

CONCEPT NOTE

Youth is recognized as agents of change, entrusted with fulfilling their own potential and ensuring a world fit for future generations. The pandemic has also testified that, when confronted with challenges, the young people have unimaginable courage and strength to fight at the frontline to protect the vulnerable.

Under the framework and guiding principles of UCLG, Xi'an launched the **Local4Action HUB Xi'an** on Youth Education and Dialogue, aiming to enable exchanges and interactions among youth from various cultural backgrounds, and to drive the localization and implementation of SDG 4, 5, 8, and 17 with the power of youth amid the crucial Decade of Action.

What are the UCLG Local4Action HUBs

The Local4Action HUBs initiative is aiming at bringing Local Experiences to the forefront of the transformation of the Global policies process. The initiative provides visibility to the local and regional actions to implement the 2030 Agenda, through different dynamics, including a UCLG label and a process of recognition of the Local & Regional Governments initiatives, approaches and policies on sustainable development, through a platform of support and expanded accessibility to the global arena and ecosystem. More information on: <https://local4actionhubs.uclg.org>

What is Xi'an Youth Education and Dialogue Hub?

It is a program labeled with both Xi'an's practices and UCLG guiding principles. The HUB consists of two main parts: Global Youth Leadership Training Program held by Xi'an Municipal People's Government and Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU) from August 10th to 12th (check the tentative agenda below), and an SDG training system aiming at enabling college students to resonate with the urgency of global agenda.

What is Global Youth Leadership Training Program?

The program is made up of three-day series lectures themed **Urban Governance Modernization and Sustainable Urban Development, and a High-Level Youth Dialogue Forum**. Five professors at XJTU will share urban governance practices and cases in poverty alleviation, rural vitalization, big data, ecological civilization, etc.

The program will be held online and offline simultaneously, enabling interactions regardless of physical boundary. We hope understanding and consensus can be summoned and a dialogue mechanism can be built for young officials. Our initiatives need to be synchronized, for it is the key to achieve the goal of "leaving no one and no place behind." We all agree that when facing common challenges, no one can survive alone, and seeking harmony and coexistence is the only way out.

Why YOUTH?

Youth are engaged in myriad ways in local governance, including awareness-raising, data collection and use, monitoring and accountability, etc. Their well-being, participation and empowerment are key drivers of sustainable development and peace around the world.

Achieving the 2030 Agenda and turning the world into a caring and humanistic place require strong and inclusive partnerships between young people and all stakeholders, so that their potential can be tapped, their position as partner can be recognized, and the development challenges facing youth can be properly addressed.

If you are willing to join and support Local4Action HUB Xi'an, to be involved and share your voices as local or regional government, please contact Iris Zhao at 18291831822@163.com.

Annex

Global Youth Leadership Training Program on Urban Governance Modernization and Sustainable Urban Development 10-12 August 2021, Xi'an, China (Beijing Time, GMT+8)

Monday, 09 August

 Technical Preparation

Tuesday, 10 August

 16:00-16:30 Opening Ceremony
16:30-17:30 Lecture I: China's Practice under Sustainable Development Goals
18:30-20:00 Lecture II: Poverty Alleviation and Rural Revitalization

Wednesday, 11 August

 16:00-17:30 Lecture III: Sustainable Development of the Population and Society
18:30-20:00 Lecture IV: Refined Public Security Management Supported by Satellite Remote Sensing and Urban Spatial Data

Thursday, 12 August

 16:00-17:30 Lecture V: Ecological Civilization in Urban Governance
18:30-20:00 High-Level Youth Dialogue Forum & Closing Ceremony

*Notes:

1. The program is subject to change.
2. The program will take place via Zoom. Participants will receive connection details prior to the Training Program.
3. The program will have interpretation in English and Chinese.