



2023 Global Youth Forum

Peace in the minds of youth: Beyond war to sustainable peace

1. Background

- In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, the 2023 Global Youth Forum aims to bring together young people from 16 United Nations (UN) states that sent combat units and 6 countries that provided medical support to UN troops during the Korean War to rediscover and reflect on the meaning of peace.
- The forum aims to provide an opportunity for dialogue on peace and sustainability among young people and to establish a global network of young people to continue such dialogue.

2. General Information

- Date: (forum) July 26th - 28th, 2023 / (pre-forum sessions) May-July, 2023
- Venue: (forum) Seoul, Republic of Korea / (pre-forum sessions) online
- Official language: English (Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the official forum schedule.)
- Host: Ministry of Education, Republic of Korea
- Organizer: Korean National Commission for UNESCO

3. Participants

- The forum is open to 70 people aged between 19 and 34. This will include approximately 35 international and 35 Korean participants. International participants will include both youth coming from overseas and those residing in the Republic of Korea.
- International participants must be from one of the following 22 countries that assisted the Republic of Korea during the Korean War (countries listed in alphabetical order):

Combat units	Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Greece, New Zealand, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Türkiye, United Kingdom, United States
Medical support	Denmark, Germany, India, Italy, Norway, Sweden

4. Assistance & Benefits

- A certificate of completion will be issued to all participants.
- Meals, and transportation during the official forum schedule will be provided for all participants.
- Accommodation during the official forum schedule and round-trip transportation fee will be provided for participants from overseas and residents outside Seoul and Gyeonggi Province.

5. Tentative timeline (subject to change)

Dates		Content	Target/Module
Pre-forum sessions	May-July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orientation: overview of pre-forum sessions, tasks, and forum - Video lessons: watch two (2) online lectures on the themes of the Korean War and peacebuilding - Group work: participants will be divided into groups. Each group will select a topic relevant to the forum and will work together to create an output (PowerPoint presentation or video) - Expert feedback: before the forum, experts on each topic will review the progress of the group work and provide feedback 	All participants/ online
	late June	- Site visit (e.g. Historic sites of the Korean War in Korea or UN Peace Memorial)	ROK residents/ offline
Forum	July 26th	- Site visit (e.g. DMZ neighbouring area)	All participants/ offline
	July 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening ceremony - Keynote speech - Presentation of group work 	
	July 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wrap-up session - Presentation of a 'Call for Action' - Closing ceremony 	

6. Expected outputs

- Each group will create a PowerPoint presentation or a video clip (5-10 minutes) on



the topic of their selection. The work will be presented during the first day of the forum (July 27th) by group leaders.

7. Applications (please refer to the Annex: Application Form)

- Application deadline: **March 31st, 2023**
 - Announcement of accepted participants: **by April 14th, 2023**
 - Submission of applications:
 - International participants residing in South Korea and South Korean nationals can apply by submitting an online application below:
https://bit.ly/youthforum_application_form
 - Qualifications:
 - Age 19-34 (on July 27th, 2023)
 - Ability to communicate in English
 - (desirable) Descendants of Korean War veterans
 - (desirable) Those who reside or have resided in the Republic of Korea and/or have studied/are studying a topic related to the forum (e.g. Korean Studies, International Relations)
- * In the case of insufficient suitable applications from youth overseas, additional international students residing in South Korea will be selected.*

8. Inquiries

For further information, please contact the secretariat for the 2023 Global Youth Forum

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