

The 2024 SDG Olympiad

Empowering Student Innovation for Real-World Impact



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Introduction

- Name
- University
- What do you study ?
- Where are you from?
- Can you share something (an interesting fact, object, poem, song, picture...) about your culture?

Co-designing a Sustainable Future with Youth

The SDG Olympiad is an innovative global competition empowering students to tackle sustainability challenges related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Since 2016, SDG Summer Schools have engaged students and universities in co-creating impactful initiatives, now elevated to a global stage by the Olympiad. Unlike traditional educational competitions, **it leverages the diversity of international academic institutions**, ensuring multiple perspectives on sustainability are considered. Acting as a catalyst for sustainable development education, **it fosters global collaboration for effective local action**. The best projects from each SDG Summer School or equivalent program **will compete at the Award Event in Paris on September 26**, following the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Outstanding solutions will have the opportunity to engage with international organizations and sustainability experts, staying true to the principle of "leaving no one behind," and **ensuring that youth have a chance to collaborate with key actors in the field**.

We are convinced that **challenging students in sustainable development as early as possible is essential**, enabling them to become change makers capable of addressing real-world problems. This year's program, running from September 25th to 27th, will focus on **co-designing the future of planetary health and diplomacy with youth** and will be conducted primarily in English.



Founders



François Taddei

Founder & President of the Learning Planet Institute

Passionate about empowering Youth Education, François co-founded the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (CRI) in Paris in 2006, whose mission is to train the next generation of scientists working at the interface of life sciences, learning, and digital technologies. In 2021, the CRI became the Learning Planet Institute.



François Grey

Director of the SDG Solution Space

I am a physicist with a background in nanotechnology, and a passion for citizen science. I am Director of the SDG Solution Space, a student-driven innovation hub in the heart of International Geneva, which has nurtured a comprehensive education programme for the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Coordination Team



Iuri Carvalho

*IHDS master's student,
University of Geneva*

I am an international consultant with a strong background in capacity-building programs. My goal is to empower emerging leaders through sustainability education, driving inclusive and climate-resilient local action.



Ivonne Arica

*IHDS master's student,
University of Geneva*

I am a professional communicator for development with experience in children and youth rights and participation. My goal in the SDG Olympiad is that students have an enriching learning experience.



Maria Angélica M. Caceres

*LPI Pedagogical Projects
Manager*

I am pedagogical project manager with a background as researcher, writer, speaker and consultant, my goal is help to achieve SDGs agenda through education.



Sophie Schegg

*IHDS master's student,
University of Geneva*

I am a project coordinator with experience in education and community development. My goal is to empower youth, harnessing their creativity to address global sustainability challenges effectively.

Meet the Session Organizers



Raphael Costambeys-Kempczynski
*Learning Planet Institute
Director of Teaching & Learning*



Muki Haklay
*Learning Planet Institute,
Team Lead of the European
Citizen Science Academy*



Ariel Lindner
*Co-founder of Learning
Planet Institute, Life
Science Research Leader*



Gaëtan Van Beek
*Digital Education Expert and
Educational Video Game
Developer from LPI and
FacLab of UNIGE*



Rosy Mondardini
*Citizen Science Zurich Director
Research & Development*



Christina Hertel
*Director of the Geneva
Responsible
Entrepreneurship Center*



Nadine Reichenthal
*Social Entrepreneurship
Coach*



Edward Stevenette
*Learning Planet Alliance
Education Project
Management*

The Jury Includes



Dunola Oladapo
Digital Inclusion Programme Officer at International Telecommunication Union



Ana-Marija Garcevic
International Olympic Committee Head of Activities – O365 Innovation & Engagement



Katherine Temple
Student representative and UN OCHA Humanitarian Affairs Intern



Denise Soesilo
UNICEF Digital Public Goods Incubator / ADDA Consultant



Açig Berfin
Education, Research and Innovation Officer at the Embassy of Switzerland in France



Liza Sekaggya
President and Co-Founder of Phenomenal Women Global



Surprise Jury Member

Meet the Teams

Adjustable Cup Holder
Customizable cup holder designed
for power wheelchair users



RICE

Speech Therapy
Gamified Speech Therapy for
Parkinson's Patients

IMPERIAL

Navy Buddy

An AI-powered personal assistant for
individuals with visual impairments

Université de Paris



The NSUPA Project
Tackling heavy metal pollution
for clean drinking water

KNUST
Kwame Nkrumah University
of Science and Technology

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Walk with me

Addressing climate distress
among young people

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Planetary Predictor

Teach children & teenagers
about climate modeling

**POLITECNICO
MILANO 1863**

**IDEA
League**
Stick to it!
Reducing waste and promoting
the practice of sports



Plasticonn
Connecting Communities
for Better Plastic Collection

**United States
International
University-Africa**
Education to take you places

Mission Malaria Free
Reduce mosquito breedings in
the community in Nairobi



**TSINGHUA
SHENZHEN
INTERNATIONAL
GRADUATE SCHOOL**

BIO-Fish Robot
Combating Microplastic Pollution
in Marine Environments



AIT

Mindful Milk
innovative probiotics, plant-
based milk aimed at improving
gut health

Host Institution Coordinators:

Kevin Lhoste, Université de Paris
Jemy Jacob, University of Geneva
Gopi Krishna, Asian Institute of Technology
Sara Ranchev-Hale, Imperial College London
Emanuel Sasakyi, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology
Serena Graziosi, Politecnico di Milano
Yang Qiao, Tsinghua Shenzhen International Graduate School

Maina Muniafu, United States International University
Eunice Wangari, CitSci Africa Association
Morten Mechlenborg Nørulf & Benedicte Smith-Sivertsen, University of Copenhagen
Peter Elias, University of Lagos
Matthew Wettergreen, Rice University
Sana Odeh, NYU Abu Dhabi



Welcome to Paris!

SDG Olympiad Venue



*Learning Planet Institute,
8 bis Rue Charles V, 75004 Paris.*

Accommodation

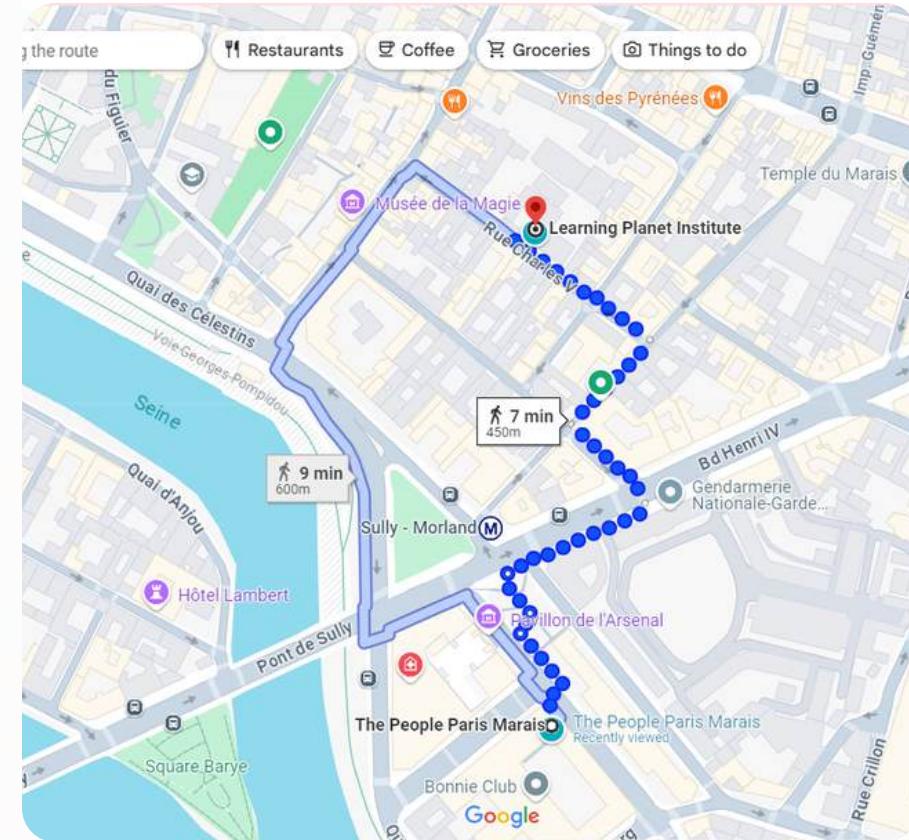


*The People Paris Marais,
17 Bd Morland, 75004 Paris.*

Transportation

Whether you arrive in Paris by train or by plane, you will find automatic teller machines (ATM) and RATP offices in most train stations and airports.

Depending on the length of your stay, you can buy tickets or a transport card called “Navigo Découverte” which you can credit with a “weekly Fare” (30,75€). Choose the option that suits you best. The easiest way to get from the airport Paris Charles de Gaulle to the hostel is taking the train RER B.



7-minute walk from the hostel to the Learning Planet Institute.

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AWARD EVENT



SDG icons: (SDG 1 to SDG 17)

DAY 01
PROGRAM
25 SEP 2024

TIME (CET)	PROGRAM	
08:45-09:15	Arrivals & Refreshments	Raphael Costambeys-Kempczynski <i>Learning Planet Institute Director of Education</i>
09:15-09:30	Welcome & Program Overview	
09:30-10:15	Icebreaking Session: Share something about your culture	Ivonne Arica, Kat Temple, & Sophie Schegg <i>University of Geneva</i>
10:15-10:30	Short Break	
10:30-12:30	Boosting Solutions with Citizen Science	Muki Haklay & Rosy Mondardini <i>MakerLab & Citizen Science Zurich</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-15:30	Sustainable Entrepreneurship	Christina Hertel & Nadine Reichenthal <i>Geneva Responsible Entrepreneurship Center (GREC)</i>
15:30-16:00	Snack time at the Terrace	
16:00-18:00	The Hero's Journey	Raphael Costambeys- Kempczynski <i>Learning Planet Institute Director of Education</i>
18:00-18:15	Closing Session	



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**DAY 02
PROGRAM
26 SEP 2024**

TIME (CET)	PROGRAM	
08:45-09:15	Arrivals & Refreshments	François Grey SDG Solution Space Director
09:15-09:30	Opening Remarks & Day Overview	François Taddei & Edward Stevenette LPI & Learning Planet Alliance
09:30-10:30	Round Table: Co-designing the Future of learning with Youth	
10:30-10:45	Short Break	
10:45-12:30	The Future of the SDG Olympiad: Collaborative Innovation & Strategy	Ariel Lindner & Gaëtan Van Beek
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-14:00	Setting the Stage: Jury & Guest Introduction	Sophie Schegg, Ivonne Arica, Maria Angélica Mejia Caceres <i>Moderators</i>
14:00-16:30	The 2024 SDG Olympiad: Innovative Team Solutions Pitching Session	
16:30-17:00	Evaluation & Award Prep	
17:00 - 17:30	Award Ceremony	Katherine Temple <i>Moderator</i>
17:30 - 19:00	Apéro & Networking	



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TIME (CET)	PROGRAM	
09:30-10:00	Commute & Orientation	
10:00-11:00	Seine Voyage: Paris from the River	
11:00-12:00	Eiffel Experience: A Walking Tour	Ivonne Arica & Sophie Schegg
12:00-12:30	End of the Program: Reflections & Farewell	

DAY 03
PROGRAM
27 SEP 2024

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