

GLOBAL YOUNG MP INITIATIVE

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS IN DEVELOPMENT

The Global Young MP Initiative is a convening, knowledge-sharing and capacity building platform for young legislators (age 45 and under) from around the world. It connects young parliamentarians with each other and leading global development experts for direct dialogue, exchange of ideas and best practices, and collaboration in the pursuit of a world free of poverty on a livable planet. It is organized under the auspices of the World Bank Group and the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and the IMF (PN).

BACKGROUND

Many development challenges today, such as climate change, fragility, gender inequality, and unemployment, greatly impact youth. In developing countries alone, 1.2 billion young people will reach working age between 2023 and 2033, but under the current trajectory, about a quarter of them, mostly young women, will not have a job.

Young parliamentarians are uniquely placed to set the world on a path to a brighter future. They can bring new perspectives, innovations and energy to parliamentary debates and legislation. They are more likely to relate to, and advocate for, issues affecting youth through laws, budget allocations, government oversight, and public discourse.

ACTIVITIES

- Hold an in-person meeting each April during the World Bank Group Spring Meetings in Washington DC.
- Maintain a platform for young parliamentarians to connect and learn about the latest development research, data, and interventions.
- Coordinate thematic, regional and country engagements on priority issues.
- Support young MPs as advocates and champions for the youth of the world.
- Facilitate active participation in global engagements, including field visits and forums.

The activities of the Initiative are guided by a nine-member Steering Committee composed of a legislator representing each region. The committee is headed by two Co-Presiding Officers, one of whom represents the PN. Committee mandates are renewed via elections every two years.