Today’s youth population, particularly **Generation 2030**, who will become adults during the 15-year span of the SDGs, have the ambition, commitment and vested interest in seeing the success of this transformative development agenda in 2030 and beyond. So far, the Post-2015 process has been unprecedented in terms of youth involvement and participation in a global process, and this can now set the standard for the implementation and accountability of the SDGs in the future, in which young people can play a crucial role.

**EVENT CONCEPT**

This High Level Event, which includes young people, Heads of State and other government representatives, the President of the UN General Assembly, UN entities, and civil society representatives and other stakeholders, will send out a clear and strong message about the importance of including the views of young people and their crucial role in the implementation and accountability for the SDGs at a global and national levels.

Objectives of the event are to:

**Inspire:**
- Make the case for the role of young people in global decision-making, especially in the next phase of the SDG process.
- Provide a space to showcase how young people are already leading development, how they partner with government and UN entities, and the crucial role they will play in the implementation of the SDGs.

**Activate & Energise:**
- Strengthen dialogue on youth-led implementation and accountability of the SDGs, leading to further collaboration in the first 100 days.
- Launch the Restless Development initiative to gather commitments from development stakeholders & decision-makers on supporting and involving young people in the implementation of the SDGs.

Restless Development is inviting a broad range of stakeholders to share voluntary commitments to youth development which will unlock young people’s leadership and scale it into action for sustainable development. For more information on the commitments and to submit yours, please see the guidelines and submission form here.

The event will be youth-led and interactive, co-moderated by young leaders. Youth advocates with Restless Development are taking the lead in designing the programme— they will hold dialogue with High Level Representatives in an interactive way throughout the various sessions.
Program Agenda

Masters of Ceremony: Primrose Manyalo, Restless Development (Zimbabwe) and Ronagh Craddock, UK Youth delegate (UK)

Opening - The vision of putting young people at the heart of the SDGs: HRH Crown Princess Mary of Denmark

MDG to SDG generation: Youth speakers including Derick Joseph (Youths in Action, Kenya), Wilber Kakaire (Big Idea Accountability Advocate, Uganda)

Spotlight on youth-led development: Rocío González (Case4Space Young Researcher, Mexico), and Ankit Gupta (Women Deliver Young Leader & Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, India)

Translation and localization of the SDGs:
- Hon. Minister Claver Gatete Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of the Republic of Rwanda
- H.E. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka
- Merybell Reynoso, Youth Governance and Accountability Task Team, Dominican Republic
- Arifa Nassim, #YouthForChange, United Kingdom

Special Remarks: H.E. Mogens Lykketof, President of the seventieth session of the UN General Assembly
- What does this mean for youth involvement in decision-making in the UN moving forward, and how do we ensure youth participation in the first year of the SDG implementation?

High Level Panel on implementation and accountability:

Moderator: Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Panelists:
- Rt. Hon Justine Greening, Secretary of State for International Development, UK Government
- Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP
- Farah Mesmar, Youth Governance & Accountability Task Team, Jordan
- Hon. Alimamy Kamara, Youth Minister Sierra Leone
- Nik Hartley, CEO, Restless Development

Closing: Athini Nyatela, Restless Development (South Africa)