Rethinking Youth Engagement at UNESCO
UNESCO’s vision of Youth Engagement

Engaging with youth to scale-up their actions

Engaging with youth to co-design and co-deliver UNESCO’s actions
Challenges

Operational Strategy on Youth (2014-2016)

- Culture of youth as beneficiaries
- Need to engage with more diverse youth, particularly vulnerable youth
- Need for integrated approach across all areas of specialization

Youth Forum

- Recommendations rarely taken onboard
- Follow-up commitments by youth attendees very weak
- Participants generally selected from among the most privileged youth
10\textsuperscript{TH} Youth Forum as opportunity – consultations for a dynamic transition

- Focus on practical engagement rather than political declarations
- More effective interaction with young change-makers and youth on the frontlines of the issues addressed by UNESCO’s mandate
- The Forum as a springboard for the development of long-term and meaningful engagement with youth
Agenda 2030

- ER of the 39 C/5: “Youth led action enabled, from local to global, to address societal challenges and consolidate peace.”

- Agenda 2030: “Leaving no one behind”
Thank you!

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