

Youth & the Summit For Democracy



The Summit for Democracy's (S4D) Year of Action (YoA) is a global effort, led by the United States, to improve democracy around the world. Here is an overview of the various commitments that countries made during the Summit that focus on youth.

How do you think the S4D process can better involve and be supported by young people? Let us know!

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**COUNTRIES MADE
COMMITMENTS
FOCUSED ON YOUTH**



CATEGORIES

***Creating
Opportunities***

***Civics,
Representation
& Education***

***Promoting
Human Rights
& Protecting
the Vulnerable***



Civics, Representation & Education

(14 Commitments)

Commitments to promote democracy and expand participation. These include efforts to open up new avenues for participation, allow previously unrepresented communities into policymaking, improve media literacy, and find new ways for young people to get involved in governance. Examples include:



Slovakia: Slovakia will support **youth participation in democratic life**, including joint action to increase the impact of the European Union (EU) in further facilitating and enhancing political and civic participation of women, youth and marginalized groups of society in EU partner countries and **improve support for countries aiming at transitioning to democracy.**



Canada: Canada will continue to ensure young people across the country have a **voice in decisions** that affect them **by supporting organizations, such as the Prime Minister's Youth Council**, that play a role in helping to influence government policy, increase youth knowledge and understanding of democratic processes and institutions in Canada, and increase their awareness of the importance of being active and engaged citizens.

Creating Opportunities

(8 Commitments)

Developing education, job growth, and other opportunities for young people to flourish.



Italy: The 'Education and Research' policy area allocated **€ 33.8 billion to strengthening the education system, digital and technical-scientific skills, research, and technology transfer.**



Cyprus: Cyprus has established a **child-friendly justice system** for the protection and treatment of young offenders under the age of 18.

Promoting Human Rights & Protecting the Vulnerable

(20 Commitments)

Commitments that work to increase the protection of human rights and ensure resources flow towards vulnerable communities.



Taiwan: A feasibility study will be conducted on **banning the import or public procurement of goods produced with child or forced labor.**



Nepal: Nepal is committed to ending all forms of discrimination against women and the Constitution has guaranteed the rights of women. Concrete legislative, policy and programmatic interventions have been put in place to eliminate harmful traditional practices, **such as child marriage.**



Paraguay: The Executive Branch will strengthen the government's ability to combat child and forced labor by sanctioning **child labor exploitation.** They will also provide funds to support the programs of **the Ministry of Childhood and Adolescence** for the strengthening of families and the prevention of child labor exploitation.

Find the full list of youth commitments [here](#)



What can youth-focused organizations do to support implementation of S4D youth commitments?



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Find your **government Point of Contact (PoC)** for the S4D process and ask questions about how to get involved.

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Take a look at [CEPPS's Youth for Democratic Renewal Declaration](#). It provides a **critical youth perspective to the 2022 S4D Year of Action.**

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Check out the [Democracy Moves Report: Walking the Walk](#), which makes the case that any **democratic renewal efforts focus on young people.**

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Work together **with other youth organizations** in your country to push for youth voices in decision-making- whether your country is an S4D participating country or not!