Do You Want to Contribute to a Sustainable Future?

IDA Young Development Professionals Network (YDP) is an interdisciplinary network of young professionals who share common values of equality, have a keen interest in global development, and understand that durable networks are key to personal and global success.

During 2018 – the first year of the network, we will host eight meetings which will be inspired thematically by the Sustainable Development Goals, and also focus on career building.

The network will be a space for inspiring discussions and collaboration as well as social events. Participants will gain new professional insights with regard to mega-trends in global development, challenges, and opportunities while extending their network into new sectors and professions.

Advantages of joining YDP

In YDP, you will get a chance to:

- Get insight into and beyond the 2030 Agenda, analysing tendencies, opportunities, and threats in the field of global development.
- Focus on interdisciplinary approaches and experience opportunities for cross-sectoral learning and skills for enhancing personal competences.
- Enjoy a professional structure that can be drawn on for interdisciplinary and intersectoral collaboration.
- Experience an inter-personal structure and knowledge that can be drawn on for career advancement.
- Meet and solve concrete development cases in collaboration with companies and actors working with global development.

Background

The world has changed significantly since the concepts of aid for development were first conceived in the mid-20th century. Population growth, emerging markets and global flows of
goods, people, investments and information shape the current humanitarian and development landscape. Facing these new challenges, the international society has recently crafted the most ambitious agreements ever put into writing: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Paris Agreement. However, to reach these goals and agreements, qualified individuals, able to navigate this complexity, are needed.

In YDP, there will be participation from engineers, journalists, economists, anthropologists, lawyers, philosophers, and others with a keen interest in global development. It is our aim that participants will broaden and deepen their understanding of global development issues from an interdisciplinary point of view. They will take part in a forum where they can share knowledge and gain sparring on how to shape their own careers while contributing to a sustainable future.

Criteria of participation
We call for applications by people who meet the following criteria:

- Sharing values of equality, and keen interest in and reasonable knowledge of global development issues.
- Either graduate in the beginning of your career or master student.
- Willing to commit to the network’s eight network meetings during 2018 and contribute to interesting and fruitful outcomes of these.

Application
Application deadline is January 14th, 2018.

Please find the application formula here: da.surveymonkey.com/r/J7HX6HX

For additional questions, you are welcome to contact Heads of Programme Tobias Jacobsen [jacobsen_tobias@hotmail.com] or Troels Stru Schmidt [troelsstru@gmail.com].