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REGISTRATION GUIDELINE

MIDDLE EAST YOUTH SUMMIT

#TogetherforUmmah



“Global Muslim Youth Collaboration for Sustainable Development”

March 30-April 2, 2026
Makkah | Saudi Arabia

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middleeastyouthsummit.com

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INTRODUCTION

What is Middle East Youth Summit?

The **Middle East Youth Summit (MEYS)** is an international program organized by Youth Break the Boundaries (YBB), dedicated to empowering muslim young leaders to take an active role in developing a better muslim community. As a prestigious platform, MEYS brings together youth from across nations, cultures, and backgrounds under the spirit of **"Together for Ummah."**

At the heart of the summit lies the **International Symposium and Muslim Community Development Project Competition**, where participants design and present innovative projects that aim to create real impact on the Muslim Community. These projects are directly connected to the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, with a primary focus on **SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)**.

Delegates are placed into multicultural teams based on their chosen SDG, ensuring that every group reflects the richness of international perspectives. Through this process, youth not only learn to **collaborate across differences** but also strengthen essential leadership qualities such as **critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and teamwork**.

The summit also provides recognition and visibility to outstanding ideas, with awards granted to the best projects that demonstrate innovation, feasibility, and impact. More than just a competition, MEYS serves as a transformative journey where youth gain the confidence and capacity to **#LeadTheFuture** in their communities and beyond.

With the 2026 theme, "Global Muslim Youth Collaboration for Sustainable Development," MEYS continues its mission of nurturing young changemakers, celebrating diversity, and building global networks that transcend borders.

With the background being told, Middle East Youth Summit is designed to meet several objectivity, detailed below:

- **To connect young Muslim** leaders globally to promote unity and cultural exchange.
- **To strengthen Islamic values** through meaningful spiritual and leadership experiences.
- **To equip youth with leadership skills** to drive positive change in the communities.
- **To support Muslim community development** through education, innovation, and collaboration.
- **To build a strong global network of youth** committed to continuous growth and impact.
- **To Transform ideas into actionable social initiatives** with recognition and awards for excellence.
- **To Support Career and Academic Development** by providing international exposure, certificates, and achievements that strengthen participants' academic portfolios, scholarship applications, and career opportunities.

Track Record of Middle East Youth Summit



February 28 - March 3, 2023:
Building Future Muslim Leaders



September 19-22, 2023:
Building World Civilization through
Islamic Brotherhood



February 19 - 22, 2024: Empowering
Emerging Leaders for Positive Change
within the Islamic Brotherhood



February 19 - 22, 2024: Empowering
Emerging Leaders for Positive Change
within the Islamic Brotherhood

General Agenda | Activity of the Middle East Youth Summit

1. **Pre Orientation and Webinars** *[online; open for public]*
2. **Group Mentoring Session** *[online; for confirmed participants]*
3. **Welcoming Dinner**
4. **Opening Ceremony and International Delegates Performance**
5. **Panel Discussion with SDGs Experts, Academician, and Youth Leaders**
6. **Social Project Presentation**
7. **Awarding Night**

Note: The agenda above is **tentative and subject to change** based on circumstances such as weather conditions or other external factors. Any adjustments (e.g., replacement with activities like a city tour or university visit) will be made to **ensure the safety, comfort, and best experience** of all participants. Please note that the **Welcoming Dinner through to the Awarding Night will take place offline in Makkah, Saudi Arabia for confirmed participants.**

Organizer Profile of Middle East Youth Summit

Youth Break the Boundaries (YBB) is a global youth organization committed to empowering young leaders and fostering meaningful change. Through international programs such as the **Japan Youth Summit, Korea Youth Summit, Middle East Youth Summit, World Youth Festival, Youth Academic Forum, and Youth Leader Camp**, YBB provides a platform for youth to develop leadership skills, collaborate across cultures, and create impactful projects.

In addition, YBB actively shares resources and scholarship opportunities, supporting young people in their academic and professional journeys. Guided by the vision of **#LeadTheFuture**, YBB continues to inspire and connect the next generation of global changemakers.

More about Youth Break the Boundaries? check official website and social media through youthbreaktheboundaries.carrd.co

Part 2: Eligibility and Recognition

Eligibility: Who Can Apply?

The Middle East Youth Summit is **open to all Muslim young leaders** who meet the following requirements:

1. Age Requirement:

- Participants must be between **15–35 years old**.
- Delegates under 18 are advised to be accompanied by a guardian during their journey to ensure a smooth immigration process.

2. Language Proficiency:

- The summit will be conducted in **English** (presentations, discussions, and judging).
- Applicants are **not required** to provide TOEFL/IELTS scores.
- Fluency is not mandatory, but participants should have basic English communication skills and the confidence to express their ideas.

3. Commitment to Positive Change:

- Open to youth passionate about leadership, innovation, sustainability, and social impact.
- Applicants must not be affiliated with any **extremist or violent** organizations.

4. Global Participation:

- Open to applicants from all nationalities, cultures, and academic/professional backgrounds.

Awards and Recognition

The Middle East Youth Summit celebrates the outstanding contributions and achievements of its participants through a series of prestigious awards. These recognitions honor excellence in leadership, teamwork, innovation, and creativity.

Awards Spotlight :

The Best Project | The Best Group | The Best Participant | The Best Presenter (Male & Female)

Recognition & Prizes

Winners will receive:

Official Certificate of Achievement | Medals | A chance to be featured across MEYS global platforms

These awards not only celebrate the winners' hard work and creativity but also serve as a valuable addition to their academic and professional journey, strengthening both portfolios and future opportunities. Each year, recognitions are subject to change, depending on the development of the curriculum given to the participants.

Registration Process and Policy

Types of Participants

At the **Middle East Youth Summit**, participants can join under the following categories:

1. Regular Participants

- Individuals who register directly through the official website.
- Registration can be under the **Self-Funded or Fully Funded** scheme.

2. Ambassadors

- Youth who apply before the official registration opens and are selected to **promote the program**.
- Ambassadors receive **special benefits**, including a chance for free registration, by completing targeted tasks and content promotion.
- They also guide new participants by sharing step-by-step information on the registration process.
- Registration can be under the **Self-Funded or Fully Funded** scheme.

3. Partnership Delegates

- Participants registered through **partner institutions** (schools, universities, or organizations).
- Institutions send participants to represent their name at an international level.
- Registration can be under the **Self-Funded or Fully Funded** scheme.

4. Guardians

- Parents or guardians accompanying participants under 18 years old to ensure smooth travel and immigration processes.
- Special packages are provided for guardians.

Types of Registration Scheme

Participants may join under two financial schemes:

1. Fully Funded Scheme

- Provided through a **competitive selection process**, which includes:
 - Registration form & required documents
 - Essay submission
 - Interview assessment
- Only the strongest candidates will be awarded fully funded status.
- **Reimbursement System:**
 - To ensure commitment, including in assisting the delegate with hotel booking, seminar kits of participation, those who register in fully funded scheme are required to cover the program fee first.
 - The reimbursement will be processed before the event starts, based on mutual agreement between the organizing team and the delegate.
 - If the delegates won't make further payment until the announcement of interview candidates or the final candidate of the fully funded is made, the moment when they receive an invitation email for interview, they are required to send an additional agreement called a Declaration Letter (which will be sent before you request a schedule for interview).
 - Only those who receive an invitation email but haven't paid the installment/program fee for an interview will have the Declaration Letter sent.
 - Benefit for Fully Funded participants are the same as everyone, we expect fairness and sincerity regardless of their registration status.
 - Fully Funded delegate can have the chance to be moderator in the panel discussion with the panel experts.

2. Self-Funded Scheme

- For those who prefer to **skip the selection process** and secure their participation directly.
- Also applies to applicants who were not selected as fully funded — they will automatically be considered **Self-Funded Participants** once they are not receiving any email for interview or is rejected for an interview.
- Self Funded participants who at first have applied in Fully Funded scheme and got rejected, can confirm their participation without having to re-register or pay an additional registration fee. Only the **program fee/installments** need to be completed.

Program Package Details

All registered and confirmed participants will get the following items and benefit shown below whether they are **self funded** or **fully funded participants**:

<p>Knowledge Support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre Orientation (Details of the program, Sharing Alumni, Guide to Write and Get Sponsorship from Company to Support Your Journey, etc) 2. Mentoring and Grouping session (How to Create Social Project, In Depth Knowledge of How to Present Your Social Project, etc) 	<p>Seminar Kit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. T-Shirt with customized and modern design 2. ID Card 3. Totebag 4. Pen and Notebook 5. Sticker
<p>Program Needs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Airport Pickup (Available only in certain time of Day 1) 2. Daily Meals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1 (Dinner only) • Day 2 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) • Day 3 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) • Day 4 (Breakfast only) 3. Umrah, City Tour/University Visit (subject to change) 4. Local Transportation during the program 5. Airport Transfer (Available only in certain time of Day 4) 6. Certificate of Participation 	<p>Awards and Recognition (If Winning):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate of Winners 2. Medals 3. Placard (for representative of group category winners) 4. Goodie bag and gifts (if any)
<p>Publication and Documentation Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap Video • After Movie • Interview Session • Press Release • Content throughout Social Media • Collaboration Exposure • Certification certified by Puspresnas (National Achievement Center) 	<p>DOES NOT INCLUDE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visa • Personal Expenses • Airplane Ticket

PAYMENT FOR MEYS 2026

The Registration Fee

Fully Funded 10 USD 169.000 IDR

Self Funded 15 USD 253.500 IDR

The Program Fee

720 USD 12.000.000 IDR

First Installment

300 USD 5.000.000 IDR

Second Installment

420 USD 7.000.000 IDR

Note: the installment can be made in alignment with the timeline of the program, kindly refer to the program timeline in order to know each installment deadline of payment.

Special Package for Guardian

Fully Funded 10 USD 169.000 IDR

For parents who would like to accompany their children to join the program, there is a special package of **Rp 7.500.000 (450 USD)**

This includes: Hotel and Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

How to Register

Before you start please pay attention:

- For the best experience, open the website on a laptop and use incognito/private browsing to avoid issues during updates or bugs.
- Have a non-institutional email (Gmail, Yahoo, etc.), a photo/ID ready, and your essay (if applying for fully funded).

Registration steps

1	Open the website
Go to middleeastyouthsummit.com (or the official registration page provided).	
2	Choose a registration type
Select Self-Funded or Fully-Funded depending on the registration period and your preference.	
3	Create your account
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your full name and an active email address (personal email recommended). • Create a strong password you can remember. • Click Sign Up to register your account. 	
4	Sign in
After signing up, log in with the email and password you just created.	
5	Check your dashboard
On the dashboard you will see your registration status (Self-Funded or Fully-Funded) and whether your submission form is complete.	
6	Open the Submission form
Go to Submission → Edit Submission and complete these sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal details • Professional profile • Entry information • Miscellaneous (includes essay upload and theme selection) 	
7	The essay and theme selection are used to place you into a project group if your participation is confirmed.
8	Review carefully
Double-check every field before saving. Save & continue as you progress.	
9	Preview & Payment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to the Preview section to review your entire submission. • Proceed to Make Payment (if applicable) and wait until payment status shows Success 	
10	Final submission
After payment shows Success, return to Submission and click Submit to complete your registration.	

Important notes & differences

- You may edit your form after payment only if you have not clicked the final Submit button. Once submitted, the form cannot be changed.
- Fully-Funded applicants:
 - Additional requirements apply (complete required pages and share campaign assets on social media – e.g., twibbon). These sharing steps are mandatory for fully funded applicants.
- Self-Funded applicants:
 - Essay submission is not required.
 - Social sharing (twibbon, etc.) is not required.
 - The rest of the form still needs to be completed and paid (if applicable).

How to Make Payment

1 Go to the Payment

- Open your dashboard and click on the Payment tab. You will see your payment details, including payment history, pending payments, and cancelled payments.

2 Check your payment information

- Review which payment you want to make — either the Registration Fee or an Installment Fee.
- The installment option will appear based on the active period and will display the deadline for when the payment is due.

3 Click "Pay Now"

- Choose the payment method you wish to use (*Payment Gateway or Manual Payment*).
- Please note that not all banks are available in the list of payment gateway but if your card has VISA or MasterCard logo to process for international transactions, then you can choose debit or credit card and enter your card details to continue making payments.
- If your bank is not listed, use the Payment Gateway option with your debit or credit card.

4 Proceed with payment

- If you select the Payment Gateway, wait until it displays your payment details or virtual account number. Once shown, proceed with the payment through your chosen method.

5 Unpaid transactions

- If you close the payment page or decide to pay later, you can return to the Pending Payment section to complete your payment.
- However, please note that any unpaid payment link will expire within 1 hour, and you will need to generate a new payment gateway to continue.

ESSAY GUIDELINE

When registering you are required to write an essay. You can write your essay with essay guidelines below

	SDG 4 Quality of Education
	SDG 5 Gender Equality
	SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities
	SDG 16 Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
	SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals

Registration Update *and* Communication

Here are the things that every participant should pay attention to after completing their registration:

01 Wait for Your Form Review

After submitting your registration form, please wait while the selection team reviews your submission. Once validated and accepted, you will receive a Letter of Acceptance (LoA).

02 Understanding Your LoA

- Receiving an LoA means your form has been verified and accepted by the committee.
- For Self-Funded participants, the LoA confirms that your registration is complete and valid.
- For Fully-Funded applicants, the LoA does not yet mean you are accepted as a fully-funded delegate. It indicates that your form has passed the first review stage and will proceed to the Essay Review and Interview Selection process.

03 Where to Access Your LoA

The LoA will be sent to your registered email address and can also be downloaded from the "Documents" tab on your account dashboard.

04 Documents Provided After Receiving the LoA

Once your LoA is issued, you will have access to several documents to download, sign, and share:

- **Agreement Letter:**
 - This outlines program policies and serves as an agreement between participants and the organizer. It confirms your commitment to participate from registration until the end of the program. Download, sign, and upload this document again under the Documents tab in your account.
- **Sponsorship Proposal Template:**
 - Provided for participants who wish to seek external funding (from companies, organizations, or communities) to support their journey to the event. You may customize it according to your needs and budget.
- **Program Boarding Pass:**
 - A digital card to share on your social media as part of the official Istanbul Youth Summit exposure campaign. It helps boost excitement and awareness about your participation.

05 How to Stay Updated During the Selection Process

While waiting for the LoA or selection results (sent in batches), please stay connected and updated through these official channels:

- The official website and social media platforms of Istanbul Youth Summit.
- Regular updates sent to your registered email (newsletters and important notices).
- Pre-Orientation Sessions announced on social media, held via Zoom and Instagram Live.

06 Official Group Invitation

The official participant group will only be opened and accessible to those who have made at least their first installment payment of the program fee.

07 Fully-Funded Participants — Confirmation of Attendance

Participants under the fully-funded registration scheme will be confirmed to attend the event after completing all selection stages, including essay review and interview.

08 Early Confirmation Option for Fully-Funded Applicants

- If you are a fully-funded applicant and wish to confirm your participation early, you may proceed with the program payment before the selection result.
- If you are later selected as a fully-funded delegate, your payment will be reimbursed accordingly.

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For Fully-Funded Applicants Who Already Paid Program Fee but Not Selected as Fully Funded Delegate

- Applicants who have made payments under the fully-funded scheme will receive early group invitations.
- If you are not selected as a fully-funded participant after the interview, you may still attend the summit as a self-funded participant by completing the remaining program fee.

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Declaration Letter Requirement

- Fully-funded applicants who receive an interview invitation email but have not yet made any payment are required to sign the Declaration Letter sent to their email before scheduling the interview.
- Failure to sign the declaration will be considered as withdrawal from the selection process.

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Pre-Orientation is Mandatory

- All participants – whether paid or unpaid, self-funded or fully-funded – are required to join the Pre-Orientation session.
- The pre-orientation provides essential information and updates about the event. Please make sure to check your email regularly and follow the official timeline shared by the committee.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

1. Please note that once the participant completes the payment, it serves as a confirmation of participation and attendance for the Istanbul Youth Summit.
2. **The payment is non-refundable under any circumstances.**
3. Once participants confirm their attendance, their names will be included in the official participant list and the hotel booking arrangements, as well as in the preparation for pre-orientation, seminar kits, and other pre-event benefits provided by the organizer.
4. If a participant decides to cancel their participation after confirmation, it will be considered as a cancellation with a non-transferable fee, since the costs and reservations have already been allocated and confirmed on behalf of the participant.
5. Reimbursement applies only for confirmed fully funded participants, in accordance with the terms communicated directly by the organizing committee.

Visa Policy

1. Visa processing is not included in the program fee and not part of the fully funded benefits. Each participant is responsible for obtaining their own visa according to the visa regulations of their respective countries.
2. Because visa requirements vary by nationality, participants are strongly advised to consult a trusted travel agency or the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in their home country for accurate and updated information regarding visa application procedures.
3. To support your visa application, the organizing committee will provide the following official documents:
 - a. Hotel Booking Confirmation (under your registered name)
4. Please note that the organizer is not responsible for visa approval or rejection, as the decision lies solely with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Embassy and is influenced by your personal travel history, financial statement, and other supporting documents.
5. For first-time travelers or participants without extensive travel records, it is strongly recommended to apply for a Tourist Visa/Umrah Visa rather than a Business or Conference Visa, as it offers a higher likelihood of approval.

Special Note: For green visa holders (Canada, US, and many other countries) can process their Visa application with a "Tourist" Visa.

Timeline of Program

Makkah, Saudi Arabia February 9–12, 2026

Below is the official timeline for the Middle East Youth Summit 2026. Please take note of the important dates to ensure smooth participation throughout all stages of the program.

No	Description	Start Date	End Date
1	Participant Registration (Fully Funded)	November 15, 2025	January 1, 2026
2	Participant Registration (Self Funded)	November 15, 2025	February 15, 2026
3	Letter of Acceptance (LoA) Announcement – Batch 1	December 20, 2025	December 25, 2025
4	Letter of Acceptance (LoA) Announcement – Batch 2	January 20, 2025	January 25, 2026

No	Description	Start Date	End Date
5	Letter of Acceptance (LoA) Announcement – Batch 3	November 15, 2025	January 1, 2026
6	Deadline for First Installment Payment (Batch 1)	November 15, 2025	February 15, 2026
7	Deadline for Second Installment Payment (Batch 2)	December 20, 2025	December 25, 2025
8	Interview Announcement for Fully-Funded Candidates	January 20, 2025	January 25, 2026
9	Interview Period for Fully Funded Candidates	February 2, 2026	February 5, 2026
10	Final Announcement for Fully-Funded Participants	March 1, 2026	March 5, 2026
11	Mentoring Session	January 1, 2026	Maret 23, 2026
12	Middle East Youth Summit Program	February 30, 2026	April 2, 2026

Important Notes:

- Fully Funded registration is limited and competitive, based on essay quality and interview results.
- Participants who receive the Letter of Acceptance (LoA) should complete the required payments according to their batch deadline.
- Mentoring sessions are mandatory for all confirmed delegates to prepare for the main summit.
- The organizer reserves the right to adjust the schedule if necessary, and updates will be communicated via official channels.

General Rundown of the Program

Day 1 - March 30, 20256

No	Time	Program	Location
1	10:00 AM - 14:00 PM	Airport Pick-up batch 1	King Abdulaziz International Airport, Jeddah (JED)
2	17:00 PM	Hotel Check-in and Registration	Hotel
3	19:30	Umrah (optional)	

Day 2 - March 31, 2026

No	Time	Program	Location
1	6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Hotel's Restaurant
2	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Islamic Historical Visit, Umrah (optional)	Makkah City

Day 3 - April 1, 2026

No	Time	Program	Location
1	6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Hotel's Restaurant
2	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	International Youth Summit	Hotel's Ballroom
3		Panel Discussion	
4		Group Presentation	

Day 4 - April 2, 2026

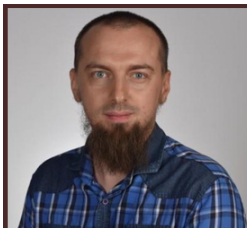
No	Time	Program	Location
1	6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Hotel
2	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Certificate Claims	
3		Hotel Check Out and Airport Transfer	

*Tentative**

Previous Speaker Highlight



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Planning & Digital Communication Specialist for Climate Business



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Zhafira Aqyla
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Our Alumni



And many more

Previous Partner



Part 7 Contact Us

The Middle East Youth Summit, organized by Youth Break the Boundaries (YBB Foundation), carries the spirit of #TogetherforUmmah.

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