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August 31 to September 3, 2026

Global Green Growth Institute, Seoul

8th **IYTT** Youth Conference

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You are young and bold!

Apply to the 8th IYTT Youth Conference

Hosted by the Global Green Growth Institute in Seoul,

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Once a year, the IYTT recruits 24 young leaders, thinkers, and artists aged 18-26 to become IYTT Youth Fellows. In their role, they foster participation by actively contributing to communal life in their communities while being part of a global network of like-minded individuals. Youth Fellows contribute to the creation of the IYTT Participation Toolkit, an ever-evolving collection of innovative participatory methods spearheaded by the Open Chair Democracy Talks. To become a Youth Fellow, you must apply to our four-day training conference, which takes place yearly in rotating corners of the world. In the past, they took place in Barcelona, Gothenburg, Stellenbosch, and Washington, DC. Now the turn has come to Seoul! I am very proud that the Global Green Growth Institute is hosting our 8th IYTT Youth Conference and that we are partnering with two great South Korean youth organizations, the Younan Movement and VALID.

When problems seem too complex and the future uncertain, it is young people who must step up and lead with clarity of vision. I believe in young people's ability to guide society through today's challenges with generosity and grace.

I invite you and 23 additional young individuals to the 8th IYTT Youth Conference, confident that you can shape change. We will cover the cost of travel, accommodation, and meals.*

Your overall assignment will be to jointly develop twelve tangible proposals on how to reclaim dignity, openness, and democracy in the 2020s and beyond.

To inspire and structure your work, we provide a facilitated program and invite researchers, executive professionals, and experienced change-makers to serve as speakers and commentators.**

You will leave the conference as an IYTT Youth Fellow, with new friends, ready to go from words to deeds by using the various IYTT methods in collaboration with Youth Fellows overseas. The conference will boost your network and leadership capacity, broaden your knowledge, train you as a democracy entrepreneur & strengthen your voice.

Apply to the conference by **submitting a personal presentation and a statement of motivation** for your participation at [this link](#). Anyone aged **18-to-26 living in South Korea at the time of the conference** is welcome to apply, regardless of citizenship.

The **application deadline is 7th June 2026**.

Please help me spread the word by sharing this invitation in your networks.

I look forward to your application!

Urban Strandberg,

Director & Co-founder of the
[International Youth Think Tank](#)



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* Some expenses associated with travel, such as passport fees, local transport and transit, and meals during travel will be borne by participants themselves.

** All sessions of the conference will be carried out in English. To ensure that the works of the conference proceed smoothly we require that all participants speak fluent English.