

Global 4-H Network Digital Summit

A Call to Action; Let's Stay Connected!

September 7-9, 2021



GLOBAL 4-H NETWORK

Letter of Invitation

Dear All,

In order to stay connected in global 4-H during the pandemic of COVID-19. The Global 4-H Digital Summit 2021, organized by Korea 4-H & Taiwan 4-H from Asia 4-H Network organization and Canada 4-H, will be held from September 7th to 10th . We are officially inviting you to attend and join us as speakers, presenters, experience sharers, and participants in developing and shaping the future of this great world's youth.

This summit is geared towards training the 4-Hers, 4-H leaders, 4-H volunteers and educators to become more active and devoted in their roles as well as educating for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship. The invited speakers will bring wisdom and knowledge from their fields of expertise to share with attendees through Thematic Presentations. Those who join the summit will have the opportunity to see and hear from both youth and adults, working in a variety of fields, on their thoughts on the summit theme virtually.

In addition to invited speakers, we are asking that each Regional 4-H Network in attendance bring two country reports to share. The pre-recorded country report should be approximately 20~30 minutes each.

Individual or small groups are also invited to share their 4-H experiences and culture show. Each 4-H Experience Sharing will be pre-recorded and approximately 3~5 minutes in length. 4-H members will share their successful 4-H activities, like what they have learned in 4-H, project demonstration, youth action, public service, civic engagement or wide initiatives ...etc. The Cultural Show will also be pre-recorded and approximately 5~15 minutes in length. It is a multicultural extravaganza and also a celebration of cultural diversity. 4-Hers will demonstrate their amazing talents and share their cultures and traditions.

The summit also calls for presentations on Competency Building. The purpose of this workshop session is to enhance the capacities for 4-H members and leaders from all over the world. The pre-recorded workshop is limited to 60 minutes in length each.

The recommended topics for consideration are 4-H and UN SDGS, STEAMS, Positive Youth Development, Leadership, Entrepreneurship ... etc.

Besides the various sessions mentioned above, the online Global 4-H Network Board Meeting and Global 4-H Youth Committee meeting will be convened during the summit. We look forward to meeting you at the Global 4-H Digital Summit 2021.

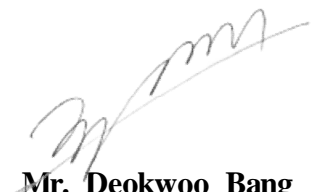
Sincerely,



Mr. Erik Johansson
Chair of Global 4-H Network



Mr. Louis Liu
Chair of Asia 4-H Network



Mr. Deokwoo Bang
President of Korea 4-H



Mr. Chih Fa Yen
President of Taiwan 4-H



Ms. Shannon Benner
CEO of Canada 4-H

Why a Digital Summit?

With the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, our lives have changed dramatically. For 4-H youth around the world, meeting with friends has been difficult. Overseas trips have been impossible. We would like to create an opportunity to stay connected and keep our global 4-H community strong. We hope that this digital Summit will be an opportunity to meet new people, connect with old friends, build a sense of belonging and practice leadership and communication skills. Through interactive tools and engaging presentations, this digital Summit will be hosted through Youtube and Zoom, and will be open to any 4-H country.

Objectives:

- To motivate and engage the global network of 75 countries including 4-H youth, leaders and professionals during these difficult times.
- To share experiences, connect and re-establish a sense of belonging to a global movement.
- To learn about new programming, share insights and exemplary cases from 4-H around the world.
- To explore new directions for the 4-H movement in a Covid-19 era where digitization may be the “new normal”.

About the Theme: A Call to Action; Let's Stay Connected!

As the world faces the unprecedented challenge of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, 4-H must commit to act with urgency and determination to respond to this crisis. We are deeply concerned about the devastating impacts that we are already seeing on some of the world's most vulnerable populations and countries, where the pandemic is exacerbating high levels of pre-existing needs. We are seeing poverty levels growing, food supplies falling and prices soaring, children missing vaccinations, meals, and schooling, while sexual and gender-based violence are increasing. This pandemic calls for 4-H'ers a concerted and coordinated global action based on unity, solidarity and effective international cooperation.

As the COVID-19 spreads across the world, all meetings, events, activities and school classes that once brought young people together have been suspended. The pandemic has forced the whole world into lockdown. Feeling socially isolated can impact people's mental wellbeing.

It can make people feel sad, anxious, lonely and depressed. This summit wants to make sure that during this time, 4-H members all over the world have ways to stay connected, even if you can't see others in person. We're lucky to live in a digitally connected world, especially when travelling becomes difficult. The summit participants are able to connect with others wherever they are through on line and know how others successfully run their 4-H clubs, camps, projects, activities... etc.

In response to the current global crisis, the United Nations has formulated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All countries and organizations are required to assess and disclose the results and influence of organizations/programs in order to strengthen social trust, improve governance efficiency, and enhance public interests.

Therefore, for the CSR plans of NPOs, especially our 4-H, or social enterprises, social cooperatives and general companies, the social impact report is the basis and framework for evaluation and disclosure. As a tool and strategy, it can directly improve organizational capabilities and achieve learning growth and social development. The effects of communication, brand equity, and social accountability will ultimately achieve SDGs. This summit will also cover the awareness of social impact assessment.

The global pandemic has drawn attention away from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), which are already well behind schedule to be achieved by 2030. The findings of various previous reports, including the 2020 Social Progress Index, which recently found that SDG fulfilment is 62 years behind schedule and could be delayed by another decade as a result of Covid-19. This summit calls

for presentation relating how your 4-H responds to UN SDGS even in this rigorous time, especially but not limited in climate and environmental aspects.

About the Global 4-H Network

The Global 4-H Network represent approximately 75 countries who operate 4-H programs. Officially launched at the 1st Global 4-H Network Summit, in Seoul, Korea, the Network has a global board of directors consisting of 2 representatives from each of the five global 4-H regions: Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, Latin America & the Caribbean.

Every three years, a Global 4-H network Summit is held, hosted by a different country/region.

- 1st Global Summit: Korea, 2014
- 2nd Global Summit: Canada 2017
- 3rd Global Summit: Tanzania, 2020 (postponed to 2023 due to Covid-19)

Global 4-H Network Board Members

Europe	Sweden	Erik Johansson	Chair
Asia	Korea	Bang Doekwoo	Vice-Chair
	Taiwan	Yen Shu-ling	
North America	Canada	Shannon Benner	
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	USA	Jennifer Sirangelo	
	Finland	Paivi Haapassalo	

Overview of the Global 4-H Digital Summit

- **Theme:** A Call to Action; Let's Stay Connected!
- **When:** September 7-9, 2021
- **Format:** virtual – using Zoom and YouTube, links to be provided
- **Hosted by:** Global 4-H Network Board of Directors
- **Organized by:** 4-H Korea, 4-H Taiwan, 4-H Canada
- **Working language of the Summit:** English
- **Time zone:** Korea Time
- **Estimated participants:** up to 10,000 people including youth, leaders and professional from up to 75 countries
- **Cost to participate:** free!
- **Age Range:** Open to anyone involved in 4-H and those who are interested in learning more or joining the 4-H program
- **Sponsored by:** Rural Development Administration, Korea, Council of Agriculture, Taiwan

Draft Program (Korea time)

Day 1: September 7	Format	Presenters
20:00 Opening Ceremony	Zoom	4-H Korea and Taiwan (Chair of Global 4-H Network)
21:00 Thematic Presentations The need for 4-H Nations Union (TBD) 22:00 Helping the Environment by Smart Farm (TBD)	Pre-recorded 20-30 minutes each	4-H Taiwan 4-H Korea
23:00 Country Reports 4-H status reports and best practices at the national level	Pre-recorded 20-30 minutes each	Coordinated by 4-H Korea TBD 10 countries (2 per region)
23:00 Engagement Activity Youth share 4-H highlights, events or experiences and what they've learned, how they've been impacted, etc. Examples include project demonstration, youth action, civic engagement, virtual programs, etc.	Pre-recorded videos 3-5 minutes each	TBD Open to all 9-25 year old youth members

Day 2: September 8	Format	Presenters
<p>13:00</p> <p>Competency Building Sessions</p> <p>3-5 Concurrent sessions to choose from – themes include: PYD, leadership development, skill building</p>	<p>Pre-recorded 60 minutes each</p>	<p>Coordinated by 4-H Canada Call for presenters from all countries</p>
<p>19:30</p> <p>Introduction of the 1st Global 4-H Youth Committee made up of three representatives from each of the five global regions (15 youth total)</p>	<p>Zoom</p>	<p>Coordinated by 4-H North America Global 4-H Youth Committee</p>
<p>21:00</p> <p>Global Network Board of Directors meeting</p> <p>Agenda: electing officials old and new business TBD</p>	<p>Zoom</p>	<p>Coordinated by 4-H Korea Closed meeting Limited to global board members only</p>
Day 3: September 9	Format	Presenters
<p>13:00</p> <p>Cultural Show</p> <p>4-H'ers performing dance, singing, music, cultural traditions, etc.</p>	<p>Pre-recorded 5-15 minutes per video</p>	<p>Coordinated by 4-H Taiwan No age limit – 4-H youth</p>
<p>20:00</p> <p>4-H General Assembly Summit Closing</p>	<p>Zoom</p>	<p>Coordinated by 4-H Korea</p>

How to Register

If you are interested in participating in the Global 4-H Digital Summit, please click the follow the link

- Link : <https://forms.gle/4MyL62MsSpVnfaMg9>

If you have any inquiry please send e-mail to Sangwon Kim, Manager or Korea 4-H Association, at 4hedu@4-h.or.kr

Please note: most sessions will be pre-recorded and there is no limit to who can attend. The opening ceremony and general assembly will be limited to 200 people. We ask that each country register a maximum of 10 delegates to participate.

Key dates and deadlines:

July 18 – deadline to submit proposals for presenting Competency Building sessions

- please send proposals to Erin Smith, Chief Program Officer, 4-H Canada at esmith@4-h-canada.ca

July 30 – deadline to register for the Summit

August 15 – deadline to submit the following pre-recorded presentations:

- 4-H Experience-sharing sessions (Please see the attached file)
- 4-H Cultural Show (Please see the attached file)