



Consultation Sessions Brief

Asia Pacific Youth Symposium 2020

12 August – 18 September 2020

via Zoom Virtual Conferencing

Session Title	Asia Pacific Youth Symposium: Consultation Sessions on the Green Economy, Digital Economy, and the Informal Economy
Dates and Times	Launch and Training Session - 2 September 2020; 17:00 – 18:00 (GMT+8) Green Economy - 7 September 2020; 17:00 – 19:30 (GMT+8) Digital Economy - 9 September 2020; 17:00 – 19:30 (GMT+8) Informal Economy - 11 September 2020; 17:00 – 19:30 (GMT+8)
Participants	100+ youth from Asia and the Pacific, representatives from ADB Member Countries, academia, civil society organizations, multilateral organizations, and private sector. Session participants are required to attend the Training Session on 2 September and one of the sessions on 7, 9, or 11 September.
Summary	<p>The Asia Pacific Youth Symposium (APYS) is a social dialogue platform that convenes governments, young leaders, and other stakeholders to discuss major and emerging issues related to Youth Economic Empowerment (YEE) and the “new normal” impacted by COVID-19. Jointly organized by ADB’s Youth for Asia, together with Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and Plan International, APYS aims to provide an environment for meaningful cross-generational and cross-sectoral discussions in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>An important feature of APYS is three dedicated consultation spaces with youth and non-youth partners on: informal economy, digital economy, green economy. Consultations sessions will convene a multi-sector audience to be engaged in social dialogue to derive new insights on:</p>

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- Young people of the region's: (i) key concerns about their future in work post-COVID-19; (ii) aspirations for their future in work post-COVID-19; and (iii) key priorities / recommendations for governments to shape an enabling future of work for youth post-COVID-19.
- Pathways that strengthen the practice of meaningful youth engagement (MYE) across stakeholders in YEE policy / program design and delivery

Approach

- The consultation sessions will be guided by the Appreciative Inquiry (AI) approach. AI is an organizational development model that engages diverse stakeholders in self-determined change.
- AI is underpinned by an action research framework that changes attitudes, behaviors, and practices through positive conversations and relationships.
- Stakeholders collectively imagine a preferred future that is hopeful, boundless, and inherently good.
- AI's interview-based approach will capture qualitative data at scale on what works; unearthing experiences, opinions, thoughts, and feelings of young people which can be used to help inform new ideas, theories and products.
- Participants will be conducting AI interviews prior to the consultation sessions. Insights collected from these interviews will serve as basis for the discussions during the consultation sessions.
- AI Interview themes will cover the following: Intergenerational Collaboration, Skills Building, Economic Empowerment, and the Future of Work.

Logistical Information

- Participants will receive the following in preparation for the consultation session:
 - Event invite via Zoom with the log in details;
 - Technical brief providing additional background information on the topic;
 - Interview guide and instructions on using the AI approach; and
 - Interview safeguarding materials.
- The consultation session will last for 2.5 hours. Participants will need to prepare for the space by:
 - Attending the Launch and Training Session on 2 September (A recording will be shared to participants who are unable to attend);
 - Reviewing the technical brief and interview guide; and
 - Conducting at least one interview using the guide and uploading key outputs through an online form.