



## SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR THE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES PROGRAMME

### Objectives of the Youth Representatives Programme

- Strengthen youth engagement and co-leadership in decision-making spaces through the [World Food Forum \(WFF\) Youth Assembly](#), which serves as a sustained, self-organized and structured platform for youth advocacy and action in agrifood systems;
- Facilitate the mobilization of actionable and innovative solutions, bringing youth-driven priorities from local and national levels to global agrifood systems policy discussions throughout the year and at [the WFF flagship event](#) from 10 to 17 October 2025;
- Ensure diverse representation, particularly for youth from underrepresented regions and groups, such as the Global South, young farmers, Indigenous youth and marginalized communities, so they can contribute to shaping inclusive and impactful agrifood policies; and
- Engage with WFF National Youth Chapters, where established, to support local action to transform agrifood systems.

### Selection Criteria

- **Age eligibility**  
Candidates must fall within the age range of 18-35 years to be eligible for the Youth Representatives Programme.
- **Relevant background and experience**  
Candidates must demonstrate academic, professional or volunteer experience in areas related to agrifood systems or other key annual thematic priorities of the Youth Assembly. Prior engagement in these fields will be considered an asset.
- **Language proficiency**  
Proficiency in English is required. Excellent command of any of the



other official languages of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish) is a plus.

- **Nomination letter**

If belonging to an organization, institution or formal delegation, a nomination or endorsement letter from the same must be submitted during the application process. This letter should outline the candidate's qualifications, dedication and potential to contribute meaningfully to the Youth Representatives Programme.

- **Intercultural competence**

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to adapt to an international and multicultural environment and possess strong intercultural communication skills. Women and individuals from underrepresented minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

- **Exclusion clause**

Current WFF's Young Scientists Group (YSG) or Youth Policy Board (YPB) members are not eligible to apply.

- **Reapplication policy**

Applicants are encouraged to reapply at the end of their tenure, under the condition that they continue to meet all the above-mentioned criteria.

## Selection Process

- Applications will be assessed according to the selection criteria outlined above, including the submission of a valid nomination letter.
- Shortlisted candidates will undergo review by the WFF Youth team for final selection.
- Successful applicants will be notified and proceed to the onboarding phase.