“Working with and for young people is one of my top priorities.

Youth are a transformative force; they are creative, resourceful and enthusiastic agents of change, be it in public squares or cyberspace. From their pivotal role in efforts to achieve freedom, democracy and equality, to their global mobilization in support of the Rio+ 20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, youth have energetically demonstrated yet again their capacity and desire to turn the tide of history and tackle global challenges.”

- His Excellency, Ban Ki-moon
Why the involvement of young people is critical for SDSN

* Young people have a major stake in the SDGs and will ultimately be tasked with implementing them

* Young people have the passion, creativity, energy, and idealism to bring about the behavioural changes necessary for sustainable development

* The global reach of SDSN and its strong association with universities provides a unique opportunity for effective involvement of youth.
Youth Solutions - Australia Pacific

May 2014 Launch event and workshops
Youth Solutions global
Aims and Objectives

- Educate young people about the challenges of sustainable development and empower them to challenge the status quo

- Provide a platform for young people from different communities to connect, share ideas, and experiences

- Encourage young people to initiate projects to address the challenges of sustainable development and assist them by providing technical expertise, and fundraising
Activities

* Create a network of young people in SDSN regional and national centres and engage them in SDSN activities
* Develop effective social media channels to keep young people informed and engaged in SDSN activities
* Organise events and workshops around SDSN’s thematic groups
* Establish a global network of young people dedicated to coordinating solution and education initiatives
Activities

* Develop high impact presentations and deliver them to school students
* Produce and circulate reader-friendly and summary publications of SDSN reports
* Mobilise support for international events such as the Financing for Development, Millennium Summit 2015 and COP21 Paris, through global advocacy campaigns
Potential organisational structure

- Director
- Secretariat
- Leadership Council
- Executive
- Regional SDSN Centre
- SDSN Centre
- SDSN Centre
- SDSN Youth Executive
- SDSN Youth
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