



World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA)
40th Anniversary Youth Forum: Climate Change and Culture
Application Guidelines

1. Background

The year of 2021 is WFUCA's 40th anniversary. To celebrate, Mr. Jay-Kun YOO, the president of Korean National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (KNFUCA) who was elected as WFUCA's acting president this February, is hosting the Youth Forum. In tradition, participants from all over the country were to be invited to Korea, the hosting country, to gather up for the event. Yet, due to COVID-19, this upcoming Youth Forum is going to happen online by using metaverse platform called "Gathertown". Metaverse is a term coined by writer Neal Stephenson in the novel "Snow Crash" which refers to an immersive digital environment where people interact as avatars.

Since the year of 1982, KNFUCA has been the focal point for peace in local communities of Korea. Following Korea's admission to UNESCO, local UNESCO associations were launched to realize UNESCO's ideals in the fields of Education, Science and Culture. Since 2015, KNFUCA, NFUAJ (National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan) and CNFUCA (Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations) have implemented the Youth Cultural Festival for 4 years. In this program, the participants discussed what they can do for the sustainable society and exchange ideas to deepen mutual understanding.

In this forum, participants will study SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), especially about climate change and culture. UNESCO defines climate change as a challenge of our time without question. While culture is a resource for climate change mitigation and adaptation, UNESCO points out that culture is largely absent from our discussions on climate change today. Therefore, during this forum, participants will be able to investigate the culture being not only the victim of climate change, but also a powerful resource in global climate action.

2. Objectives

This forum is designed for youth (age from 13 to 18) who want to learn more about SDGs, especially about the climate change and culture. The participants are requested to come up with action plan, "Culture Changing the World", to solve the issues regarding climate change from the learning and

finding during the forum. After the forum ends, participants are expected to utilize the metaverse platform as a place for further discussion. The forum consists of the keynote speech, workshop, group discussion, and group presentation. This forum provides the participants opportunities to:

- Learn about the overview of social issue, especially climate change and culture
- Experience metaverse platform – Gathertown
- Research about World Heritage
- Discuss the relation between climate change and culture
- Present “Culture Changing the World” by small groups as action plans to solve the issues regarding climate change
- Issue “Youth Creating the Future: Climate Change and Culture” as an outcome of the forum
- Encourage the participants to utilize metaverse platform for further discussion and communication with other participants

3. Framework

Date	November 5 th , 2021 ~ November 7 th , 2021
Time	Each day 1pm~4pm (Paris, France / CET)
Venue	Metaverse Platform – Gathertown
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth(age from 13 to 18) from WFUCA member countries ▪ Maximum of 6 students from each country
Working Language	English and French
Organizer	Korean National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations
Supporter	World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations

4. Tentative Schedule

11/05 (Fri)	13:00-13:10	▪ Opening ceremony
	13:10-14:00	▪ Keynote speech
	14:00-15:30	▪ Introducing small groups and small group activities
	15:30-16:00	▪ Large group workshop
11/06 (Sat)	13:00-13:30	▪ Lecture by group leaders – “Climate Change and Culture”
	13:30-16:00	▪ Small group discussion - "Culture Changing the World”
11/07 (Sun)	13:00-15:30	▪ Small group presentation - "Culture Changing the World”
	15:30-16:00	▪ Closing ceremony

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