

Self Funded | Fully Funded
Registration Guidelines of
10 year of
**ISTANBUL
YOUTH SUMMIT**

25th January - 28th January, 2027

#CollaborationInDiversity

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*"Beyond a Decade: Youth Leading the Future Through
Innovation, Inclusion, and Sustainable Impact"*



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What is

ISTANBUL YOUTH SUMMIT?

The **Istanbul Youth Summit (IYS)** is an international program organized by **Youth Break the Boundaries (YBB)**, dedicated to empowering young leaders to take an active role in shaping a sustainable future. As a prestigious platform, IYS brings together youth from across nations, cultures, and backgrounds under the spirit of **"Collaboration in Diversity."**

At the heart of the summit lies the **Social Project Competition**, where participants design and present innovative projects that aim to create real social impact. These projects are directly connected to the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, with a primary focus on **SDG 3 (Good Health & Well-being)**, **SDG 4 (Quality Education)**, **SDG 8 (Decent Work & Economic Growth)**, **SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities)**, **SDG 13 (Climate Action)**, and **SDG 16 (Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions)**.

Delegates are placed into multicultural teams based on their chosen SDG, ensuring that every group reflects the richness of international perspectives. Through this process, youth not only learn to **collaborate across differences** but also strengthen essential leadership qualities such as **critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and teamwork**.

The summit also provides recognition and visibility to outstanding ideas, with awards granted to the best projects that demonstrate innovation, feasibility, and impact. More than just a competition, IYS serves as a transformative journey where youth gain the confidence and capacity to **#LeadTheFuture** in their communities and beyond.

With the 2027 theme, **"Beyond a Decade: Youth Leading the Future Through Innovation, Inclusion, and Sustainable Impact,"** IYS continues its mission of nurturing young changemakers, celebrating diversity, and building global networks that transcend borders.

ORGANIZER PROFILE OF THE ISTANBUL YOUTH SUMMIT

Youth Break the Boundaries (YBB) is a global youth organization committed to empowering young leaders and fostering meaningful change. Through international programs such as the **Japan Youth Summit, Korea Youth Summit, Istanbul Youth Summit, Middle East Youth Summit, World Youth Festival, Vietnam Youth Summit, and Youth Leader Camp**, YBB provides a platform for youth to develop leadership skills, collaborate across cultures, and create impactful projects.

In addition, YBB actively shares resources and scholarship opportunities, supporting young people in their academic and professional journeys. Guided by the vision of **#LeadTheFuture**, YBB continues to inspire and connect the next generation of global changemakers.

More about Youth Break the Boundaries? check official website and social media through youthbreaktheboundaries.carrd.co

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Highlight of **YOUTH BREAK THE BOUNDARIES PROGRAMS**

**Istanbul Youth Summit,
Istanbul**



**World Youth Festival,
Kuala Lumpur**



**Middle East Youth Summit,
Makkah**



**Japan Youth Summit,
Osaka**



**Youth Leader Camp Program,
Indonesia**



**Korea Youth Summit,
Seoul**



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Highlight of **ISTANBUL YOUTH SUMMIT**

2017



Empowering Self and Community Potential into World Collaboration of Education and Entrepreneurship

2019



Empowering Self and Community Potential into World Collaboration of Education and Entrepreneurship

2020



Empowering Self and Community Potential into World Collaboration of Education and Entrepreneurship

2021



Empowering Self and Community Potential into World Collaboration of Education and Entrepreneurship

2022



Empowering Self and Community Potential into World Collaboration of Education and Entrepreneurship

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Empowering Self and Community Potential into World Collaboration of Education and Entrepreneurship

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Empowering Self and Community Potential into World Collaboration of Education and Entrepreneurship

2027

COMING SOON

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GENERAL RUNDOWN OF THE PROGRAM



Please note that airport assistance is **not available for delegates arriving **before January 25, 2027**, or departing **after January 28, 2027**. This service is exclusively provided for delegates arriving at the hotel on the **first day of the program** and departing from the hotel to the airport on the **last day of the program**.*

Information:

Casual Dresscode	IYS T-Shirt Dresscode	Formal Attire Dresscode	Cultural Dresscode	Golden Tulip Bayrampasa Hotel	Bosphorus Cruise Tour

The agenda above is **tentative and subject to change based on circumstances and other external factors*

REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY

The Istanbul Youth Summit is open to all young leaders who meet the following requirements:

Age 15 - 40 years old

Open to all nationalities and academic backgrounds

Have never been convicted of a crime

No Affiliated with any extremist organization

No IELTS/TOEFL Required

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The Istanbul Youth Summit celebrates the outstanding contributions and achievements of its participants through a series of prestigious awards. These recognitions honor excellence in leadership, teamwork, innovation, and creativity.

Awards Spotlight

The Best Project

The Best Group

The Best Leader

The Best Participant

The Best Presenter (Male & Female)

The Best National Costume (Male & Female)

Note:

Competitions are conducted within each category. Junior participants compete with juniors, and senior participants compete with seniors. There is no cross-category competition to ensure fairness and equal recognition.

Recognition & Prizes

Winners will receive:

Official Certificate of Achievement

Placard & Medals



A chance to be featured across IYS global platforms

These awards not only celebrate the winners' hard work and creativity but also serve as a valuable addition to their **academic and professional journey**, strengthening both portfolios and future opportunities. **Each year, recognitions are subject to change, depending on the development of the curriculum given to the participants.**





TYPES OF PARTICIPANTS

At the **Istanbul Youth Summit**, participants can join under the following categories:




1 Regular Participant

-  Individuals who register directly through the official website.
-  Registration can be under the Self-Funded or Fully Funded scheme.



2 Ambassador

-  Youth who apply before the official registration opens and are selected to promote the program.
-  Ambassadors receive special benefits, including a chance for free registration, by completing targeted tasks and content promotion.
-  They also guide new participants by sharing step-by-step information on the registration process.
-  Registration can be under the Self-Funded or Fully Funded scheme.

3 Partnership Delegates

-  Participants registered through partner institutions (schools, universities, or organizations).
-  Institutions send participants to represent their name at an international level.
-  Registration can be under the Self-Funded or Fully Funded scheme.

4 Guardians

-  Parents or guardians accompanying participants under 18 years old to ensure smooth travel and immigration processes.
-  Special packages are provided for guardians.

TYPES OF REGISTRATION SCHEME


Participants may join under two financial schemes:

1 Fully Funded Scheme

 **Provided through a competitive selection process, which includes:**

- Registration form & required documents
- Essay submission
- Interview assessment

Notes: Only the strongest candidates will be awarded fully funded status.

 **Program Fee Policy for Fully Funded Delegates**

Fully Funded Delegates are not required to pay the program fee. However, delegates who request visa-supporting documents (such as a hotel booking confirmation, guarantee letter, or invitation letter) before the Fully Funded interview stage or interview announcement must pay the Program Fee (Batch 1) for document processing and administrative support.

 **Reimbursement System**

Delegates who have paid the Program Fee (Batch 1) for visa-related purposes will receive reimbursement if selected as Fully Funded Delegates; if not selected, the payment will continue under the Self-Funded scheme.


 **Declaration Letter Policy**


Applicants who receive an official interview invitation will be required to sign and submit a Declaration Letter before the interview is scheduled. Failure to submit the letter may result in disqualification from the Fully Funded selection.


 **Additional Opportunity**

Selected Fully Funded Delegates may serve as moderators in panel discussions alongside expert speakers.


2 Self Funded Scheme

 For those who prefer to skip the selection process and secure their participation directly.

 Also applies to applicants who were not selected as fully funded — they will automatically be considered **Self-Funded Participants** once they are not receiving any email for an interview or is rejected for an interview.

 Self Funded participants who at first have applied in a Fully Funded scheme and got rejected, can confirm their participation without having to re-register or pay an additional registration fee.

 Only the program fee/installments need to be completed.

 Program fees paid by Self-Funded Delegates are non-refundable if the delegate withdraws or does not continue the process.

PROGRAM PACKAGE DETAILS

All registered and confirmed participants will get the following items and benefit shown below:

Knowledge Support

- ✿ Pre Orientation (Details of the program, Sharing Alumni, Guide to Write and Get Sponsorship from Company to Support Your Journey, etc)
- ✿ Mentoring and Grouping session (How to Create Social Project, In Depth Knowledge of How to Present Your Social Project, etc)

Seminar Kit

- ✿ T-Shirt with customized and modern design
- ✿ ID Card
- ✿ Totebag
- ✿ Pen and Notebook
- ✿ Sticker

Program Needs

- ✿ Airport Pickup (Available only in certain time of Day 1)
- ✿ Daily Meals:
 - Day 1 (Dinner only)
 - Day 2 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
 - Day 3 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
 - Day 4 (Breakfast only)
- ✿ City Tour/University Visit
- ✿ Local Transportation during the program
- ✿ Airport Transfer (Available only in certain time of Day 4)
- ✿ Certificate of Participation

Awards and Recognition (If Winning):

- ✿ Certificate of Winners
- ✿ Medals
- ✿ Placard (for representative of group category winners)
- ✿ Goodie bag and gifts (if any)

Fully Funded

- ✿ Gets all the benefit (Airport Transfer, Hotel, Seminar Kit, Meals and transportation during event)
- ✿ Airplane ticket and visa not included in the program fee

Publication and Documentation Support

- ✿ Recap Video
- ✿ After Movie
- ✿ Interview Session
- ✿ Press Release
- ✿ Content throughout Social Media
- ✿ Collaboration Exposure
- ✿ Certification certified by Puspresnas (National Achievement Center)

Self Funded

- ✿ Gets all the benefit
- ✿ Airplane ticket not included in the program fee

DOES NOT INCLUDE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- ✿ **Visa**
- ✿ **Personal Expenses**
- ✿ **Flight Ticket**

PROGRAM PAYMENT DETAILS

Registration Fee

Registration
**Fully
Funded**

Rp185.000
USD \$10

Registration
**Self
Funded**

Rp277.500
USD \$15

**Program
Fee**

Rp12.500.000 USD | \$710

Program fee can be made easier in two times installment period, detailed below:

Batch 1 Installment

Rp6.000.000 USD \$340

Batch 2 Installment

Rp6.500.000 USD \$370

Note: the installment can be made in alignment with the timeline of the program, kindly refer to the program timeline in order to know each installment deadline of payment.

Special Package for Guardian

For parents who would like to accompany their children to join the program, there is a special Companion Package available. This package ensures you can stay at the official hotel with your child and attend the main ceremonies.

Package A (Hotel + Breakfast):

Rp 7.500.000,- (\$500 USD)

This includes:
Hotel accommodation and daily breakfast for one (1) companion.

Package B (Hotel + All Meals)

Rp 10.000.000,- (\$670 USD)

This includes:
Hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, and all official program lunches and dinners for one (1) companion.

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HOW TO REGISTER

Before you start please pay attention :

- For the best experience, open the website on a laptop and use incognito/private browsing to avoid issues during updates or bugs.
- Have a non-institutional email (Gmail, Yahoo, etc.), a photo/ID ready, and your essay (if applying for fully funded).

Registration Steps

1 Open the website

Go to istanbulyouthsummit.com (or the official registration page provided)

2 Choose a registration type

Select Self-Funded or Fully-Funded depending on the registration period and your preference.

3 Create your account

- Enter your full name and an active email address (personal email recommended).
- Create a strong password you can remember.
- Click Sign Up to register your account.

4 Sign in

After signing up, log in with the email and password you just created.

5 Check your dashboard

On the dashboard you will see your registration status (Self-Funded or Fully-Funded) and whether your submission form is complete.

6 Open the Submission form

Go to Submission → Edit Submission and complete these sections:

- Personal details
- Professional profile
- Entry information
- Miscellaneous (includes essay upload and theme selection)

7 The essay and theme selection are used to place you into a project group if your participation is confirmed.

8 Review carefully

Double-check every field before saving. Save & continue as you progress.

9 Preview & Payment

- Go to the Preview section to review your entire submission.
- Proceed to Make Payment (if applicable) and wait until payment status shows Success.

10 Final submission

After payment shows Success, return to Submission and click Submit to complete your registration.

Important notes & differences

- You may edit your form after payment only if you have not clicked the final Submit button. Once submitted, the form cannot be changed.
- Fully-Funded applicants:
 - Additional requirements apply (complete required pages and share campaign assets on social media – e.g., twibbon). These sharing steps are mandatory for fully funded applicants.
- Self-Funded applicants:
 - Essay submission is not required.
 - Social sharing (twibbon, etc.) is not required.
 - The rest of the form still needs to be completed and paid (if applicable).

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENT

1 Go to the Payment tab

- Open your dashboard and click on the Payment tab. You will see your payment details, including payment history, pending payments, and cancelled payments.

2 Check your payment information

- Review which payment you want to make — either the Registration Fee or an Installment Fee.
- The installment option will appear based on the active period and will display the deadline for when the payment is due.

3 Click “Pay Now”

- Choose the payment method you wish to use (Payment Gateway or Manual Payment).
- Please note that not all banks are available in the list of payment gateway but if your card has VISA or MasterCard logo to process for international transactions, then you can choose debit or credit card and enter your card details to continue making payments.
- If your bank is not listed, use the Payment Gateway option with your debit or credit card.

4 Proceed with payment

- If you select the Payment Gateway, wait until it displays your payment details or virtual account number. Once shown, proceed with the payment through your chosen method.

5 Unpaid transactions

- If you close the payment page or decide to pay later, you can return to the Pending Payment section to complete your payment.
- However, please note that any unpaid payment link will expire within 1 hour, and you will need to generate a new payment gateway to continue.

6 Upload your payment proof

- After completing your payment, upload your payment proof on the dashboard. Your payment will show as Pending until verified by the admin.

7 Payment verification

- Wait for the admin to verify your payment. Once confirmed, the payment status will automatically change to Success in your payment information section.

8 Continue your registration

- If you have paid the registration fee, please continue to submit your registration form after your payment status shows as successful.
- If you have paid registration fee, you can make payment for program installment with the timeline given in the payment information

9 In case of payment issues

- If you experience problems with the payment gateway, you may try the Manual Payment option. This method allows you to pay directly from your bank account.
- However, if you use this option, you must contact the admin via WhatsApp or email to confirm your payment and send your payment proof.
- If you do not confirm your payment, the system may mark it as Cancelled automatically.

ESSAY GUIDELINE FOR FULLY FUNDED PARTICIPANT

Essay Question: *As future leaders, how can young people drive transformative change through innovation and inclusion to address global challenges?*



SDG 3
Good Health and Well-Being



SDG 11
Sustainable Cities and Communities



SDG 4
Quality Education



SDG 13
Climate Action



SDG 8
Decent Work and Economic Growth



SDG 16
Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Essay requirements

- Maximum 800 words
- Written in English
- Theme: Choose only one SDG focus
- Include data where relevant (with citation)

What makes a strong essay?

1. Clear structure
2. Strong arguments
3. Reflection on challenges
4. Realistic and scallable solutions

What we are looking for?

1. Clear understanding of a real problem
2. Critical thinking
3. Youth-led action
4. Sustainable solution (not one-time)
5. Measurable impact

ESSAY GUIDELINE FOR FULLY FUNDED PARTICIPANT

1

Introduction

Begin with a concise introduction. Briefly introduce the issue within your chosen SDG and explain why it matters in your context. Clearly state your main argument: how a youth-driven initiative can move beyond short-term solutions and create long-term social and economic sustainability. You may briefly mention your project or area of focus, but avoid lengthy background narratives. Keep the introduction focused and purposeful.

2

Problem Context

Describe the current condition in your community or country and identify the gap that needs to be addressed. Why is this issue urgent? What existing solutions are insufficient? If possible, support your explanation with relevant data. This section should demonstrate that you understand the issue beyond surface-level observation.

3

Initiative / Experience

Explain what you have done (or are currently doing), and clearly define your role. Describe the challenges you encountered and how you addressed them. We are particularly interested in your leadership, decision-making process, and problem-solving ability. Avoid general claims; be specific about actions and outcomes.

4

Sustainability and Long-Term Strategy

Explain how your initiative moves beyond a one-time event or short-term intervention. What makes it sustainable? Consider factors such as partnerships, funding models, community involvement, policy alignment, scalability, or systems change. Demonstrate how your project generates both social impact and economic value over time.

5

Project Proposal

Include times and expected outcomes related to your subtopic.

ESSAY EXAMPLE

Turning Agricultural Waste into Hope: Youth-Led Climate Action in India

By: Mohammad Yasar (Fully Funded Delegates IYS 2026)

My name is Mohammad Yasar, a 20-year-old Chemical Engineering student from Prayagraj, India. Growing up in a small town surrounded by agricultural land, I witnessed firsthand the devastating consequences of agricultural stubble burning. For months each year, thick smoke would blanket villages, causing respiratory problems, eye irritation, and hazardous air quality. The problem is not isolated, burning crop residues contributes to nearly 30 percent of India's total air pollution, and in 2019 alone, an estimated 1.9 million people lost their lives due to pollution-related diseases. Despite the scale of the crisis, little has been done by government bodies or climate organizations. This neglect motivated me to act, drawing from both my personal experiences and my passion for sustainability. My initiative aims to transform agricultural waste into carbon-neutral products, offering farmers both economic incentives and alternatives to burning. Through this, I seek to create a youth-led cultural movement where sustainability becomes part of daily life, inspiring positive change at local and global levels.

My journey began with a question I repeatedly asked myself: What is the cost of life? Each year, I saw people in my community suffer or die from preventable air pollution. Farmers often admitted they did not want to burn waste but felt trapped, burning was cheap, quick, and culturally entrenched. To address this, I launched a project to convert stubble into useful products such as packaging materials, paper, and bio-based chemicals. The idea was simple: turn a destructive practice into a sustainable opportunity. However, challenges quickly surfaced. Even after purchasing stubble to discourage burning, many farmers continued the practice. It became clear that economic solutions alone would not suffice. The issue was also cultural and psychological, rooted in centuries-old practices. This realization marked a turning point. My focus shifted from financial incentives to community education and mindset change, a strategy I believed could bring long-term impact.

At its core, stubble burning reflects a cycle of poverty, tradition, and environmental degradation. Farmers face pressure to prepare fields quickly for the next crop cycle, often lacking resources for sustainable alternatives. Weak policy enforcement and limited awareness further exacerbate the issue. My vision is to establish a community-led climate action model in which every household nurtures at least one changemaker. By combining grassroots awareness, youth leadership, and sustainable technologies, rural communities can become champions of climate resilience. Beyond solving stubble burning, this vision empowers young people to tackle diverse local problems with innovative solutions.

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To make this vision a reality, I developed two core strategies. The first is building a circular economy for agricultural waste by developing eco-friendly products from crop residues. This not only reduces air pollution but also provides farmers with additional income. Collaborations with industries can integrate these sustainable products into broader markets, ensuring scalability. The second is driving behavioral change through awareness. Long-term success requires shifting attitudes. Inspired by the story of colonial India's "cobra effect," I realized that incentives without cultural change can worsen problems. Therefore, workshops, youth-led campaigns, and community dialogues became crucial for changing perceptions and encouraging sustainable practices.

Through these approaches, my project seeks to reduce stubble burning in North India by introducing circular economy models, empower rural youth to lead climate action initiatives, and strengthen collaboration between farmers, youth organizations, and industry partners. The expected outcomes include significant reductions in seasonal air pollution levels, increased farmer incomes through the sale of agricultural residues, and the emergence of youth changemakers in every household, fostering long-term sustainability.

The Istanbul Youth Summit offers an opportunity for me to share my experiences, learn from global peers, and adapt solutions across cultural contexts. Having grown up with limited exposure outside India due to financial constraints, this platform would allow me to connect with innovators worldwide, refine my project, and inspire others to replicate community-driven climate solutions. Through collaboration, I hope to build an international network of youth leaders committed to climate action and cultural exchange. This experience will not only enhance my personal growth but also strengthen my ability to lead transformative projects in my own community and beyond.

Stubble burning has long been seen as an unsolvable problem in India, yet my experience proves otherwise. By transforming agricultural waste into resources and mobilizing youth for cultural change, we can fight air pollution while building sustainable livelihoods. My journey reflects the power of youth-led initiatives to inspire positive change, rooted in mutual understanding between farmers, students, and policymakers. With eight years left to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, we must act with urgency and unity. I believe youth-driven cultural initiatives, grounded in local realities but connected globally, hold the key to turning today's challenges into opportunities for a healthier, more sustainable future.

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REGISTRATION UPDATE AND COMMUNICATION

Here are the things that every participant should pay attention to after completing their registration:

1 Wait for Your Form Review

After submitting your registration form, please wait while the selection team reviews your submission. Once validated and accepted, you will receive a Letter of Acceptance (LoA).

2 Understanding Your LoA

- Receiving an LoA means your form has been verified and accepted by the committee.
- For Self-Funded participants, the LoA confirms that your registration is complete and valid.
- For Fully-Funded applicants, the LoA does not yet mean you are accepted as a fully-funded delegate. It indicates that your form has passed the first review stage and will proceed to the Essay Review and Interview Selection process.

3 Where to Access Your LoA

The LoA will be sent to your registered email address and can also be downloaded from the "Documents" tab on your account dashboard.

4 Documents Provided After Receiving the LoA

Once your LoA is issued, you will have access to several documents to download, sign, and share:

- **Agreement Letter:**
 - This outlines program policies and serves as an agreement between participants and the organizer. It confirms your commitment to participate from registration until the end of the program. Download, sign, and upload this document again under the Documents tab in your account.
- **Sponsorship Proposal Template:**
 - Provided for participants who wish to seek external funding (from companies, organizations, or communities) to support their journey to the event. You may customize it according to your needs and budget.
- **Program Boarding Pass:**
 - A digital card to share on your social media as part of the official Istanbul Youth Summit exposure campaign. It helps boost excitement and awareness about your participation.



5 How to Stay Updated During the Selection Process

While waiting for the LoA or selection results (sent in batches), please stay connected and updated through these official channels:

- The official website and social media platforms of Istanbul Youth Summit.
- Regular updates sent to your registered email (newsletters and important notices).
- Pre-Orientation Sessions announced on social media, held via Zoom and Instagram Live.

6 Official Group Invitation

The official participant group will only be opened and accessible to those who have made at least their first installment payment of the program fee.

7 Fully-Funded Participants – Confirmation of Attendance

Participants under the fully-funded registration scheme will be confirmed to attend the event after completing all selection stages, including essay review and interview.

8 Early Confirmation Option for Fully-Funded Applicants

- If you are a fully-funded applicant and wish to confirm your participation early, you may proceed with the program payment before the selection result.
- If you are later selected as a fully-funded delegate, your payment will be reimbursed accordingly.

9 For Fully-Funded Applicants Who Already Paid Program Fee but Not Selected as Fully Funded Delegate

- Applicants who have made payments under the fully-funded scheme will receive early group invitations.
- If you are not selected as a fully-funded participant after the interview, you may still attend the summit as a self-funded participant by completing the remaining program fee.

10 Declaration Letter Requirement

- Fully-funded applicants who receive an interview invitation email but have not yet made any payment are required to sign the Declaration Letter sent to their email before scheduling the interview.
- Failure to sign the declaration will be considered as withdrawal from the selection process.



11 Pre-Orientation is Mandatory

- All participants – whether paid or unpaid, self-funded or fully-funded – are required to join the Pre-Orientation session.
- The pre-orientation provides essential information and updates about the event. Please make sure to check your email regularly and follow the official timeline shared by the committee.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

1

Please note that once the participant completes the payment, it serves as a confirmation of participation and attendance for the Middle East Youth Summit.

2

The payment is non-refundable under any circumstances.

3

Once participants confirm their attendance, their names will be included in the official participant list and the hotel booking arrangements, as well as in the preparation for pre-orientation, seminar kits, and other pre-event benefits provided by the organizer.

4

If a participant decides to cancel their participation after confirmation, it will be considered as a cancellation with a non-transferable fee, since the costs and reservations have already been allocated and confirmed on behalf of the participant.

5

Reimbursement applies only for confirmed fully funded participants, in accordance with the terms communicated directly by the organizing committee.

VISA POLICY

1

Visa processing is not included in the program fee and not part of the fully funded benefits. Each participant is responsible for obtaining their own visa according to the visa regulations of their respective countries.

2

Because visa requirements vary by nationality, participants are strongly advised to consult a trusted travel agency or the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in their home country for accurate and updated information regarding visa application procedures.

3

To support your visa application, the organizing committee will provide the following official documents:

- Letter of Acceptance (LoA) or Letter of Invitation
- Hotel Booking Confirmation (under your registered name)

4

Please note that the organizer is not responsible for visa approval or rejection, as the decision lies solely with the Turkish Embassy and is influenced by your personal travel history, financial statement, and other supporting documents.

5

For first-time travelers or participants without extensive travel records, it is strongly recommended to apply for a Tourist Visa rather than a Business or Conference Visa, as it offers a higher likelihood of approval.

Timeline of Program

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January 25–28, 2027

Below is the official timeline for the Istanbul Youth Summit 2027. Please take note of the important dates to ensure smooth participation throughout all stages of the program.

No	Description	Start Date	End Date
1	Participant Registration (Fully Funded)	20/06/2026	31/08/2026
2	Participant Registration (Self Funded)	20/06/2026	25/12/2026
3	Batch 1 LOA Announcement for registrations	25/07/2026	30/07/2026
4	Batch 2 LOA Announcement for registrations	05/09/2026	10/08/2026
5	Batch 3 LOA Announcement for registrations	05/09/2026	04/01/2027
6	Deadline for First Installment Payment (Batch 1)	01/07/2026	10/10/2026
7	Deadline for Second Installment Payment (Batch 2)	01/07/2026	10/11/2026
8	Interview Announcement for Fully-Funded Candidates	15/10/2026	25/10/2026
9	Interview for Fully-Funded Candidates	26/10/2026	05/11/2026
10	Final Announcement for Fully-Funded Participants	10/11/2026	20/11/2026
11	Mentoring Session	01/08/2026	05/12/2026
12	Istanbul Youth Summit Program	25/01/2027	28/01/2027

Important Notes :

- Fully Funded registration is limited and competitive, based on essay quality and interview results.
- Participants who receive the Letter of Acceptance (LoA) should complete the required payments according to their batch deadline.
- Mentoring sessions are mandatory for all confirmed delegates to prepare for the main summit.
- The organizer reserves the right to adjust the schedule if necessary, and updates will be communicated via official channels.

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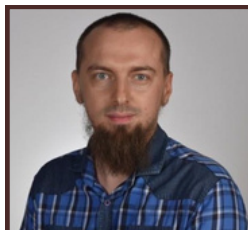
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SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT



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