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## WHAT IS APYE?

The Asia-Pacific Youth Exchange (APYE) is a program that responds to the global need of **meaningfully including the youth in SDG initiatives**. By working with multiple stakeholders in the community and in decision making levels, youth delegates are given an unique opportunity to learn and hone the **skills necessary to participate in SDG activities**. We also engage ADB and UN agencies in the process, the APYE has three main components:

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING 3 DAYS: 10 –12 JAN

“Delegates will learn some insights about the **relevance, and implementation of the SDGs**. Design Thinking and team building will assist them to prepare for local immersion component. The **knowledge, skills and tools** shared will prepare youth delegates to lead efforts that tackle the **SDGs in their own communities**.”

### LOCAL IMMERSION 6 DAYS: 13 –18 JAN

“In partnership with **communities, NGOs, social enterprises and local governments**, the immersion component challenge youth delegates to co-create sustainable SDG initiatives for the communities. This exposure is a unique opportunity to understand **SDG implementation in the community level** and the challenges that often beset them.”

### YOUTH SYMPOSIUM 3 DAYS: 19 –21 JAN

“A space for delegates to **showcase their initiatives** related to implement each SDG after their immersion. Various stakeholders such as UN Agencies, Government and Social Enterprises will participate, in order to **evaluate, collaborate, incubate and sustain** the ideas for the future. Through the career fair youth will be engaged with the **opportunities in the future**.”



### OUR PARTNERS



# SUCCESS OF APYE

Our Achievements from the past,

**700+** Youth from **27** Countries in AP

(Average age - 22, Age group 15 to 29)

**70+** Speakers from **20+** Partner Orgs.

**32** SDG Proposals for **2** Local Governments

**Gender-inclusive participation**

Speakers and panelists - 52% Female, 48% Male

Participants - 78% Female, 22% Male

**Marginalized and People with Disabilities**

40+ youth from marginalized rural communities

Sign language available for hearing-impaired youth

"I did not expect APYE to have such impact on my life. Through the programmatic introduction to SDGs, we felt the sense of ownership of attaining them. APYE also encouraged us to make SDGs an integral component of our advocacy and to empower fellow youth to cooperate to its fulfilment."



**Erika Joan Menez**

23 years old - Philippines

Delegate from first APYE and started a community based NGO on SDGs

"It is a great opportunity for youth to learn some of the problems which SDGs are meant to address and contribute to achieving those goals with the support from other partners. We're looking for participation and contributions from young people."



**Chris Morris**

Head of Civil Society and NGO Center

Asian Development Bank

Principle Supporter for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> APYE

"Through the APYE program city of Santa Rosa received many innovative ideas. We are looking forward to implement some of them in the future and continue to work with youth for the development of the communities."



**Arlene B. Arcillas**

Congresswoman, 1<sup>st</sup> District of Laguna

Philippines

Partnering for 3 year program with APYE



**150+**

Youth Leaders from across Asia-Pacific

**500+**

Local Youth Engagement



**20+**

Partners

**10+**

Development Agencies



**4+**

Community Driven Social Enterprise Proposals

**3**

Communities in Urban and rural areas



## APYE IN THAILAND

We believe that hosting APYE in Thailand would further **enhance our impact** on youth in Asia Pacific. Delegates will not only gain more knowledge about SDGs from experts but also get the opportunity to **experience Thailand** through both urban and rural communities.

They will work with Social Enterprises in Thailand to **learn from their success stories** and replicate in their own communities. This is a great opportunity for youth in Asia Pacific to have a unique learning experience which will not only inspire them but also let them **understand the critical role of youth** on driving 2030 Agenda.

## BY PARTNERING WITH APYE

APYE will be a great opportunity for youth from universities, organizations, private sector, social enterprises and NGOs to enhance their **social innovation skills and soft skills while contributing to the society**. Some of the benefits can be listed as follows,

- **International Working environment** and work with a **diverse group of youth** representing many social sectors
- Work with **social enterprises and local governments** to provide sustainable solutions to existing challenges
- **Learn from experts** in the development industry such as UN agencies and ADB
- **Build a good network** of youth and partners for the future



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