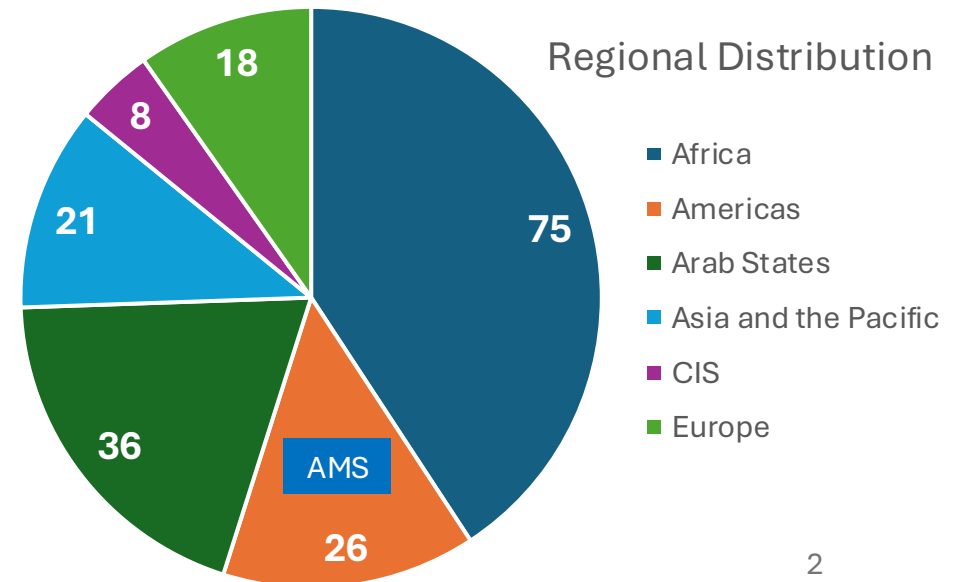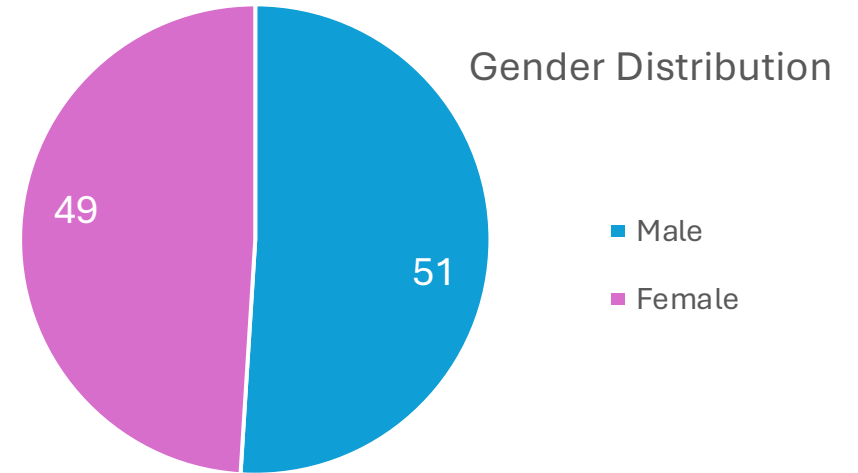# ITU-D & Youth

Tariq Mohammed, Caribbean ICT Youth Network

CTU Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-25 | 24 Jan 2025

# ITU & Youth: Generation Connect

- ITU youth inclusion initiative for persons ages of 18 - 24

- Part of ITU Youth Strategy; pillars are:
  1. Empower
  2. Engage
  3. Participate

- Current cohort (2024): 184 inspiring young individuals from 64 countries, nominated by ITU Member States
  - **AMS: 26 from 10 countries**
  - How many are Caribbean?
    (from CTU's 20 Member States)

Gender Distribution

49  51

- Male
- Female

Regional Distribution

75  26  36  21  8  18  AMS

- Africa
- Americas
- Arab States
- Asia and the Pacific
- CIS
- Europe

# ITU Generation Connect - AMS

## 2024 Cohort (10 from CTU Member States)

## 2021 Cohort (9 from CTU Member States)



Meet the Generation Connect – Americas Youth Envoys

**Adeeta Karesha Ragbir**
Trinidad and Tobago

**Alejandra Grandez Hurtado**
Peru

**Beatriz Ramirez Fernandez Davila**
Peru

**Bianca Patrocínio Castro**
Brazil

**Emanuel Lukawiecki**
Canada

**Jordan Mark Ramkalawan**
Trinidad and Tobago

**Juan Martin Alonso Decoud**
Paraguay

**Justin Burrows**
Bahamas

**Celeste Maria Pereira**
Trinidad and Tobago

**Damaris Delgado Maimone**
Mexico

**Dejanique Pratt**
Bahamas

**Elian Horacio Vásquez Tamares**
Dominican Republic

**Keeghan Patrick**
Saint Lucia

**Lavan Gardiner Jr.**
Bahamas

**Luis Henrique Huamani León**
Peru

**Luis Javier López Maya**
Mexico

**Shergaun Roserie**
Saint Lucia

**Shone Nairn Jr.**
Bahamas

**Virgilio Pou Fernández**
Dominican Republic

**Yasameen Siddiqua Mohammed**
Trinidad and Tobago

**Mariangel Calderón Martínez**
Dominican Republic

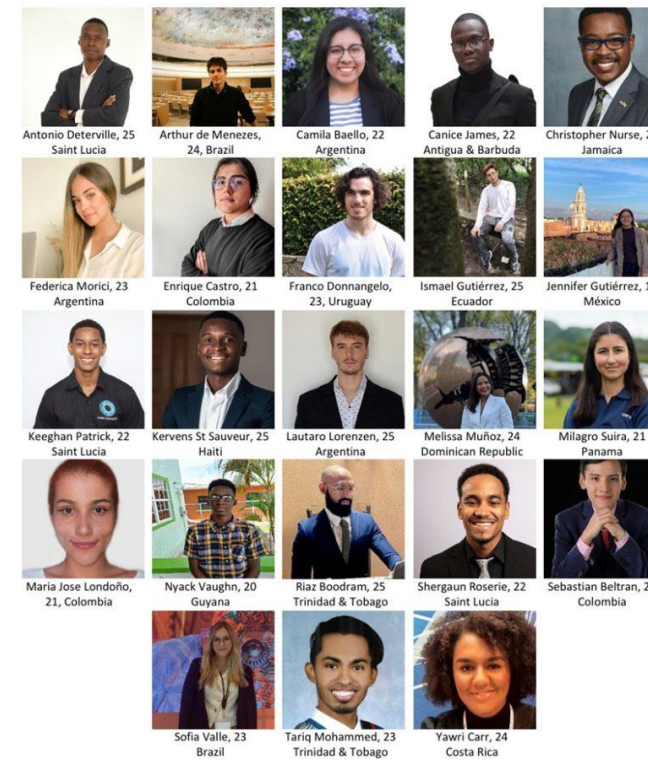**Milagro Antonia Suira Jimenez**
Panama

**Nahum Luna Ramírez**
Mexico

**Sebastian Cabreja**
Dominican Republic

**Yazmin Nolasco Islas**
Mexico

GENERATION CONNECT –
AMERICAS YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS

**Antonio Deterville, 25**
Saint Lucia

**Arthur de Menezes, 24**, Brazil

**Camila Baello, 22**
Argentina

**Canice James, 22**
Antigua & Barbuda

**Christopher Nurse, 23**
Jamaica

**Federica Morici, 23**
Argentina

**Enrique Castro, 21**
Colombia

**Franco Donnangelo, 23**, Uruguay

**Ismael Gutiérrez, 25**
Ecuador

**Jennifer Gutiérrez, 19**
México

**Keeghan Patrick, 22**
Saint Lucia

**Kervens St Sauveur, 25**
Haiti

**Lautaro Lorenzen, 25**
Argentina

**Melissa Muñoz, 24**
Dominican Republic

**Milagro Suira, 21**
Panama

**Maria Jose Londoño, 21, Colombia**

**Nyack Vaughn, 20**
Guyana

**Riaz Boodram, 25**
Trinidad & Tobago

**Shergaun Roserie, 22**
Saint Lucia

**Sebastian Beltran, 21**
Colombia

**Sofia Valle, 23**
Brazil

**Tariq Mohammed, 23**
Trinidad & Tobago

**Yawri Carr, 24**
Costa Rica

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# TDAG-ICG-GYS

- Formed in TDAG 2024 (Geneva | 20 - 23 May 2024) to plan:
  - Upcoming *Youth Summit* (March 2025 | Cuba)
  - Possible *Youth Celebration preceding WTDC-2025* (16 Nov 2025 | Azerbaijan **TBC**)

- Meeting Schedule (ITU encourages youth participation in these meetings)

| 1st Meeting: Sep 2024 | 2nd Meeting: Dec 2024 | 3rd Meeting: Jan 2025 | TDAG: Jan 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Agreement to align Summit with ITU-BDT mandates and WTDC objectives | Regional inputs received from GC groups, used to draft initial Agenda | Proposed revisions to the Agenda, presented to Extraordinary Meeting of TDAG | Presentation on status of ICG-GYS – no objections from membership |

| 4th Meeting: Feb 2025 | Youth Summit: Mar 2025 |
|---|---|
| Meeting TBC | Coming Soon! |

# ITU Youth Summit 2025

- 2nd of its kind (1st in Kigali, 2022)

- Number of Caribbean delegates attended 2022 Summit, through fellowships available

- Opportunity to support youth development: capacity building & networking

- Who can attend?



**ITUEvents**

**Global Youth Summit**

Varadero, Cuba
11-13 March 2025

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**All ITU Members**

**Generation Connect Youth Envoys**

**The UN and related organizations**

**Note**: It does not appear that ITU will be providing fellowships for this year's Youth Summit, and are instead encouraging its Member States to cover costs

# ITU Youth Summit 2025 Programme

## Day 1 (11 Mar 2025)

- Opening Ceremony
- Workshop on Digital Skills for Jobs
- Workshop on Cybersecurity
- Intersectional workshop on Ensuring E-Empowerment for ALL Youth
- Youth as Agents of Change for Climate Action
- Living green: E-Waste
- Emerging Technologies: AI for Good Session

## Day 2 (12 Mar 2025)

- ICTs for Good Health and Well-being
- Economic aspects of national telecommunications/ICTs
- Connectivity/Last-mile Connectivity
- Guided Speed Networking and Partnership Session
- Equal and equitable access to, knowledge of and use of ICTs for youth, including for those from vulnerable groups
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Youth Digital Development: Youth as Agents of Change
- Equitable Digital Empowerment - Women Leadership in the ICT sector
- Telecommunication/ICT Business and Youth Cooperation
- Finalization of Key Messages/Outcomes of the ITU Global Youth Summit 2025 (GYS-25)

## Day 3 (13 Mar 2025)

- Youth4Impact Workshop
- Space for Global Dialogue: Guided Reflection on Experience at ITU GYS and Final Networking Activities
- Intergenerational dialogue: Presentation of Key Outcomes of the GYS-25 to Policy and Decision Makers
- Closing Ceremony

**Capacity Building**     **Networking**     **WTDC Input**     **Exposure to UN Systems**

# Recommendations for Consideration

1.  Support Caribbean participation in the upcoming ITU Youth Summit:
    - youth representatives within your countries
    - CIYN members

2.  Participating/nominating young persons in your organizations to participate in future TDAG Working Groups on youth-related items

3.  Encourage, where applicable, consultations with youth on WTDC-related matters – related to youth or otherwise

4.  Encourage youth in your countries to join and actively participate in CIYN
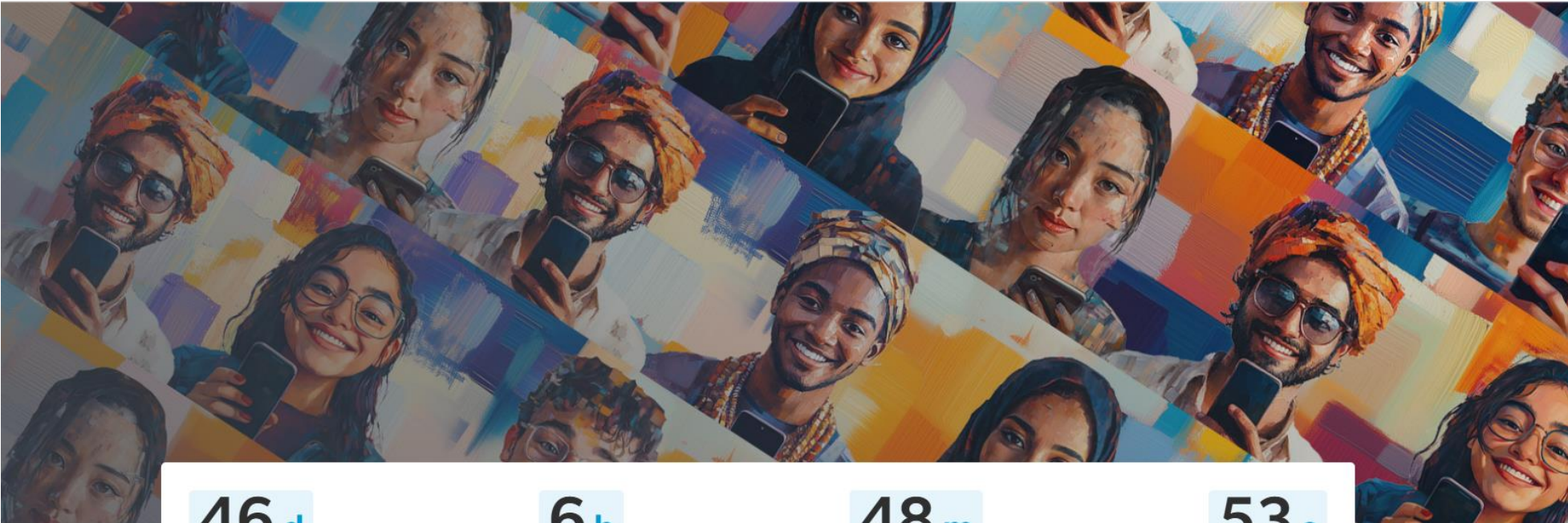
Sign up for CIYN

# More on Information

https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/global-youth-summit-25/

# Thank You

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