

COP28 AIIB SESSION

Co-inventing Our Future, with the Future

Time: Dec. 3, 2023, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. (GMT+4)

Venue: Blue Zone, AIIB Pavilion

Format: Offline

Session Context

Committed to financing the Infrastructure for Tomorrow (i4t), the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is dedicated to building inclusively, with a focus on the needs of future generations. Recognizing the critical role of youth in the future, their active involvement in decision-making processes is essential to create strong ownership and sustain momentum for impactful change.

Additionally, AIIB's primary region of operation, the Asia-Pacific, is home to over 60 percent of the global youth population, representing both a significant responsibility and a profound opportunity. The dynamic growth potential of Asia offers substantial possibilities for providing meaningful employment and establishing comprehensive decision-making frameworks that integrate the perspectives of the younger generation.

Session Objective

This intergenerational dialogue provides a platform for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to deepen its engagement with the youth. It aims to facilitate the exchange of perspectives, share effective practices, and re-evaluate preconceptions to strengthen intergenerational bonds. The dialogue will address the following key questions:

- Why is it crucial to involve the youth in making decisions about climate change now?
- How do we define meaningful engagement? What are the ongoing challenges in achieving and expanding this engagement effectively among stakeholders at all levels?
- What are the existing successful models of youth engagement? What strategies can be employed to highlight and broaden their impact?

Speakers

Opening remarks: Jin Liqun, President, AIIB (tbc)

Keynote speech: H.E. Shamma Al Mazrui, Minister of State for Youth Affairs, United Arab Emirates (tbc)

Moderator: Chipo Mubi, Senior Digital Communications Specialist, AIIB

Panel discussion:

- **Lindsay Prowse**, Lead, 1t.org North America&Youth Engagement, World Economic Forum (Nature)
- **Jitsai Santaputra**, co-founder, Youth for Energy Southeast Asia (Y4E-SEA) (Technology)
- **Marie-Claire Graf**, Co-founder Climate Youth Negotiator Programme (Policy)
- **Rumaitha Al Busaidi**, Executive board director of the Environment Society of Oman