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| Report on the 2024 ITU- Generation Connect Youth Envoys | |
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| **Summary:**  The document presents the results of the selection process for the 2024 Generation Connect Youth Envoys (GCYE).  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to note this document which is provided for information.  **References:**  Resolution 76 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (complemented by WTDC Resolutions 11, 37, 45, 46, 55, 58, 67)  Resolution 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference (complemented by PP Resolutions 70, 175, 179, 184) | |

1. The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) Resolution 76 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) and the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) Resolution 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) advocate for the empowerment of young men and women through the promotion of information and communication technologies (ICT) for their social and economic development. Additionally, these resolutions emphasize the importance of empowering youth via telecommunications and ICT. The "[*Generation Connect*](https://www.itu.int/generationconnect/)*"* initiative is an ITU volunteer-driven community aiming to engage global youth as leaders of today’s digital change, to advance their vision of a connected future.
2. The Director of the BDT issued the circular letter [BDT/DNS/DSG/018](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-BDT-CIR-0018/en), inviting all ITU Administrations to nominate candidates for the upcoming cohort of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Generation Connect Youth Envoys (GCYE). The Administrations were encouraged to nominate up to four (4) candidates, with an emphasis on maintaining gender balance, and to communicate their nominations to the ITU. The original deadline for candidate applications, set for 10 February 2024, was extended by a month to allow more time for the nomination process.
3. Following the applications receipt, ITU, with the support of Regional Directors and Regional Youth Focal Points, conducted a selection process across all regions based on a set of pre-announced criteria. This selection achieved an impressive regional representation from across the globe. From among the 634 applications received across six regions, including 209 applicants nominated by 64[[1]](#footnote-2) ITU Member States, a new cohort of 184 GCYE from 64 countries were selected. The Youth Envoys, aged 18 to 24, represent a diverse group of young people composed as following: 75 GCYE from 25 countries in Africa, 26 GCYE from 10 countries in the Americas and Caribbean, 36 GCYE from 10 countries in Arab States, 21 GCYE from 7 countries in Asia and the Pacific, 8 GCYE from 4 countries in CIS, and 18 GCYE from 8 countries in Europe *(see Annex with details of GCYE per country and regions).*

This selection also achieved nearly perfect gender balance (49% female and 51% male), with significant representation from 25 Least Developed Countries (LDCs), 10 Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and 6 Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

1. After the accomplishment of the selection process, the selected GCYE were informed along with their country Administrations. The successful outcomes of the selection process for the 2024 GCYE were achieved through the active participation and collaboration of our Member States.
2. Looking forward, the BDT has scheduled an event on 16 May 2024 to celebrate the accomplishments of the outgoing GCYE cohort, who will transition to Alumni status, and to welcome the new cohort. Alumni who wish to remain engaged in ITU youth related activities will have this opportunity too.

A *Knowledge Development and Mentoring Programme* for the GCYE is currently in progress. The Programme’s objective is to empower GCYE with knowledge about ITU work and initiatives aimed to advance implementation of an inclusive and sustainable digital transformation agenda. It will aim to build the capacity of young people to be equally and equitably empowered by technology to progress in their education and socio-economic development and be active participants in digital societies, economies, and environments. The final goal of this ITU effort is to support global youth to engage and contribute towards shaping the future of the ICT Landscape.

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1. *Please note that additional 2 Administrations (Costa Rica and Sudan) nominated youth who did not meet the selections criteria related to age requirement (between 18 to 24).*  [↑](#footnote-ref-2)