

Name of organization: OneAfricanChild Foundation

Name: Victoria Ibiwoye

Age: 23

Working area: Education for Sustainable development (ESD), Global citizenship Education (GCED)

Place: Nigeria and Kenya

1. To what extent has the forum helped you in your activities?

The forum was a motivation for me to keep advocating for education for sustainable development as the roadmap to attain the SDGs by 2030. From the panel discussions to the interactive sessions, I gained fresh perspectives and best practices on how to approach issues of sustainable development more holistically at the national and local level where it is most relevant.

2. What did you think of cultural activities?

Generally, the forum was well organised and the cultural activities brought colours to the events. For such a high-level event, it was exciting to see a balance in the time spent in and out of the conference rooms. While we discussed on crucial issues that will shape the future of our generation and generations to come, there was also a space for us to find mutual grounds of interest while exploring the beauty of Riyadh.

3. What did you like best about the forum?

The forum was well organised and I enjoyed the cultural events and tours. More importantly, I felt really happy to see the amount of funding that went into supporting the five winners of the MISK Foundation NGO Pitch competition. This is a trendsetting initiative!

4. What would you like the follow up of the forum to be?

I will like to see the continuous engagement of youth participants and important stakeholders in development. As part of the follow-up process, there's a need to strengthen the communication link between the organizing partners and participants to review and monitor the implementation of the forum's recommendations. Continuous support in terms of tools, resources and funding should be provided for the youth participants who are eager to double their efforts in creating social impact.

Name of organization: Youth Star Cambodia – We're local NGO in Cambodia

Name: mine is Yen HENG, and my colleague is Sokunpharady KAO

Age: We're both 25 years old though I'm going to be 26 in late of this year

Working area: Volunteerism and Education (We recruit graduate as volunteer to work in underserved communities with our core focus of reintegrating Out-of-School children back to school.)

Place: Underserved communities in 3 provinces of Cambodia; Kompong Thom, Kratie and Prey Veng

1. To what extent has the forum helped you in your activities?

Ideas and network are the two main things that I've brought back to my organization. With many discussions on various topics during the forum, ideas are widely shared among us who have different backgrounds and focus points. This is like where I can extract thousands of ideas to generate my own innovative way of improving my organizational program since majority of ideas still share similar intentions of how to get attention and support; and how to make it work. Alongside ideas, I get to know more people and expand my network with many organizations that work in the same areas as mine. Some of them even have their partners and branches in my country, which might help pave the path for further cooperation between my organization and theirs.

2. What did you think of cultural activities?

As participants are from all over the world, I believe holding cultural activities is a great mean to start since it offers us a time to get to know more about each other in a loose and casual way. This way consequently help breaking down the misperception we might have for one another, which is good in later sense as we are expected to share ideas more openly to find the best solution for the problems we're facing.

3. What did I like best about the forum?

What I like best about the forum is the fact that this international forum is more willing to include us, the youths, to participate and voice our opinions in shaping the world through our works with NGOs. Also, I like the idea of including different interactive breakout sessions where they encouraged and created space and platform for youths to share their ideas on the topic they find most interested in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

4. What would you like the follow up of forum to be?

I suggest that the follow-up forum keeps up the idea of having participants from all over world but I hope it can be more proportionate as I found out there were not so many Asian or Asia-pacific participants attending this forum. At the same time, I hope that the future interactive breakout sessions would discuss on the topic in global sense (like not to focus too much on specific country or region).