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Introducing Caribbean Voices for Human Rights

This month, the United Nations marked the 30th anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth, a landmark framework that set out 15 priority areas to improve the lives of young people—from education and employment to health, the environment, and peace. Three decades later, the central truth remains unchanged: with nearly half of the global population under 30, there can be no just, equitable, or sustainable future without the full and meaningful participation of youth. As General Assembly President Annalena Baerbock reminded participants, youth engagement cannot be reduced to symbolic invitations or photo opportunities. “It’s about truly integrating their lived experience and their expertise to shape policy outcomes.” Young people are not only stakeholders; they are decision-shapers whose insights cut across every pressing issue we face today. The numbers tell their own story. At 1.2 billion strong, today’s youth generation is the largest in history. From spearheading climate justice movements to driving digital innovation, youth are leading in ways that governments and institutions are only beginning to catch up with. Yet barriers remain. As UN Under-Secretary-General for Policy Guy Ryder cautioned, too many young people are still excluded from decisions that directly affect their lives, facing obstacles to education, employment, healthcare, and political participation. The commemoration of the World Programme of Action was both a celebration of progress and a sobering reminder of unfinished business. Felipe Paullier, head of the UN Youth Office, underscored that young people continue to bear the highest costs of the crises of our time. Whether through conflict, climate change, or digital disruption, millions of youth are seeing their futures curtailed or erased. In conflict zones from Gaza to Ukraine, from Haiti to Sudan, education is interrupted, safety is compromised, and aspirations are placed on hold. But the story is not only one of loss—it is one of resilience and leadership. More than 75,000 young people across 182 countries contributed their voices in a global foresight activity, laying out challenges and hopes for the decades ahead. Their message is clear: they are not waiting to inherit leadership tomorrow—they are leading today. From the Pacific students whose advocacy sparked a historic International Court of Justice ruling on climate change, to grassroots organizers across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, youth are showing what collective courage looks like. Perhaps most powerfully, young advocates themselves remind us of what genuine participation means. Amina Alidi from Malawi called for partnership: “Listen to us. Invest in us. Partner with us.” James Casserly of Ireland, a disability rights advocate, stressed that participation is “more than a box-ticking exercise.” It is about shifting power, enabling young people to make their own decisions, and living by the principle of “nothing about us without us.” As we look ahead, this anniversary is not just a milestone but a call to action. The global community must not only recognize youth as agents of change but also remove the systemic barriers that prevent them from realizing their potential. If the next 30 years are to be more equitable and sustainable than the last, we must do more than speak about youth—we must lead with them.



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