



News Release

Young Scientists meet in Johannesburg to address how Science can help with the UN Sustainable Development Goals

18 July 2017 – The 3rd Worldwide Meeting of National Young Academies (NYAs) will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 20-21 July 2017, hosted by the South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS) and co-organised by the Global Young Academy (GYA).

The meeting will focus on the question of how young academies and young scientists in particular can contribute to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It will bring together more than 60 representatives from over 35 NYAs and young academy initiatives from all over the world.

The meeting under the theme “One Health: Health and Development in the context of an Urbanising Planet and Implications for Science Policy” will focus on SDGs 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and 11 (Sustainable Cities).

Participants will discuss the role of NYAs as a mechanism for national implementation of the SDGs, and how science and technology can be harnessed towards achieving the SDGs. The goal of the meeting is to present an action plan on how NYAs can cooperate successfully both on regional and global levels to impact the SDG process using science and innovation.

National Young Academies are academies typically formed by young scientists and scholars at the beginning of their independent careers who have been selected for the excellence of their research impact and commitment to service. NYAs work as the voice of young scientists for the advancement of issues of importance to society and to young scientists.

The meetings comes at a dynamic time for the NYA network which continues to grow with ever more young academies being established all over the world and up to six new ones expected to start work this year.

For the GYA, one of its major aims is to support the establishment and development of NYAs and similar bodies, to cooperate with them and provide opportunities for networking. Overall, 33 NYAs and more than 10 similar bodies now exist worldwide, many having been established with support from the GYA and its members.

3rd Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies 2017

For more information see <https://globalyoungacademy.net/events/3rd-worldwide-meeting-of-young-academies-2017/>

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About the Global Young Academy

The Global Young Academy (GYA) was founded in 2010 with the vision to be the voice of young scientists around the world. The GYA empowers early-career researchers to lead international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational dialogue by developing and mobilising talent from six continents. Its purpose is to promote reason and inclusiveness in global decision-making. Members are chosen for their demonstrated excellence in scientific achievement and commitment to service. Currently, there are 200 members and 134 alumni from 70 countries. The academy is hosted at the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. The GYA received its seed funding from the Volkswagen Foundation, and since 2014, it has been funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and supported by the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP). The GYA also benefits from project-specific funding from a variety of donors and partners.

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