

# EU – MAURITIUS YOUTH FORUM

## Call for Candidates

The Delegation of the [European Union](#) to the Republic of Mauritius is part of the [European Union External Service](#), and is one of the 140 Delegations throughout the world. Under the leadership of the Head of Delegation, the EU Delegation is working together with a range of stakeholders, notably European Member States as a Team Europe, Government Authorities and Civil Society actors to achieve sustainable development and reduce poverty, promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. With a large population of youth, the EU Delegation believes that the future of the Republic of Mauritius will largely depend on the ability to provide young Mauritians with opportunities for employment, education, health and access to decision-making processes.

### What is the Youth Forum (YF)?

The Youth Forum (YF) aims to create a space for meaningful involvement of young people in the EU's cooperation with the Republic of Mauritius. It will enable active engagement and exchanges between young people, decision-makers, the Member States of the European Union, and the European Union itself. The YF will advise the EU Delegation in Mauritius on youth participation and empowerment and on a broad range of topics such as employment, education, training and entrepreneurship, food and nutrition, environment and climate change, human rights and democracy, STEM, digitalisation and technology, gender, social inclusion and health, good governance. The YF also aims at creating opportunities for young people and youth organisations to express their views, connect and exchange. The YF will allow young people to have an influence on the policy and programmes of the EU in Mauritius, and will thereby contribute to make EU action more participatory, relevant and effective for young people in the Republic.

### How will the Youth Forum work?

The Youth Forum will be composed of 25 young people (18 – 30 years) from the Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>. YF members will serve an unpaid mandate of two years and will engage in activities aiming at:

- *Advising*: The YF will advise the EU Delegation on designing, implementing and monitoring programmes and strategies related to youth.
- *Influencing*: The YF will play a critical role as bridge between the youth population and policy makers by influencing policies and legislation and how the EU can strengthen or further facilitate this process.
- *Monitoring*: The YF will monitor the impact of EU programmes on youth, the extent to which of youth's needs and priorities are included, and make suggestions to improve support to young people.
- *Informing*: The YF will serve as a knowledge hub for both the EU and the YF Members to exchange information and share ideas. The YF will keep the EUD informed of the most important issues for young people, emerging trends, concerns, opportunities and constraints.

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<sup>1</sup> Republic of Mauritius comprises of mainland Mauritius, Rodrigues Island and its Outer Islands

For this purpose, the YF members will, among others:

- Hold at least two meetings (virtual or physical) per year;
- Develop a work plan with objectives and activities;
- Discuss and deal with ad-hoc issues or requests using online tools and platforms;
- Build links with similar structures and existing youth initiatives at local and country level.

### **How can I become a member of the EU-Mauritius Youth Forum?**

The EU-Mauritius Youth Forum aims to be diverse and inclusive. It should bring together a range of opinions and experiences. The YSB aims to be inclusive and diverse in terms of gender, age, ethnic and cultural background, professional position, life situation, disability status and sexual orientation. To ensure diversity, all young and motivated people are welcome to apply, including those with less experience. Candidates with special needs, disabilities, in situation of vulnerability are encouraged to apply. All candidates must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

- Be between the age of 18-30 at the end of the application period (30 August 2021)
- Have a good command of English & French;
- Be a resident in the Republic of Mauritius

Candidates will be selected based on:

- Experience and shown initiative in youth participation and youth empowerment;
- Outreach and youth engagement skills and experience, including work with youth organisations and experience with youth that are in disadvantaged or vulnerable situations;
- Communication skills including language skills and experience with traditional and social media;
- Creativity and motivation, including ideas for YSB functioning and activities.

### **What is the timeline?**

Applications can be submitted until 31 August 2021, by sending the application form to: [DELEGATION-MAURITIUS@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:DELEGATION-MAURITIUS@eeas.europa.eu). Receipt of applications will be confirmed by email.

31 August 2021:	Application Deadline
30 September 2021:	Candidate Shortlist
Mid October:	Announcement of selected candidates
End Oct/Nov2021:	Launch of Youth Forum

The selection process will be conducted in two stages:

First stage: all candidates will be informed of the outcome of the first stage (shortlist) of the application by end of September 2021 and whether or not they have been shortlisted.

All shortlisted candidates will be informed of the results by October 2021.

A first (virtual or face-to-face) meeting of the YF will be organised in the October / November of 2021.

**What else do I need to know?**

In case of any question or enquiry, please contact [DELEGATION-MAURITIUS@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:DELEGATION-MAURITIUS@eeas.europa.eu). The EU Delegation might ask for further documentation and proof of information provided in the application form in the course of the selection process from the shortlisted and selected candidates (e.g. social media handles, CV, etc.). The selected candidates will be requested to provide a copy of their identity document to prove they meet the eligibility criteria. Candidates who are selected as members of the EU Youth Sounding Board for International Partnerships will not be considered eligible for the Youth Forum in Mauritius. The EU Delegation will draw up a reserve list of candidates.