

Young Voices: European engagement and the EU´s

image

15. July 2022, 12.00 – 13.45 CEST
Zoom

Background

The EU together with its Member States is the top investor and development assistant provider in the world. Yet, in public perception, there seems to be a discrepancy between the EU´s financial contribution and its visibility. This again might lead to the impression that the EU's role in important partner countries is diminishing. The EU wishes to counter this narrative, especially among young people. As a part of this effort, the EU is preparing a [Youth Action Plan in EU external action](#), which will be published by the end of the year 2022.

Together with worldwide KAS offices and their partners, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Multinational Development Policy Dialogue (KAS MDPD) asked youth members who are engaged in EU funded programs or projects in Africa, Asia or Latin America about their perceptions of the European Union and its engagement in their countries. In [short videos](#), young people portrayed their perceptions, expectations and wishes on the EU's role in their country – answering two difficult questions: “Has the EU´s engagement triggered change in your country” and “what could the EU do differently in the future”.

The produced short videos focus on the thematic areas **Participation + Democracy, Freedom + Security** as well as **Climate + Energy**. Based on the video series, the insights shall now be discussed in a closed-door event covering the aforementioned thematic areas with selected Young Voices and European decision makers, in which both sides can exchange ideas on how to develop EU policies in selected regions. The outcomes of this discussion shall be synthesized into a policy report and disseminated afterwards.

Registration

Please use [this form](#) to register. We will limit the participation to max. 30 persons.

Program

Multinational Development Policy Dialogue (MDPD)



15. July 2022, Central European Summer Time (CEST)

- 12.00 h **Welcome remarks**
Janne Leino, Programme Manager for Foreign Policy and Multilateralism (KAS MDPD)
- 12.05 h **Introductory remarks from moderator**
Constantin Knuhr, KAS MDPD
- 12:10 h **Young Voices Video Presentation**
- 12.15 h **Keynote Speech: The EU and Global Youth**
Renaud Savignat, European Commission, Member of Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen's cabinet (Directorate General for International Partnerships)
- 12.30 h **Breakout Sessions on the EU's engagement with the global youth – Reality Check**
Breakout-Room 1: Young people in political decision-making
Moderated by **Hind Abushkhadim**, MA in Global Development and Foresight specialized in global development policies

Breakout-Room 2: Global Youth between war and peace
Moderated by **Kwezi Tabaro**, Deputy Director of LEO Africa Institute

Breakout-Room 3: Young people powering the future of the planet
Moderated by **Maria Emilia Burgos**, EU Climate Pact Ambassador
- 13.10 h **The EU's engagement with the Global Youth: Presentation and discussion of priorities from the break-out sessions – a discussion with**
Agnieszka Skuratowicz, Head of Unit Youth, Education and Culture, Directorate General for International Partnerships
Moderator: Constantin Knuhr, KAS MDPD
- 13.40 h **Closing remark by Agnieszka Skuratowicz**
- 13.45 h **End of event**

Application / Registration

You can register via this [link](#), please state shortly in a couple of sentences your relevant experience and motivation to participate. Participation is limited to max. 30 persons. For further details contact Constantin Knuhr at mned-intern.brussels@kas.de.