

# ***1.8 Billion Young People for Change and the Global Forum for Adolescents***



## ***Why should adolescent well-being be a priority?***

As representatives of the people, parliamentarians have a critical role in ensuring the well-being of the youth and adolescents in their countries. With 1.8 billion young people worldwide at this point in time, it is crucial that policy and investment approaches prioritize their needs and play a pivotal role in creating an enabling environment for this cohort of young people to reach their full potential. To achieve this, youth and adolescent voices must be at the center of decision-making processes for their health, empowerment, education, and connection with the community and the planet.

## ***Save the date!*** ***Global Forum for Adolescents*** ***11-12 OCTOBER 2023***

The Global Forum for Adolescents will be a key milestone for the *1.8 Billion Young People for Change* campaign, bringing together youth and adolescents, advocates and global decision-makers, including parliamentarians. Through a series of national events leading up to a two-day virtual mainstage on 11-12 October 2023. The Forum will promote political and financial commitments toward improved adolescent well-being.



[\*\*\*Learn more here\*\*\*](#)

The **Global Forum for Adolescents** is being convened by **PMNCH**, the largest global alliance advocating for women's, children's and adolescents' health, hosted by the World Health Organization.

# The role of parliamentarians



## Accountability

- Advocate for financial, policy and service delivery commitments for adolescent well-being
- Promote greater accountability towards existing commitments and better health and well-being outcomes
- Assess how policies and plans are being implemented to accelerate progress and achieve the SDGs

## Legislation

- Develop laws, regulations and policies to protect adolescents, including their access to quality services

## Budgeting

- Ensure Government-led commitments for Adolescent well-being are properly costed to enable full implementation, and budgets are tracked and reported upon

## Representation

- Represent the views and experiences of adolescents in parliamentary advocacy and accountability efforts
- Ensure decision-making is informed by community voices by engaging with the "What Young People Want" initiative



- Amplify the needs and demands of adolescents through media and social media, e.g., posting a video/photo and caption of a young person who has inspired your advocacy work for health and well-being. Don't forget to use #1point8. More ideas and materials in the **social media kit**

## Stay informed

Join the campaign for all the latest information on the 1.8 Billion campaign and Global Forum at [www.1point8.org](http://www.1point8.org)



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