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- 1. The main objectives of the summit are:
  - a. To bring together young people in the region in order to address issues that impact youth in the region;
  - b. To strengthen the existing relationships amongst the SAARC's nations;
  - c. To identify common issues and problems of the regions to empower youth;
  - d. To encourage cooperation by consensus by all governments specially Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for youth and development policies to be presented at the next SAARC summit;
  - e. To establish a mechanism that will provide specific follow-up for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in both the government and the civil society;
  - f. To promote dialogue between civil society organizations and governments on youth and development policies to better understand the priorities and needs of SAARC's youth;
  - g. To share experiences and knowledge of youth and development dialogues, policies, and programmes;
  - h. To propose an apex body of Youth approved by all member states of SAARC.

In the regards, I would like to request you to make participation of **Bangladesh youth** in the summit as the agendas to be discussed will be very helpful in fostering and growth of Bangladesh in the highest level.

All local hospitalities (including accommodation, meals, etc) right from the landing at the airport (host city) till the departure from the airport will be borne by the *organizer except flight and visa related expenses*. I hope you will definitely accept my

## SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT

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To  
Mr. (Dr.) Biren Sikder  
Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth & Sports  
Government of Bangladesh

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I am pleased to request to invite Mr. Biren Sikder, Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth & Sports, Government of Bangladesh with 5 youth delegates to attend the 'SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017' which will be held with the global theme of "Creating a Sustainable Future: Empowering Youth with Sustainable Opportunities" from 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Bhubaneswar City, Odisha (India) where a total of about 450 young leaders are participating from all 8 SAARC Member States and 9 Observer States. Bangladesh is also one of the member states of SAARC.

The main purposes of the summit are:

- ▶ To bring together young people in the region in order to address issues that impact youth in this part of the world.
- ▶ To strengthen and improve the existing relationships amongst the SAARC's nations through youth.
- ▶ To identify and explore, by identifying common issues and problems of the regions to empower the youth.
- ▶ To achieve a declaration by consensus by all governments specially Ministry of Youth Affairs identifying key actions for youth and development policies to be presented at the next SAARC Youth Minister's Meeting.
- ▶ To initiate the establishment of a mechanism that will provide specific follow-up for the youth agenda in the SAARC region to present Global SAARCs in both the government and the United Nations System.
- ▶ To strengthen cooperation between civil society organizations and governments on youth and development issues.
- ▶ To identify and present the priorities and needs of SAARC's youth.
- ▶ To share experiences and knowledge of youth and development dialogues, policies, strategies and programmes.
- ▶ To establish an apex body of Youth approved by all member states of SAARC.

In this regard, I would like to request you to make participation of Bangladesh youth delegation in the Summit as the agendas to be discussed will be very helpful in fostering and empowering youth of Bangladesh in the highest level.

All local hospitalities (including accommodation, meals, etc) right from the landing at the Biju Patnaik Airport (host city) till the departure from the airport will be borne by the local organizer except flight and visa related expenses. I hope you will definitely accept my request.

Very sincerely personal regards

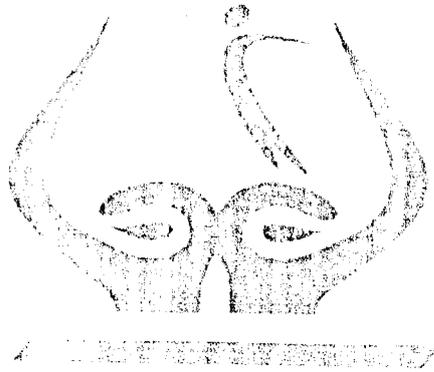
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11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Yours truly,



Dr. KK Singh  
Chairman

Enclosed: Concept Note of the Summit



## CONCEPT NOTE

The SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 will take place in Bhubaneswar City, Republic of India from **September 17 - 20, 2017**.

The cross-cutting theme of SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 is *“Creating a Sustainable Future: Empowering Youth with Sustainable Opportunities”*.

It will focus on seven thematic areas:

1. Conservation of Biodiversity for Sustainability, Disaster Risk Reductions and Smart Green Urbanization;
2. Eco-Tourism Development in Odisha and its linkage to ASEAN Countries;
3. Youth against Hunger - Poverty Eradication, Food and Nutrition Security;
4. Realizing Equal Access to Quality Education and Health;
5. Fostering Inclusive Recreation, Sport and Culture;
6. Preservation of Indigenous People and Our Heritage;
7. Social Justice- Gender equality, Realizing peace, Reconciliation and Ending Violence.

In the summit, we will recall again the SAARC YOUTH YEAR 1994 as **“23rd Commemoration of SAARC Youth Year 1994”** to highlight the needs and concerns of the declaration in today's youth. It can be recalled that The year 1994 was designated as the “SAARC Year of Youth”. In 1995, the SAARC Declaration was adopted to advance the overall development of Youth in the region. SAARC Youth Award scheme was instituted in 1996 to provide recognition to extraordinary young talents. Under the SAARC Social Charter, the Member States agreed to establish the Youth Volunteers Programme, under which volunteers from one country would be able to work in other countries in the social fields.

Due to its unique geopolitical and historical circumstances, the millions of young people in this region share a common heritage and together face the challenge of the future, not only to improve the living conditions but also to promote closed cooperation and development among the SAARC countries. The

Governments of these countries have recognized the potential and capabilities of the youth in nation building, and provided for them opportunities to participate in the decision making process and in the many fields of socio-economic development. Despite various limitations, the youth have contributed significantly in the fields of poverty alleviation, literacy, and employment generation, prevention of disease, drug abuse and environmental protection.

IYC realizes that the development of the SAARC's nations depend largely on the opportunities provided for the youth and in the building of their skills, in order for them to use them in a timely, appropriate fashion. The SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 will act as a platform to increase the areas of cooperation in the field of youths for better ties and economic prosperity amongst the SAARC nations. We believe that with the involvement of youth in every aspect of decision making processes will enhance the region both economically and in terms of bringing development and peace and ending terrorism. We need a common youth voice by creating a common platform to begin the campaign for a change.

The summit will seek to assess conditions affecting the development of the education sector in the region, establish information networks and partnerships among youth movements for the sharing of experiences as well as facilitate the monitoring and updating of national policies on youth issues. Other expected outcomes include the identification of ICT training needs, the establishment of regional training structures and the dissemination of HIV/AIDS preventive measures.

The baby generations of young people are the most numerous in history. They are both the most educated and those that enjoy the best levels of health. They are also the most fertile, which, once they reach adulthood will have fewer children than their predecessors which, with the right policies, could boost economic growth, by increasing the proportion of economic growth and of the working population, reducing the rate of demographic dependence and increasing household savings. All nations, regardless of their level of wealth, should take advantage of this opportunity before it is lost by the ageing of society. Otherwise, the goal of development and poverty reduction could be seriously hampered.

Thirteen years before the deadline set by the international community to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), IYC is organizing the SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 as a forum for discussion and reflection on the role of youth in achieving the SDGs and also to facilitate a process that strengthens effective youth participation in the planning, implementation and evaluation of

various global issues, referring to the process of defining the future global development framework that will succeed the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.

The summit will also create an inclusive platform for youth that enables them to review the progress of the SDGs, share ideas, experiences and innovative approaches for effectively contributing to the SDG framework and its implementation. It brings together young delegates from every nook and corner of the country to exchange views, share experiences on different issues, and detect common preoccupations and to develop realistic action plans to rebuild communities that meet the needs and aspirations of young people. The SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 allows young people to voice their ideas and concerns and make suggestions directly.

The youth are arising to shape the present and future of their countries. They want to be heard, to be included in decision making debates and to make change. Students' engagement, social innovation, fostering democracy, youth employment, conflict and sustainable development are amongst the issues that will be discussed on the floor of the "SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017" with a view to ensuring that efforts are long lasting and progressive in the long term.

The SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 will be a meeting point for representatives of youth networks, governments and civil society organizations designed to **identify priorities of action for youth to be dealt with on the international development agenda beyond the SDGs**. This forum will strengthen cooperation links between country and stakeholders involved in youth policies.

In keeping with this aim, the summit seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- 1.1 To bring together young people in the region in order to address issues that impact youth in this part of the world;
- 1.2 To create a platform of youth that will strengthen and tightening the existing relationships amongst the SAARC's nations;
- 1.3 To formulate a policy by identifying common issues and problems of the regions to empower the youth;
- 1.4 To achieve a declaration by consensus by all governments specially Ministry of Youth Affairs identifying key actions for youth and development policies to be presented at the next SAARC's Youth Minister Meeting;

4.5. To promote the establishment of a mechanism that will provide specific follow-up for the youth agenda in both the government and the United Nations System.

4.6. To encourage dialogue between civil society organizations and governments on youth and development policies to better understand the priorities and needs of SAARC's youth;

4.7. To share experiences and knowledge of youth and development dialogues, policies, strategies and programs.

4.8. To recognize SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT as a recognized apex event of SAARC considering the importance of the needs and importance of the young people in bringing the peace and development of the regions.

#### Pre-summit:

Prior to the SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017, a series of **regional pre-conferences** in the form of **bilateral youth dialogues** are to be held to record the experience of the SAARC's major regions and facilitate the establishment of consensus and recommendations during SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017.

Representatives of organized civil society will participate in the official delegations. The programs, dates and venues of the pre-conferences will be defined at the IYC's Regional Youth Committee, to be established shortly, on the basis of the conceptual framework of the IYC, with particular emphasis on youth. The SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 Declaration Project will be reviewed at the end of the pre-conferences with a view to achieving consensus.

So far, 'Indo-Bhutan Bilateral Youth Dialogue 2016' was held on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Education, Thimphu, Royal Kingdom of Bhutan and 'Indo-Nepal Bilateral Youth Dialogue 2017' was held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Kathmandu, Nepal as a part of the preparation of the SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017.

#### Participants:

SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 will be a meeting point for representatives of youths, governments, civil organizations, academic institutions, public and private foundations, international organizations and the general public. The total youth delegates will be around 400 (Break up is 40 each from each SAARC's member states and 2 representatives each from each government with 30 from host city)

The SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 will have two main pillars: the Government Forum and the Social Forum.

**Government Forum:**

All United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations accredited to ECOSOC and representatives of international and national organizations will be invited to the Government Forum, meaning that approximately 100 attendees are expected. The Government Forum will result in a Declaration with recommendations for governments on measures and policies to be taken regarding youth and development, aiming to 2030 and beyond.

**Social Forum:**

The Social Forum will be a space for the Nationwide Meeting of Civil Society Organizations and the Global Village. The NGOs Meeting, expected to be attended by representatives from 200 organizations, will produce a document of recommendations that will be submitted to the Government Forum for its consideration.

The Global Village is the area where the various participants of the Summit will meet, including representatives of governments, civil society, academic institutions, the media, public and private foundations and international organizations. It is a place that will be open to the public, where information fair will be installed (with approximately 350 modules with national and international participants) as well as an area of exhibitions and special events (theater, cinema, music, and others). Approximately 300,000 persons are expected to attend the Global Village.

The SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 is purely an IYC initiative, hosted by the IYC India in collaboration with UNESCO Association Odisha, with the support of the various public and private sectors undertaking.

**National Committee:**

A National Committee will be made up of representatives of Odisha government offices that have close links with development and youth issues. The IYC India and UNESCO Association Odisha will also participate in this committee. The National Committee will be responsible for providing the necessary technical, material and financial support to ensure the efficient running of the SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017.

#### General Secretariat:

The SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 will also have a General Secretariat, responsible for the organization and coordination of activities related to: planning, follow-up, program design, national and international inter-institutional links, mobilization of resources and dissemination and communication. The General Secretariat will be led by Government of Odisha and UNESCO Association Odisha.

The SDGs and Paris Agreement provide a comprehensive global action agenda for the years 2016 to 2030. These intensely negotiated agreements offer the international community a bold, people-centered and planet-sensitive development framework that requires transformational changes in governance and institutional performance. This summit will provide an inclusive space focused on youth for global empowerment and sustainable development as the key to advancing the SDGs. It will boost the SAARC nation's Peace, Unity and Integrity through the youth.

# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE PLAN & ACTIVITIES

## DAY1 – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (ARRIVAL & OPENING DAY)

Shuttle from Airport	Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) <b>Welcome to 'Temple City of India' &amp; 'Souls of the Incredible India'</b>
Hotel Check in	Hotel
Briefing	Hotel
<b>SOUTH ASIAN YOUTH SUMMIT 2017 Grand Opening Ceremony</b>	Convention Centre
Cultural Program & Rock Concert	Convention Centre
Welcome Gala Dinner	Banquet Hall
Back to Hotel	Hotel

## DAY2 – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### (PRESENTATION FROM INVITED SPEAKERS & SPEAKERS)

Breakfast	Hotel
Briefing	Hotel
<b>Presentation Hours</b>	Convention Centre
Session I (Invited Talk / Government Forum)	
Lunch Hour	Food Court
Session II (Invited Talk / Social Forum)	

Group Discussion

Coffee Break

Panel Discussion

Back to Hotel

Convention Centre

Food Court

Convention Centre

Hotel

**DAY 3 – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**(SIGHTSEEING DAY)**

From Hotel

**Golden Triangle Tour** (Bhubaneswar – Konark – Puri)  
Sightseeing in Konark Sun Temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site), Jagannath Mandir, Lingaraj Temple and Puri Beach (Rock Concert & Cultural Programme)

**DAY 4 – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**(CLOSING DAY)**

Breakfast

Hotel

Group Discussion Hour

Convention Centre

Working Tea Break

Food Court

Presentations and Panel Discussions

Convention Centre

Lunch

Convention Centre

Free Hours for Group Action Plan Preparations

Convention Centre

Coffee Break

Food Court

Final Group Action Plan Presentations

Convention Centre

Closing & Award Distribution Ceremony

Convention Centre

Farewell Party

Food Court

Back to Hotel for Next Day Departure

Hotel