

GLOBAL YOUTH NETWORK

FutureMinds Summit Thailand 2026 (FMST 26')

PROGRAM REPORT



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Vision

“Mitigating change through small and sustainable efforts in a world driven by AI”

Mission

“Empowering youth through cultivating leadership skills via goal driven network of GYN, the dedicated platform bringing sustainable change in communities via global interactions through cross-functional ideas ranging from, but not limited to; students, scientists, researchers, policy makers, legal professionals, volunteers and entrepreneurs.”

About

It is a global platform dedicated for young people connecting students, professionals, researchers and innovators. The platform will be organizing various collaborative activities where individuals will be able to utilize their skills, communicate and learn from diverse knowledge based network. Its goal is to bring inspiration to young and responsible leaders of tomorrow.

GYN aims to empower young people through seminars, conferences, workshops, and youth summits. It fosters innovation and cross-cultural exchange by creating platforms for meaningful dialogue on global challenges. Through these initiatives, GYN aspires to inspire and equip future leaders with the knowledge, practical experience, and global networks needed to navigate an increasingly complex and interconnected world while driving positive and sustainable change in their communities and beyond.

By partnering with global NGOs and private-sector leaders, we plan to turn initiatives into measurable impact. Our community of students and professionals will gain access to exclusive sessions and high-level networking designed to sharpen skills and cultivate world-class leadership.

The GYN focus is to contribute relentlessly in the advancement of sustainable development goals (SDGs). Through our initiatives, we also aim to provide youth an opportunity to learn from the global leaders; the strategies being used in addressing various areas in SDGs – with a specific focus on SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) and SDG 13 (Climate Action)

The FutureMinds Summit Thailand 2026 (FMST 26'), is GYN very first event, which is bringing together professionals, social entrepreneurs, policy and strategic experts and leaders from diverse fields. It is designed as an engaging experience, to inculcate expertise, keeping a mixture of learning and fun activities. The related details on the program are shared below.



FutureMinds Summit Thailand 2026 – (FMST 26’)

The event organized by the GYN, is a four-day global gathering of young leaders from July 16-19, 2026 in the vibrant capital of Thailand at Bangkok, that aim to boost leadership skills, spark inspiration, and empower leaders to achieve Sustainable Development Goals, focused on theme

“Exploring sustainability through innovative minds”.

Concept

The idea of FMST 26’ is to gather and celebrate world stories who are creating and crafting life through innovative and sustainable solutions and preserving impactful ways of living!



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Summit IMPACT

Through the intended summit impacts outlined below, sessions from diverse field leaders have been aligned via their keynote sessions and workshops within the structured program chapters (described in the following section).

This approach is designed to help young leaders develop strategic and broader perspectives on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by learning from the real-world work, experiences, and initiatives of professionals who are actively driving change in their respective fields.

Summit IMPACTs



Workshops, trainings, and activities are designed to deliver outcomes as below, aligned with our four focused SDGs, providing youth with opportunities to learn and interact with professionals from around the globe.

01

Enhancing Organizational and Decision Making Processes

Developing strategic thinking and leadership capabilities

02

Role of Quantitative Research in Attaining SDGs

Understanding data-driven approaches to global challenges

03

The Qualitative Opportunities and Gaps in Achieving SDGs

Identifying barriers and opportunities for implementation e.g through policies

04

Smart Innovation and Sustainable Industrialization

Exploring technology and infrastructure solutions

05

Global Collaboration and Leadership

Building networks and cross-border partnerships

FMST 26' Program

Summary

The program is structured into four chapters, each designed to achieve a diverse range of objectives while contributing to the intended designed IMPACT's of the summit. The distinguished guest speakers dedicated three Chapters include;

- Chapter 1: Global Collaboration & Leadership
- Chapter 2: Connecting Strategy, Policy & Social Impact
- Chapter 4: AI Corner: Smart Innovation, Human Rights & AI.

These comprise expert-led sessions delivered by global leaders in their respective fields, featuring high-impact keynote addresses, interactive workshops, and engaging panel discussions.

The Chapter 3: “**Exploring sustainability through innovative minds**” which is also the main theme for FMST 26' is dedicated to an Interactive Delegate Activity, “**The World Got a Problem**”.

During this session, participants will collaborate to identify and analyze pressing global challenges focused on four SDGs (SDG 4 – Quality Education, SDG 5 – Gender Equality, SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure, and SDG 13 – Climate Action), and will be able to apply the knowledge and skills acquired throughout the summit, and share innovative ideas on various solutions.

This report presents the structure and organization of the summit chapters, outlining the objectives, and impact of the keynote sessions, interactive discussions, and workshops. It also provides a comprehensive overview of the summit's participant engagement activities, including the introductory ice-breaker challenge, *Passport Bingo*, held during the inaugural evening on **16 July 2026**; the *Chapter 3 – World Got a Problem* participant activity, conducted during the core summit program on **17–18 July 2026**; and the *Closing Cultural Night* on **18 July 2026**, marking the official conclusion of FMST 26' through a celebration of cultural diversity, collaboration, and shared experiences.

As part of the FMST 26' experience, GYN have also planned a leisure excursion, which includes an evening sightseeing tour, to provide participants with an opportunity to unwind, connect, and experience the local culture beyond the summit sessions. The sightseeing tour is scheduled to take place on **17 July 2026**, tentatively from **6:30 PM to 9:00 PM**.

Certificate Presentation Ceremony

As the event draws to a close on the evening of 18 July 2026, all participants will be invited to the stage to receive their Certificate of Participation in recognition of their active involvement in the summit after the conclusion of summit program and sharing their experience at GYN: “04:04” — *hear you out session*, before the coffee & wellness break.

Following the break, participants will be invited to attend the Closing Cultural Night (Optional Attendance). This special night marks the official conclusion of FMST 26', celebrating the friendships, collaborations, cultural exchange, and shared experiences that have defined the summit. It is an opportunity to reflect on the journey, recognize the contributions of all participants, and conclude the event with a memorable celebration of global unity and connection.

The timings for specific sessions, can be followed through shared FMST 26' Program Agenda.



1. Chapter Objectives & IMPACT's

This section highlights the objectives and the intended IMPACT's being achieved through each chapter.

Chapter 1: Global Collaboration & Leadership

Keynote sessions featuring global leaders sharing insights on how collaboration and leadership drive innovation across sustainable development domains.

Session's Type & Titles:

1. "From Local Action to Global Impact: Leading Collaborative Solutions for the SDG"	
Keynote Address	Ms. Kehkashan Basu
Ms. Kehkashan Basu: Founder - President – Green Hope Foundation	
2. "Bring Your Own Chair – 2000 to 2015 to 2030 to 2045 – MDG to SDG to????"	
Interactive Keynote Address	Dr. Suman Roy
Dr. Suman Roy: Chief Executive Officer, Zero Hunger Project	
3. "Advancing Women's Rights through Global Collaboration & Leadership"	
Keynote Address	Dr. Methinee Wongwanich Rumpagaporn
Dr. Methinee Wongwanich Rumpagaporn: HoD of Faculty of Education in Kasetsart University & Chairperson of BINA in Thailand	

Objectives:

1. Understand the evolution of global sustainable development—from the United Nations and the MDGs to the SDGs—and the importance of inclusive leadership in shaping future global agendas.
2. Inspire and empower youth to actively participate in decision-making processes
3. Examine practical case studies and collaborative approaches that demonstrate effective SDG implementation through cross-sector and multi-stakeholder partnerships.
4. Identify actionable strategies to localize the SDGs, strengthen community resilience, advance women's rights, and create measurable social impact.

Summit IMPACT:

- 01—Enhancing Organizational & Decision Making Processes
- 03—The Qualitative Opportunities & Gaps in Achieving SDGs
- 05—Global Collaboration & Leadership (Importance of building networks & cross border partnerships)



Chapter 2: Connecting Strategy, Policy & Social Impact

Workshop and Keynote sessions evaluating innovative ventures, addressing policy formulation, & strategic thinking for sustainable futures including practical approaches towards strategic decision making

Session's Type & Titles:

1. “Transforming Education through Inclusive Policies and Innovation”	
Interactive Policy Workshop	Dr. Mona Al Kadi
Dr. Mona Al Kadi: Chief of Business Development in MENA Region – Axxon Group	
2. “Profit, People, Planet: A Lean Approach for Organizational Excellence”	
Interactive Social Entrepreneurship Workshop	Ms. Sura Fitiani
Ms. Sura Fitiani: Intersect Innovation Hub, Palestine	
3. “Feminist Climate Governance: Gender Mainstreaming in Climate Policy Making”	
Keynote Address	Ms. Sidra Riaz
Ms. Sidra Riaz: Founder, Environmental Change Makers, PhD Scholar and Presidential Fellow Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University, USA	

Objectives:

- Understand inclusive climate governance and gender-responsive climate action.
- Build strategic, sustainability-focused problem-solving and cross-sector collaboration skills.
- Apply qualitative and quantitative approaches to develop innovative, human-centered solutions.
- Design practical, scalable sustainability initiatives with real-world application.
- Gain practical experience by developing and presenting a sustainability-focused solution or framework that can be further tested, refined, or implemented.

Summit IMPACT:

- 01—Enhancing Organizational & Decision Making Processes
- 02—Role of Quantitative Research in Attaining SDGs
- 03—The Qualitative Opportunities & Gaps in Achieving SDGs
- 05—Global Collaboration & Leadership (Importance of building networks & cross border partnerships)



Chapter 3: Exploring Sustainability through Innovative Minds

Participants dive deep into pressing global challenges, generating bold, creative ideas rooted in SDG frameworks.

Session's Type & Titles:

1. World Got a Problem	
Interactive Delegates Activity	Ms. Sidra Riaz
Ms. Sidra Riaz: Founder, Environmental Change Makers, PhD Scholar and Presidential Fellow Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University, USA	
Phase A: Day 2-17 July 2026	Group Formation & Brainstorming
Phase B: Day 3-18 July 2026	Presentations & Evaluation

Objectives:

- Develop collaborative problem-solving skills
- Think critically about pressing global challenges
- Promote teamwork, innovation, and leadership skills
- Practical solution development through cross-cultural collaboration

Summit IMPACT:

- 01—Enhancing Organizational & Decision Making Processes
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Chapter 4 AI Corner: Smart Innovation, Human Rights & AI

Keynotes & panel discussions, a dedicated space exploring artificial intelligence, smart innovation, and human rights through tech leaders & sustainability experts

Session's Type & Titles:

1. “AI as Sustainable Digital Infrastructure: Building Inclusive, Trusted, and Impact-Driven Innovation Ecosystems”	
Keynote Address	Mr. Wenbo Li
Mr. Wenbo Li: Head of Greater China Operations – Poly-Gamma	
2. “Smart Innovation: AI, Gender Equality, and Human Rights Education – A Boon or a Challenge?”	
Interactive Workshop	Dr. Shaleen Das
Dr. Shaleen Das: Brand Ambassador for Youth for Human Rights International (Washington, D.C.), Gulf Director of the Guardians of Human Rights Foundation, Brand Ambassador for Airlines Ambassador International (AAI), New York, and a distinguished Youth & Women's Affairs Specialist, UN & SDGs Speaker	
3. “Innovation at the Intersection of AI and Immersive Experiences	
AI Fireside Chat	Ms. Ashley Blake & Mr. Syed Bilal Qasim
Ms. Ashley Blake (Panelist): Head of Partnerships and Community at vrCAVE Canada Mr. Syed Bilal Qasim (Panelist): Chief Executive Officer, Techsol Space	
2. “Future Minds and a Sustainable Future: Navigating the AI Revolution”	
AI Panel Discussion	Ms. Sura (Moderator), Dr. Mona Al Kadi, Dr. Suman Roy, Mr. Wenbo Li, Dr. Rishi Jain
Ms. Sura Fitiani (Moderator): Intersect Innovation Hub, Palestine Dr. Mona Al Kadi (Panelist): Chief of Business Development in MENA Region – Axxon Group Dr. Suman Roy (Panelist): Chief Executive Officer, Zero Hunger Project Mr. Wenbo Li (Panelist): Head of Greater China Operations – Poly-Gamma Dr. Rishi Jain (Panelist): Program Director for the Global AI Innovation Internship & Faculty Development Program, AIT, Bangkok, Thailand	

Objectives:

1. Understand the opportunities, challenges, and ethical considerations of AI in advancing sustainable development.
2. Explore the relationship between AI, gender equality (SDG 5), and inclusive, human-centered innovation.
3. Examine how AI can drive sustainable development, social impact, and smarter infrastructure beyond automation.
4. Recognize the role of youth, businesses, and digital ecosystems in developing responsible AI solutions through global collaboration.
5. Develop practical ideas for leveraging AI to promote equality, innovation, and measurable social value.

Summit IMPACT:

- 01—Enhancing Organizational & Decision Making Processes
- 04—Smart Innovation and Sustainable Industrialization
- 05—Global Collaboration & Leadership (Importance of building networks & cross border partnerships)



2. FMST 26' Activities

The following section outlines the structure and planned activities for GYN FMST 26', designed to deliver an engaging and enriching summit experience.

2.1 Passport Bingo – Icebreaker Challenge

FMST 26' Inaugural Evening

Day 1–16 July 2026

Passport Bingo is an interactive ice-breaking activity. By completing a series of fun networking challenges, participants will discover the diversity of experiences, cultures, and expertise represented within the FutureMinds Summit community.

Objectives

1. To help participants meet new people
2. To encourage meaningful conversations
3. To build connections from the very beginning of the summit

Facilitated Icebreaker Session

To kick off the activity, event speakers or facilitators will conduct a 10-minute interactive ice-breaking session to energize participants and encourage engagement before the Passport Bingo challenge begins.

Activity Overview

The questions will be displayed on the screen and are also shared in this report. The goal is to walk around the venue, introduce yourselves to fellow delegates, and find individuals who match each prompt. Once a match is found, you should note that person's name next to the corresponding challenge, in your smart phones.

Passport Bingo Challenges

1. Find someone who speaks three or more languages.
2. Find someone from Laos.
3. Find someone who has visited three or more countries.
4. Find someone who works on Gender Equality (SDG 5).
5. Find someone with colored eyes.

Instructions

Participants should:

1. Introduce themselves and engage in conversation with other delegates.
2. Find participants who match each Passport Bingo challenge.
3. Write the participant's name next to the appropriate prompt.
4. Continue networking until as many challenges as possible have been completed.

Social Media Challenge

After completing each challenge, participants are encouraged to take a selfie with the individual they found and share it on social media using the following caption format:

**"I met someone who speaks three languages!"
(or "...is from Laos," "...has visited three countries," etc.)**

Official Hashtags

#GYN #FMST26 #SDGs #UnitedNations #Bangkok

Expected Outcomes

By the end of the activity, participants will:

1. Meet delegates from different countries and backgrounds.
2. Build new friendships and professional connections.
3. Learn about the diverse experiences and expertise within the summit community.
4. Feel more comfortable collaborating during the remaining event activities.
5. Create memorable moments while promoting the summit through social media.

2.2 World Got a Problem

World Got a Problem is a collaborative problem-solving challenge of Chapter 3 based on theme “*exploring sustainability through innovative minds*”, designed to celebrate wonderful minds of today.

Objectives

- To encourage participants to think critically about pressing global issues aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The activity will promote teamwork, innovation, leadership, and practical solution development through cross-cultural collaboration.

Activity Flow

Chapter 3A | Day 1 – 17 July | Team Formation & Brainstorming Session

Team Formation

1. Participants will choose the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) they are most passionate about by joining one of the designated discussion tables
 - **SDG 4 – Quality Education**
 - **SDG 5 – Gender Equality**
 - **SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure**
 - **SDG 13 – Climate Action**
2. Networking with team, and selecting a Group Representative

Problem Identification

1. Brainstorm and identify **one significant global problem** related to SDG
2. Share the selected problem with the Event Management Team (The charts, workshop handouts, sticky notes, pens, will also be available for curating/facilitating the session)
3. Participants to spend the remainder of the session/evening collaborating, networking to design an innovative, practical, and impactful solution.
4. Participants can reach out to fellows and Guest Speakers (Mentors) for their guidance on solving the challenge

Chapter 3B | Day 2 – 18 July | Present your Solution, Own the Stage

Each team will be allotted **5–6 minutes**, for presenting their proposed solution before all participants and the jury.

Presentation Guidelines

- Explain the problem.
- Present the proposed solution.
- Demonstrate its feasibility, innovation, sustainability, and potential global impact.
- Stick to the time limit (**5–6 minutes**)

Judging Criteria

Each team will be presenting its proposed solution before a panel of judges, who will ask questions and provide constructive feedback based on the following;

- Innovation & Creativity
- Relevance to the Assigned SDG
- Feasibility & Practicality
- Sustainability & Long-Term Impact
- Presentation & Communication
- Teamwork & Collaboration



2.3 FMST 26' Cultural Night

Celebrating Unity in Diversity

Day 3 Night–18 July 2026

The Cultural Night is a celebration of the diversity, heritage, and traditions represented by guests from around the world. GYN FMST 26' will also be presenting a cultural performance by Dr. Dipa Das.

Objectives

1. The evening provides an opportunity for delegates to showcase their unique cultures
2. To strengthen international friendships
3. To create lasting memories through music, traditional attire, dance, and shared experiences.

Special Guest Appearance

Dr. Dipa Das, a Cultural Director associated with United for Human Rights and Youth for Human Rights International.

She is a distinguished music researcher and musicologist with a deep commitment to cultural preservation, education, and social empowerment. Dr. Das also serves as the Women's Cell President of CPDR India, where she actively advocates for women's rights, leadership, and community development. Through her work in music, culture, and human rights, she contributes to promoting awareness, inclusivity, and positive social change.

She will be presenting cultural singing performance in Rabindra Sangeet in Japanese, Germany and English. The songs are composed by Rabindranath Tagore, the Nobel Prize-winning poet, philosopher, and composer who profoundly reshaped Bengali literature and music.



Activity Overview

Participants are encouraged to proudly represent their country and culture by wearing traditional attire and sharing the music, dances, and traditions that make their culture unique. The evening is designed as an informal networking and celebration session where delegates can interact freely, learn about different cultures, and build meaningful global connections in a fun and welcoming environment.

The event will feature:

- Cultural attire showcase
- Traditional and contemporary music from different countries
- Open dance floor for all participants
- Informal networking and cultural exchange
- Interactive photo opportunities
- Celebration of the successful completion of the summit

Closing Ceremony

To conclude the summit, all participants, speakers, mentors, partners, volunteers, and organizers will gather for an official Group Photograph, symbolizing the global community built during the event and creating a lasting memory of the FutureMinds Summit Thailand 2026.

Dress Code

- Traditional or Cultural Attire (Highly Encouraged)
- Participants who do not have traditional clothing are welcome to attend in smart casual or formal attire

Theme

One World • Many Cultures • Endless Connections

Together, we celebrate our differences, embrace our shared humanity, and leave with friendships that extend beyond borders.

