February 2024

Title: Regional Intern - Generation Connect Youth Summit and Youth Strategy

Bureau/Dept/Unit: BDT/ ROA / Regional Office of Africa

Supervision: Programme Officer

Duration: 6 to 11 months maximum

Location: ROA/Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

ITU is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs.

We allocate global radio spectrum and satellite orbits, develop the technical standards ensuring networks and technologies interconnect, and strive to improve access to ICTs in underserved communities worldwide.

ITU is committed to connecting all the world's people – wherever they live and whatever their means. Through our work, we protect and support everyone's fundamental right to communicate.

Today, ICTs underpin everything we do. They help manage and control emergency services, water supplies, power networks and food distribution chains. They support health care, education, government services, financial markets, transportation systems, e-commerce platforms and environmental management. And they allow people to communicate with colleagues, friends and family anytime, and almost anywhere.

With the help of our global membership, ITU brings the benefits of modern communication technologies to people everywhere in an efficient, safe, easy and affordable manner.

ITU membership reads like a Who's Who of the ICT sector. We're unique among UN agencies in having both public and private sector membership. So in addition to our 193 Member States, ITU membership includes ICT regulators, many leading academic institutions and some 700 tech companies.

In an increasingly interconnected world, ITU is the single global organization embracing all players in this dynamic and fast-growing sector.

1. **Organizational Unit**:

The Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) is responsible for the organization and coordination of the work of the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) of the Union which deals mainly with ICT-focused development policies, strategies and programmes, as well as technical cooperation activities, to promote digital inclusion and drive digital transformation at community, country and regional levels. To effectively and efficiently serve the needs of ITU members, BDT is organized into four functional areas:

- Office of the Deputy to the Director and Field Operations Coordination Department

- Partnerships for Digital Development Department

- Digital Networks & Society Department

- Digital Knowledge Hub Department

The office of the Deputy to the Director and Field Operations Coordination Department is responsible for advising and supporting the Director on the direction and management of the Bureau. It is also responsible for leading all matters related to personnel, strategic, financial and operational planning and reporting processes. The department oversees the work of the Regional Offices, ensuring proper delegation of authority and accountability of the Regional Offices. This department coordinates the holding of BDT conferences and events, monitors the implementation of decisions emanating from the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) or Council, and cooperates closely with the other Sectors of the Union and the General Secretariat on matters of relevance to BDT and the overall work of the Union. BDT Regional Directors report to this department.

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| 1. **Organizational context:**   Generation Connect aims to engage global youth and encourage their participation as equal partners alongside the leaders of today’s digital change, empowering young people with the skills and opportunities to advance their vision of a connected future.  Generation Connect <https://www.itu.int/generationconnect> is the overarching initiative of the [ITU Youth Strategy](https://www.itu.int/generationconnect/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/ITU_Youth_Strategy.pdf) on the journey to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25) and the Generation Connect Youth Summit 2024.  The three pillars of the Youth Strategy are Empower, Engage, and Participate. The Generation Connect Visionaries Board is a key effort towards the ITU Youth Strategy to champion youth voices further to advance digital development.  The Generation Connect Youth Summit will be held in December 2022, preceding the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-2025) |

## **Terms of Reference / Internship Objective:**

Under the supervision of the Regional Youth Focal Point, the Intern will:

* Coordinate and support the regional efforts related to the implementation of the ITU Youth Strategy, and the Generation Connect Initiative in Africa, and the organization of the Generation Connect Global Youth Summit
* Support the regional efforts related to the organization of the Youth Summit 2024.
* Contribute to the regional youth engagement activities that will build up to the Youth Summit.
* Support regional partnership, sponsorship, and fellowship efforts for the Youth Summit.
* Assist in the implementation of the ITU Youth Strategy and Generation Connect regional efforts, activities, and events.
* Contribute to the work related to the GC regional youth groups.
* Prepare a bi-monthly summary report of the implementation of the Generation Connect activities in Africa region and highlight the challenges and proposed solutions.
* Assist with the regional social media communities on youth related communication efforts.
* Any other youth related duties assigned by the Regional Youth Focal Point.

1. **Competencies**

**Technical Competencies** *(Examples of technical competencies are knowledge of regulatory frameworks, ERP or project management methodologies, etc.):*

* Be passionate about championing young voices in the digital development dialogue,
* Have excellent interpersonal communication, collaboration, and organization skills,
* Be outgoing and comfortable with public speaking/interview facilitation,
* Have strong Project and Event Management skills,
* Embrace opportunities to take initiative and try new tasks,
* Be proactive and creative,
* Be flexible – schedules can change, and one needs to be able to adapt,

1. **Qualifications required**
2. **Education**:

Bachelor university studies advanced or concluded in STEM, Social & Human Sciences, and Law studies represent an asset, considering that these background studies will enable understanding and facilitate the involvement of selected young leaders in the work of ITU.

1. **Work experience**:

No work experience is required.

1. **Languages:**  
   Fluent in English and preferably any other UN languages spoken in the region.
2. **Training and Learning Elements:**

The intern will acquire excellent knowledge and experience of:

* Learning tools to help organize major events like the youth summit.
* Gaining skills in community outreach, partnership building, and stakeholder engagement through collaborating with youth groups and other stakeholders,
* Learning best practices for inclusive youth engagement and effective facilitation techniques to lead discussions, workshops, and activities;
* Building expertise in designing programs, sessions, and experiences that empower and motivate Generation Connect Youth Envoys.
* Practicing strategic planning processes to help develop comprehensive youth-related activities and initiatives.
* Enhance virtual collaboration and digital engagement skills and utilize technology platforms to interact with Generation Connect Youth Envoys remotely.
* Gain knowledge of youth trends, topics of interest, challenges, and barriers facing young people today through direct exposure and conversations.
* Strengthening written and verbal communication abilities through preparing presentations, session plans, podcasts, and other engagement materials.
* Acquiring a greater understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion principles to ensure youth engagement is accessible, representative, and empowering.