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Egypt-NATIONAL DEBATE FORUM

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NATIONAL DEBATE FORUM going Virtual



Young Mediterranean Voices (YMV) is launching a month-long, region-wide programme of debate competitions and national debate forums between October and November 2020 across eight South Mediterranean countries (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia).

The National Debate Forum Egypt is built on a three-day event involving teams from seven different national debate hubs with over **96 participants**. There will be **22 debates** through the three-day National Debate Forum. 15 debates will be run in Arabic in parallel with seven debates in English. The motions of the debates will be based on themes linked to **the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), contributing to the 2030 agenda for sustainable development**. Each debate will feature teams of young debaters from four debate hubs who will present evidence to validate their argument for or against a motion linked to specific SDG. Issues, challenges, arguments and recommendations will be captured.

This year, it is true that the global pandemic has forced us to limit our face-to-face interaction; however, the technology has given us unprecedented opportunities for learning, dialogues, and connectiveness.

The national Debate Forum will follow a **blended approach virtually and face-to-face** bringing over **96 young debaters** and **36 facilitators** from across cities and villages of Egypt.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



The National Debate Forum will highlight national and global priorities under the framework of SDGs, it will be an opportunity for young people to exchange their views, to dialogue and to find innovative and sustainable solutions.

Therefore, the Forum proposes the following SDGs:

SDG 4 'Quality Education'

SDG 10 'Reduce Inequality within and among countries'

SDG 13 'Climate Action'



CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP



The Forum will further develop capacity through capacity building sessions including policy motions, policy process, understanding sustainable development, in addition to other subjects.

POLICY DIALOGUE



Additionally, we are inviting relevant stakeholders, where youth will present a particular theme to be discussed with policy makers and influencers in collaboration with EU Delegations and national/local authorities, as a means to generate dialogue and mentor the young debaters in sharpening their content in order to formulate more efficient policy recommendations.

METHODOLOGY



We propose 4 phases for the Forum to be as impactful as possible:

- 1/ Inter-hub competition and team formation:** a pre-qualifier phase to prepare teams to practice debate and further adapt to the virtual format. Teams also get to know each other better to work together during the National Debate Forum.
- 2/ The capacity building phase:** it will include a refresher on policy motion debating, aiming at the generation of policy recommendations, debate club development, in addition to other sessions. The phase also explains the format of the online/virtual forum in addition to introducing the facilitators/adjudicators.
- 3/ The Debate phase:** where virtual/blended debates will take place and content will be generated, in the form of arguments and recommendations. The debates will follow the British Parliamentary format in addition to Oxford style for the final debate. This year final debates will be broadcasted online and open for public registration.
- 4/ The Policy Forum phase:** a high level discussion around policy recommendations generated in the Debate phase, with the involvement of relevant stakeholders, where youth will present a particular theme to be discussed with policy makers and influencers in collaboration with EU Delegations and national/local authorities.

Programme Agenda

Group Composition: 15 Arabic Track, 7 English Track

Programme (GMT+2)

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER – Pre-DAY 1 (Location: Online [Main room](#) -private event)

- 17.30-18.00 *Induction on zoom platform and how to use it*
- 18.00-19.00 *Networking activities*
- 19.00-19.15 *Break*
- 19.15-20.15 *Introduction to Sustainable Development goals' session*

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER – Pre-DAY 1 (Location: Online [Main room](#) -private event)

- 17.30-19.00 *Policy debates session*
- 19.00-19.15 *Break*
- 19.15-20.30 *Debate club initiation session*

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER – Pre-DAY (Location: Online [Main room](#) -private event)

- 17.30-18.15 *Guidelines and National Debate Forum rules*
- 18.15-18.30 *Break*
- 18.30-19.15 *Adjudication principles session*
- 19.15-19.30 *Break*
- 19.30- *Motion Analysis session*

FRIDAY 30 October – DAY 1
Location: Online-private event

09.00-9.30

Welcome & Opening plenary @Main Room-Zoom

British Council team to give a welcome speech to debaters, coordinators, partners and judges. This is an introduction about the National Debate Forum event and to provide necessary instructions for the following days.

9.30-11.00

1st ROUND OF DEBATES – 6 parallel debates (Arabic & English)

Motions for the debates will be announced and allocated to teams, and a first round of debates will be held. Preparation time for teams: 15-20 minutes. Debate time: 56 minutes.5 mins for setting up, Adjudicators deliberation: 15-20 minutes.

British Parliament (Arabic)	Rooms on zoom platform
Group A (Arabic debate)	Room 1
Group B (Arabic debate)	Room 2
Group C (Arabic debate)	Room 3
Group D (Arabic debate)	Room 4
Group E (English debate)	Room 5
Group F (English debate)	Room 6

11.00-13.00

Friday prayers break

13.00-14.30

2nd ROUND OF DEBATES – 6 parallel debates (Arabic & English)

Motions for the debates will be announced and allocated to teams, and a first round of debates will be held. Preparation time for teams: 15-20 minutes. Debate time: 56 minutes.5 mins for setting up, Adjudicators deliberation: 15-20 minutes.

British Parliament (Arabic)	Rooms on zoom platform
Group A (Arabic debate)	Room 1
Group B (Arabic debate)	Room 2
Group C (Arabic debate)	Room 3
Group D (Arabic debate)	Room 4
Group E (English debate)	Room 5
Group F (English debate)	Room 6

14.30 – 15.30

Lunch break

15.30– 16.00

Feedback session to all debaters @Main Room-Zoom

18.00

Announcement debate results – by email

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER – DAY 2

Location: Online-private event

09.30-11.00

3rd ROUND OF DEBATES – Quarter final round for Arabic Debates & Semi-final debate for English debates (Arabic & English) 5 parallel debates

Motions for the debates will be announced and allocated to teams, and a first round of debates will be held. Preparation time for teams: 15-20 minutes. Debate time: 56 minutes.5 mins for setting up, Adjudicators deliberation: 15-20 minutes.

British Parliament	Rooms on zoom platform
Group A (Arabic debate)	Room 1
Group B (Arabic debate)	Room 2
Group C (Arabic debate)	Room 3
Group D (Arabic debate)	Room 4
Group E (English debate)	Room 5

11.00-12.30

Lunch break

13.00-13.30

Announcement debate results – by email

Announce highest 8 teams nominated to the Pre-Final ROUND OF DEBATES in Arabic – 3 debates in parallel (2 Arabic & 1 English)

13.30-15.00

4th ROUND OF DEBATES –Semi-finals (Arabic & English) - 3 parallel debates

Motions for the debates will be announced and allocated to teams, and a fourth round of debates will be held. Preparation time for teams: 15-20 minutes. Debate time: 56 minutes.5 mins for setting up, Adjudicators deliberation: 15-20 minutes.

British Parliament	Rooms on zoom platform
Group A (Arabic debate)	Room 1
Group B (Arabic debate)	Room 2
Group C (English debate)	Room 3

15.00-16.00

Break

16.00-16.30

Feedback session to all debaters @Main Room-Zoom

18.00

Announcement the 8 teams nominated to the Final forum (4 English & 4 Arabic)

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER – Pre-DAY 3

Location: Online-[Main room](#) private event

- 17.30-19.00 **How to write policy paper – Capacity building session for finalists**
- 19.00-19.15 Break
- 19.15-20.30 **Policy debates session – Capacity building session for finalists**

Please log on 15 minutes before each meeting for an orientation and welcome.

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER – Pre-DAY 3

Location: Steigenberger Hotel El Tahrir Cairo – Private event

- 13.00-14.30 **Soft skills training**
The final debate of the National Forum and Policy Dialogue will be open to the public
- 14.30-15.30 Lunch break
The final debate of the National Forum and Policy Dialogue will be open to the public.
- 15.30-17.30 **Face to Face simulation debate in both languages (Arabic and English)**
- 17.30-18.00 Coffee break
- 18.00-19.00 **Question and answers & review policy paper to be presented in the finals**

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER – DAY 3

Location: The Greek Campus- Public event

- 13.00-13.30 ***British Council welcome speech and announcing day agenda***
- 13.30-14.30 ***Final debate (English)***
The final debate of the National Forum will be lived streamed to the public.
- 14.30-15.00 Coffee break
- 15.00-16.00 ***The Final debate (Arabic)***
The final debate of the National Forum will be lived streamed to the public.
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30-18.00 ***Dialogue session***
The session will combine the award ceremony and will also bring forward one of the key debate motions raised during the National Forum. An opportunity for young participants to meet and exchange views with high officials, decision makers and institutional representatives. Securing a dialogue platform for youth to discuss constructive suggestions for current challenges with experienced leaders, mentors and partner institutions.
- 18.00-18.30 ***Thank you for debaters, partners and high-profile guests.***
Distributing certificates of appreciation
- 18.30-19.30 Dinner & Networking
- End of the forum.***

Young Mediterranean Voices” is the EU-funded Programme for intercultural dialogue and debate, aimed to promote the culture of dialogue amongst youth and creates a shared understanding with their peers across the Mediterranean.

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