is the fifth most populous country in the world (241 million) and has largest generation of young people ever recorded in national history- 70% under 30 years.
- ▶ Large disparities exist among the youth demographic, Education remains a major challenge – OOSC 26 million
- ▶ Pakistan is one of the five most affected countries by climate change in 21st century.



# Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP)

PMYP was founded in 2013. The programme's vision is to provide quality education, decent employment, meaningful engagement, and foster a deep respect for the environment among the youth through integrated, dynamic, and sustainable youth-centred initiatives. Its areas of focus include: Education, Employment, Engagement, Environment.



Prime Minister's  
Youth Programme

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE – 4Es

### EDUCATION

- Prime Minister's Youth Skills Development Programme

- Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme

- Pakistan Education Endowment Fund



### EMPLOYMENT



- PM's Youth Business and Agriculture Loan Scheme

- PM's National Innovation Award

- Prime Minister's IT Startups & Venture Capital Initiatives

### ENGAGEMENT

- PM's Sports Talent Hunt & Sports League Programme

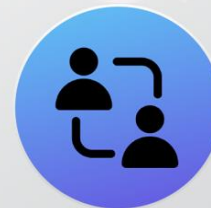
- National Youth Council

- Digital Youth Hub

- Sports Development/Endowment Fund

- Women's Empowerment Initiative

- Prime Minister's Sports Academies



### ENVIRONMENT



- Prime Minister's Green Youth Movement

- Green Revolution 2.0

- Renewable and green energy investment

# Initiatives By Government Of Pakistan

- ▶ Non-Formal Basic Education Schools (NFBES)
- ▶ Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) – NFEMIS
- ▶ Flexible And Needs-based Educational System
- ▶ Adult Literacy Centers (ALCs)



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# Recent Developments

- ▶ Declaration of Education Emergency by the Prime Minister
- ▶ Establishment of Out of School Children Fund
- ▶ Increased allocations in federal & provincial budgets for education



Prime Minister's  
**Youth Programme**

# Enhancing the Scope of NFE Interventions

- ▶ Volunteerism- National Volunteer Corps
- ▶ Prime Minister's Skills Development Programme
- ▶ Green Youth Movement



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**Youth Programme**



# GYM Clubs



GYM clubs developed in  
130+ public universities  
across Pakistan.



Each GYM club consists of:

- Captain
- Vice captain
- Thematic lead
- Treasurer
- Other members



Students will be trained in:  
Global Citizenship  
education, leadership and  
climate action.



Once trained the youth will  
do youth led actions in:

- Agriculture and forestry
- Liquid and solid waste  
management
- Water conservation
- Renewable energy
- Eco tourism

# Way Forward

- ▶ Sharing of knowledge, expertise and best practices among D8 members
- ▶ Collaboration and partnerships among G2G, G2B and B2B among D8 members
- ▶ More engagement among young people of D8 members



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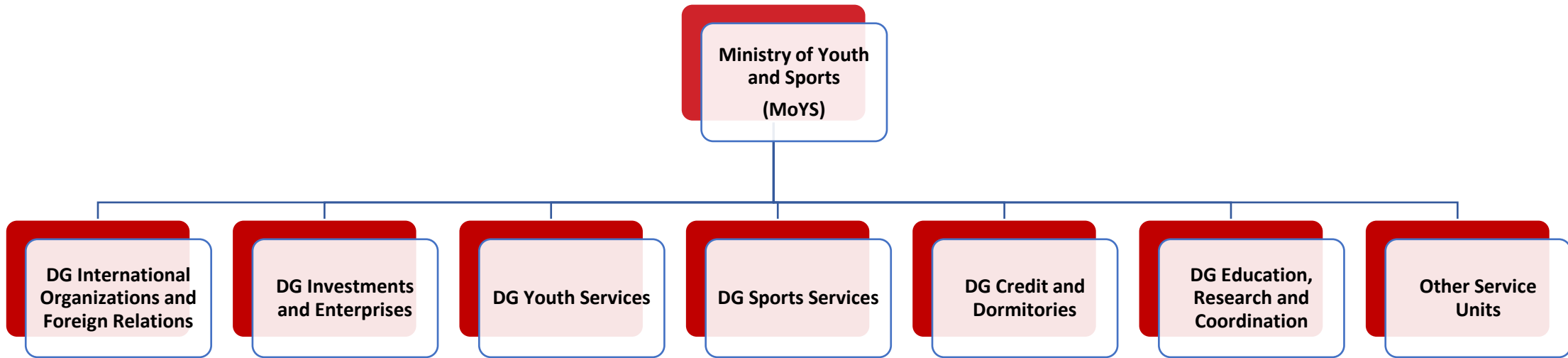


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**Ministry of Youth and Sports  
of the Republic of Türkiye**

# › ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





# ➤ **FIELDS OF ACTIVITY**

## **Youth Services**

- Youth Centers
- Youth Camps
- Social and Cultural Activities
- Youth Work
- Youth Events

## **Education, Research and Coordination**

- Education and Counselling Work
- Volunteerism Work
- Project Support
- Publications and Programs
- Addictions

## **Credit and Dormitory Services**

- Accommodation
- Education
- Credit and Scholarship

## **Sports Services**

- Sports Training
- Sports Clubs and Federations
- School Sports
- Sports Events
- Training Athletes

# ➤ YOUTH SERVICES



## Youth Centers





## Youth Center Academies

- Personal Development Workshop
- Innovation Workshop
- Fine Arts Workshop
- Values Workshop
- Social Sciences Workshop
- Language Education Workshop
- Religious Studies Workshop
- Healthy life and Sports Workshop



## Youth Center Clubs

- Social and Cultural Activities Club/My Center is Everywhere
- Fine Arts Club
- Science and Technology Club
- Healthy life and Sports Club
- Volunteerism Club





## *Youth Offices*

As of May, 2024, there are 366 Youth Offices, which are:

- 131 Youth Offices within the universities,
- 105 Youth Offices within the dormitories
- 48 MoNE Youth Offices
- 58 Neighborhood Youth Offices, and
- 24 Youth Offices within fitness centers.

# Youth Camps





## Sea Camps

Sea Camps include swimming, badminton, yachting trip, street games, social and cultural trips, theatre, music, volleyball, basketball, football, book reading activity, folk games, handicraft activities, trainings and personal development seminars.



## Nature Camps

Nature camps include climbing wall, canoeing, mountain cycling, orienteering, archery, equestrian, mini golf, paintball, rafting, football, volleyball, basketball, street games, social and cultural trips, theatre, folk games, handicraft activities, trainings and personal development seminars.



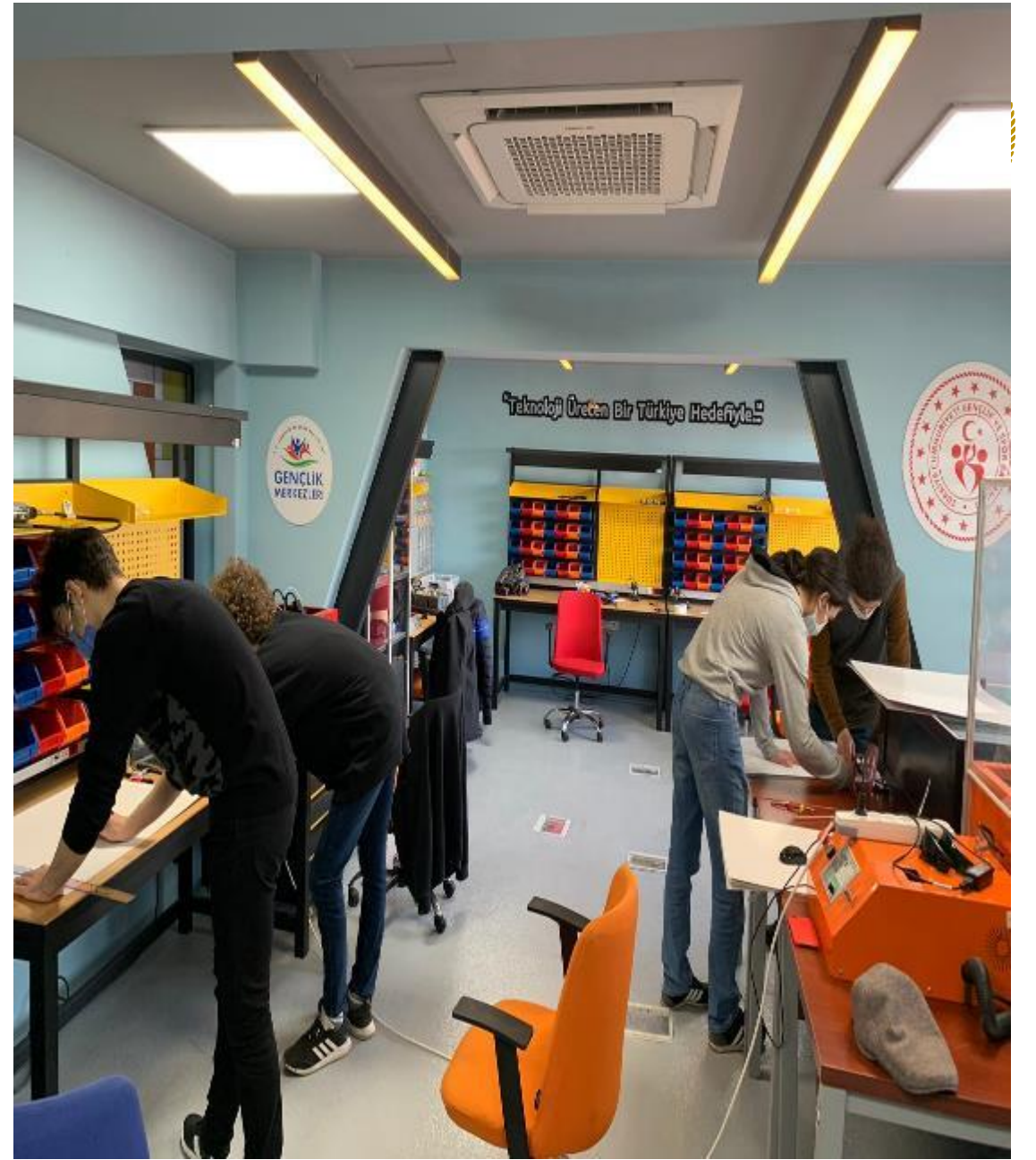
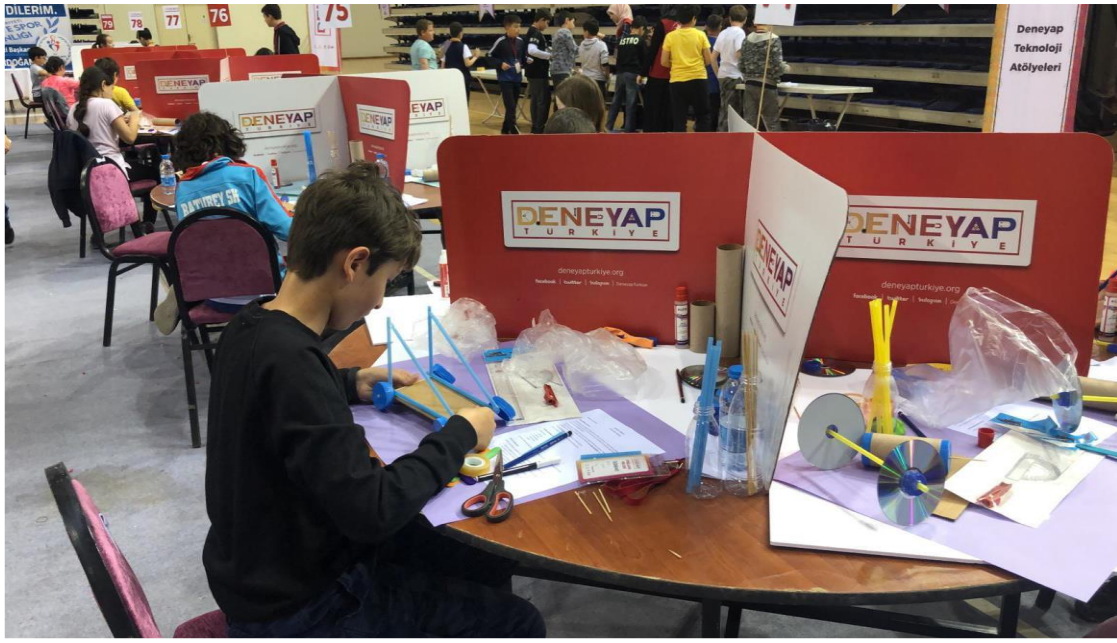


# ICYF International Youth Camps



## Deneyap Workshops





## Gençkod (Code Name 2023)





# Teknofest 2023



T.C. GENÇLİK VE  
SPOR BAKANLIĞI

## TEKNOFEST'TE *Gençlik Merkezleri Rüzgarı!*



### MAKEATHON DERECE ALAN TAKIMLAR



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ORTAOKUL KATEGORİSİ-BİRİNCİ



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DİYARBAKIR BAĞLAR GENÇLİK MERKEZİ  
ORTAOKUL KATEGORİSİ-ÜÇÜNCÜ

### DENEYAP FİKİR MARATONU DERECE ALAN TAKIMLAR



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# Youth Projects Support Program



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**GENÇLİK PROJELERİ  
DESTEK PROGRAMI**





## UPSHIFT Program





***Thank you  
Rahmat.***

## **DRAFT**

### **Dhaka Declaration on Youth**

**the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Youth Ministers of the D-8 Member States**

**Dhaka, Bangladesh, 21 May 2024**

We, the Ministers of Youth and Sports of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Türkiye met in Dhaka on 21 May 2024 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Youth Ministers of the D-8 Member States;

**Reiterating** our commitments made in Istanbul, Dhaka, Cairo, Tehran, Bali, Kuala Lumpur, Abuja and Islamabad to peace, democracy, progress, dialogue, solidarity, partnership and tolerance as well as moderation as the core values and foundation for achieving economic prosperity and well-being of our peoples;

**Reaffirming** our strong faith in multilateralism, enshrined in the United Nations Charter, and committing to active participation, effective coordination and cooperation with all relevant regional and international organizations in order to maximize the realization of our common interests and underscoring the potential and benefit of South-South Cooperation that contribute to the development of the D-8 Member States;

**Emphasizing** the importance of youth networking, young people are empowered to expand their horizons, exchange ideas, and cultivate essential skills such as communication, collaboration, entrepreneurship, and leadership to create an environment where individuals can seek guidance, advice, and inspiration from experienced professionals and fellow peers;

**Desiring** to pursue the objective of sustainable youth development and recognizing the importance of mutual cooperation in possible working areas;

**Seeking** to explore possibilities to enhance cooperation in banking and financial institutions, training, and capacity building for the youth, through among others, a D-8 youth task force, website development, their role in small and medium enterprises, information and communication technologies;

**Commending** the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for identifying and proposing the need for the D-8 Youth Council and utilizing their human capital as well as augmenting their capacities through the implementation of the Council;

**Mindful** of the challenges of climate change and its profound impacts due to anthropogenic processes on the growth and developmental aspirations of developing nation-states in particular and expressing our commitment to combined efforts in achieving effective adaptation to climate change through building climate resilience as enunciated by the People’s Republic of Bangladesh as the current Chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), to reduce the vulnerability of the people especially youth of the D-8 Member States;

**Affirming** the importance of enhanced and deepened cross-sectoral cooperation for a more intensive private sector engagement in all youth activities in order to realize the intra-D8 Youth aspirations;

**Noting** the benefits of tapping into the immense potential of the ‘Blue and Green Economy’ as well as the principles of circular economy, which could further fuel the growth of the economic pie and boost prosperity across the D-8 Member States.

**Expressing** our resolution to fight against all threats to economic development as well as peace and prosperity of the D-8 Member States, including, among others, terrorism, sectarianism and extremism in all forms and manifestations;

**Confirming** our opposition to the catastrophe brought by the attacks of Israel to the Palestinian People, including the youth, throughout Palestine, especially in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

**Reiterating** our opposition to the inhumane acts performed by Israel aiming to make the occupation constant and strip Palestinian People off all their rights, especially their freedoms and right to form a fully independent and sovereign country on their national territory.

**Welcoming** the Communique named “Solidarity with Palestinian People” adopted at the 47th D-8 Commission on 23 October 2023, United Nations General Assembly’s Resolution adopted at the 10th Emergency Special Session on 12 December 2023, OIC Resolution on the Issue of Palestine and Al-Quds Ash-Sharif adopted by the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference on 4-5 May 2024 and recalling the decisions adopted by the United Nations and other international

organizations with regards to the freedom and independence of Palestinian People throughout all their territory.

Do hereby,

1. Welcome the establishment of the D-8 Youth Council in Bangladesh with the valuable support of the Member States in the entire process. We also commend the staunch commitment of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to establish and host the D-8 Youth Council and assure full support for the promotion of the D-8 Youth Council.
2. Applaud the efforts of strengthening the best practices of D-8 Member states, especially digital skills for the smart young generation, through green jobs, eco-tourism, sports and cultural activities, technological advancement and innovation, vocational and non-formal education, entrepreneurship and climate resilience for its development.
3. Encourage Member States to explore the possibilities of developing a D-8 youth development strategy as an integral process which will be the basis for the work of the D-8 Youth Council.
4. Acknowledge the need for continuous and effective collaboration in training and capacity building of D-8 Youth and agree to establish a D-8 Youth Exchange program among the D-8 Member States.
5. Invite the Member States to share youth activities with the D-8 Secretariat for exchange of best practices in order to develop the friendship and fraternity bonds among the D-8 youth and to ensure that they are closely acquainted with each other's cultures.
6. Request the D-8 Secretariat to prepare "D-8 Cooperation Action Plan for Youth" by 2024 in a way to enable that one or two youth activities are held annually according to the proposals of the Member States.
7. Agree to enhance our collective effort to engage the youth and to ensure their participation in the new reality of 4IR as envisaged in the first ever D-8 Youth Summit held on 21 April 2021.
8. Appreciate the organization of the "25 Years of D-8: Resilient Youth in Mutual Cooperation" as a part of the D-8 Jubilee in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in 2021.
9. Agree to hold D-8 Ministers and Senior Officials Meeting on youth regularly.



10. Acknowledge the commendable work done by H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, the Secretary-General of the D-8 and the D-8 Secretariat in promoting youth empowerment and mainstreaming it in the agenda of the D-8.
11. Express profound appreciation to His Excellency Mr. Nazmul Hassan, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, for his excellent chairing of the meeting and for the success during his chairmanship of D-8 Youth.
12. Congratulate the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for the excellent preparation and the successful hosting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the D-8 Youth Ministers and the D-8 Senior Officials Meeting on Youth and express utmost gratitude for their warm welcome and hospitality extended to all delegations.

adopted in Dhaka, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2024.