

Meet the 2022 Class of Young Leaders for the SDGs

The Young Leaders for the SDGs initiative recognizes exceptional young people who are leading efforts to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Every two years, 17 young leaders are selected to work with the United Nations and its partners to accelerate SDG implementation and engage other young people in this crucial work.

From food to fashion to finance, the Young Leaders for the SDGs come from many different backgrounds, represent every region in the world and help young people worldwide in support of the Goals.

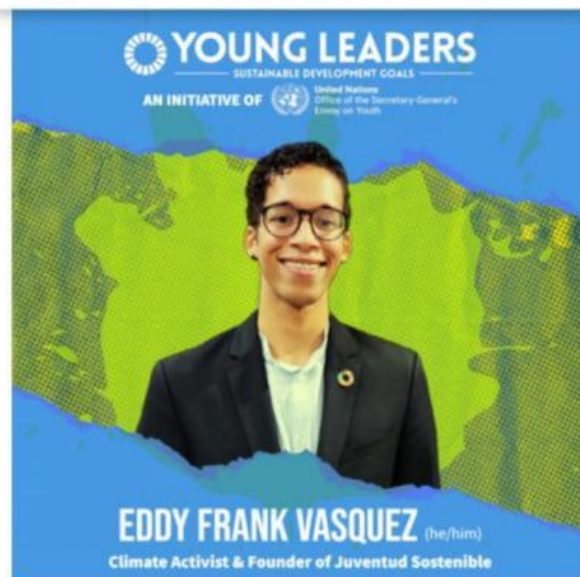


Leonardo Párraga is a Colombian activist who believes in the value of systemic change through sustainable peace, increasing community well-being, and building strong networks. Passionate about the arts, alternative development, and constant learning, Leonardo has a wide range of experience in nonviolent resistance.

Alyssa Carson, also known by the call sign [Blueberry](#)  is an American student with the goal of training to become an astronaut and to be selected for future human spaceflight to Mars. She attended U.S. Space Camp in 2008 and has also attended other space camps in Canada and Turkey. In 2013, NASA invited Alyssa to be on the MER 10 panel in Washington DC to discuss future missions to Mars live on NASA TV.



Mayada Adil is a Sudanese medical doctor, fashion designer, women's rights advocate for health equity and a refugee rights activist. Based in France, Mayada has worked on [campaigns](#) focused on ending gender-based violence, specifically against female genital mutilation in Sudan and Mali.



Eddy Frank Vásquez-Sánchez is a youth climate and oceans advocate from the Dominican Republic. With a background in Psychology, Eddy has helped promote youth participation within climate action and oceans conservation.

A. Instructions: Read the text and answer the questions.

1. What's the text about?
 - a. It's about the Graduation of the Class of 2022.
 - b. It's about the selected exceptional young people for the SDG.
 - c. It's about a group of friends called "Young Leaders".
2. What's the meaning of SDG? _____

B. Instructions: Choose the Young Leader name that best suits the description.

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| 1. () She lives in France. | |
| 2. () She is from Sudan. | a. Leonardo Párraga |
| 3. () She is an aspiring astronaut. | b. Alyssa Carson |
| 4. () His pronouns are he/they. | c. Mayada Adil |
| 5. () He is a psychologist. | d. Eddy Frank Vasquez |
| 6. () He is Dominican. | |
| 7. () Her nickname is blueberry. | |