



Capital City of Podgorica Scholarship 2026 Next Steps - April 2026

Capital City of Podgorica Scholarship 2026 - Shortlist

Scholarship Update

- 157 Applications in total
- **13 Eligible Applications**

Shortlist overview

Sara Cabarkapa

Active Citizenship Programme Coordinator at the Centre for Civic Education. In her role she leads initiatives aimed at strengthening citizen engagement, democracy and institutional accountability. Upon returning from the Summit, would launch a Youth Group with the aim to explore key Summit themes.

Marija Blažević

Young European Ambassador, member of the Council of Youth Initiatives under the President of Montenegro, Danube Youth Council member, European Forum Alpbach scholarship holder and member of the Steering Committee of the project Podgorica Youth Capital 2028.

Ilija Franeta

Youth Scientific Advisory Board member of Youth and Environment Europe, and climate consultant at the World Bank with a focus on investment policy and promotion, particularly in green investments, renewable energy and climate resilience.



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Scholarship Timeline

- **23 March** - Applications close
- **13 April** - Selected candidate and selection process sent to partner
- **End of April** - Visa guidance published (Scholars with Montenegrin passport require a visa for South Africa)
- **End of April** - Acceptance Form and Welcome Email sent to partner
- **Early-May** - Scholar invited to register (Acceptance Form and Welcome Email)
- **Mid-May** - Onboarding Call

Key dates

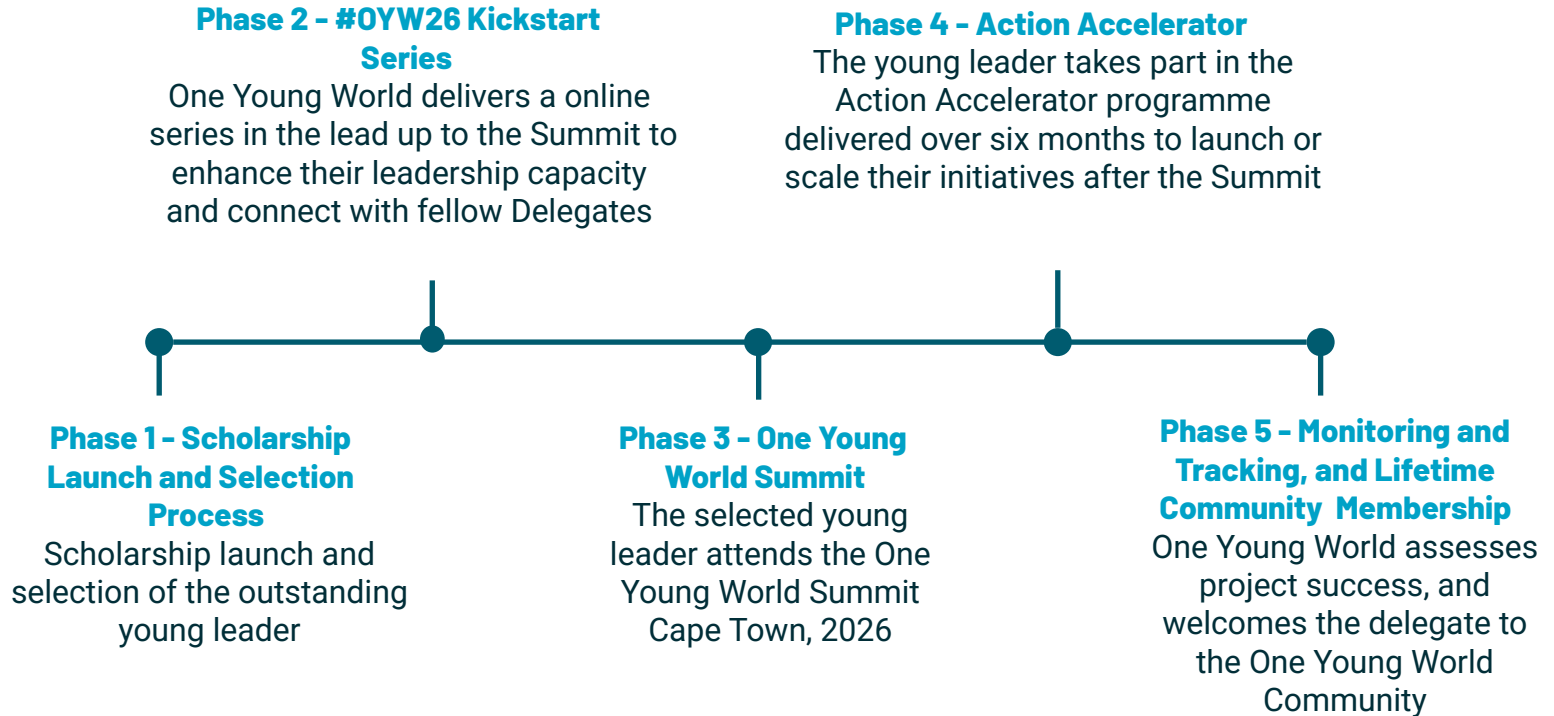
- **24 April** - Registration opens and overview agenda
- **28 May** - #OYW26 Kickstart Series Launch
- **6 July** - Delegate Speaker applications open
- **28 August** - Delegate Speaker applications close
- **25 September** - Workshop list available
- **9 October** - Full agenda release and workshop registration open for Delegates

#OYW26 Kickstart Series

- **28 May** - Launch
- Dates for June, July, August, September and October will be confirmed soon.



Programme Timeline



2026 Agenda: The Issues Young Leaders Are Tackling

The One Young World Community shapes the Summit's agenda by identifying the issues they care about most.

Insights come through global surveys and focus groups with thousands of young leaders from 190+ countries.

We are proud to introduce the five Plenary Challenges that will shape the agenda of the One Young World Summit 2026 in Cape Town.

Through our Global Consultation Process (GCP), more than 1,500 young leaders from over 150 countries shared their perspectives on the challenges that will define their futures.

Their responses reveal a generation deeply concerned about food security, safety, jobs, peace, and the direction of global leadership.

The 2026 Plenary Challenges:

1. **Agriculture and the Global Food Crisis**
What will it take to achieve food security for all?
1. **Intelligent Jobs**
How can AI power opportunity for the next generation?
1. **Gender Based Violence**
How do we prevent the physical, sexual, and mental abuse of women and girls?
1. **Future of Africa**
How do we make this the 'African Century'?
1. **Peace and Security**
How can young leaders restore diplomacy to end the cycle of violence?

Summit Overview

From 3 - 6 November 2026, Cape Town will host to over 2,000 Delegates, Counsellors, and Partners.

Main Venue



The main venue will be the CTICC | Cape Town International Convention Centre

Opening Ceremony



The Opening Ceremony will take place at the Green Point Athletic Stadium on 3 November 2026

Delegate Welcome Party



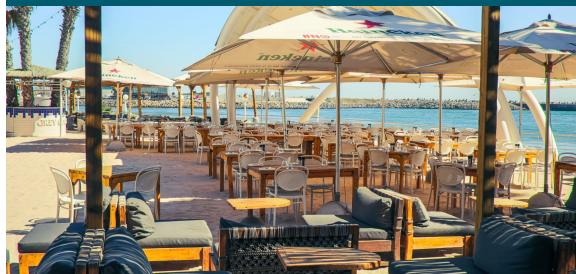
The Delegates Welcome Party will take place on 3 November 2026 for all Delegates and Partner Executives

Closing Ceremony



The Closing Ceremony will be at the Castle of Good Hope, the oldest surviving colonial building in South Africa and a key landmark in Cape Town's early history.

Delegate Social Programmes



The evening social programmes will take place at Cabo Beach Club on 3 November and Oranjezicht Market on 4 November, showcasing the best of Cape Town.

Partner Executive Programmes



Exclusive events for Partners throughout the Summit in Cape Town. (timings/location TBC).