**Event name**  The Role of Youth in the Asia Pacific In Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

**Date**  Monday 15 May 2023

**Time**  13:15 – 14:15 GMT +7

**Event format**  Online held via google video conferencing

Young Women in Sustainable Development is a youth-led organization active in 126 countries that supports young women working towards an inclusive, sustainable future.

**About Young Women in Sustainable Development (YWISD)**

YWISD provides capacity building programs, runs advocacy campaigns, provides policy inputs, funds grassroots solutions lead by women and champions innovation including through working in the metaverse and using Crypto currency to support innovative financing for the Sustainable Development Goals.

We believe that young women have a crucial role to play in sustainable development and are committed to empowering the next generation of youth leaders to make their voices heard.

Currently no country in the world is on track to meet all of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The key to accelerated action will be unlocking the power of young people as drivers of change for sustainable development. Sitting at more than 1.8 billion the current youth population is the largest in recorded history with a large percentage of this number located in the Asia-Pacific Region.
As young people in the Asia-Pacific we are disproportionately affected by many of the issues outlined in the SDGs and see first-hand everyday how climate change is exacerbating development issues. Young people in our region are rising to the challenge that this presents and many are taking action not only in their communities but on a regional and international scale. The purpose of the event is to bring the voices of youth in the region into the Commission so that young people can make their voices heard on this important topic.

The event is completely youth designed, run and facilitated and as such is an opportunity for the Commission to work not just for youth but also hand-in-hand with youth. The Seventy-Ninth Session of the Commission presents an incredible opportunity to come together as young leaders in the region through this interactive workshop style session to learn from each other, exchange ideas and perspectives and embark on the creation of a youth communique to be presented to the Commission around the role of youth in accelerating climate action in the region and what young people see as the best path forward ensuring that no-one gets left behind.

**Speaker access link**  
meet.google.com/prt-avhk-xmy

**Focal person for the event**  
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**Speakers to arrive**  
13:15pm

**Speaker departure time**  
Speakers are welcome to depart after their allocated speaking time or stay on the session depending on their preference.
1:15 pm: Welcome (Ané)
1:17 pm: Acknowledgement of Country and paying respects to first nations peoples globally (Ané)
1:18 pm: Introduction to the session and reflections on the role of youth in the Asia Pacific in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (Ané)
1:30 pm: Introduction of Shraddha and Vani to lead the consultation (Ané)
1:31 pm: Reflections on the opportunity that the youth communiqué presents to youth to have a voice in session of the commission and the importance of it (Shraddha)
1:36 pm: Reflections on the power of youth raising their voices and bringing unique perspectives (Vani)
1:41 pm: Guided consultation commences with young people attending the session to gather their inputs to form part of the communiqué (Ané, Shraddha and Vani)

2:10 pm: Close and thank you (Ané)

Speakers and Facilitators
Ané Coetzee CEO and Founder YWISD
Shraddha Nair Policy Director YWISD
Vani Bhardwaj Head of Policy YWISD

Attendee registration link