



UN80 YOUTH COMPETITION IN LEBANON



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Call for Submission

Guidelines & Rules



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In 2025, the United Nations marks its **80th anniversary** — eight decades of promoting peace, justice, human rights, and sustainable development worldwide, including in Lebanon. To celebrate this milestone, the **United Nations system in Lebanon** and the **UN Global Compact Network Lebanon (UNGCNL)**, in close partnership with the UN Youth Working Group and participating universities, are launching a **national youth competition**.

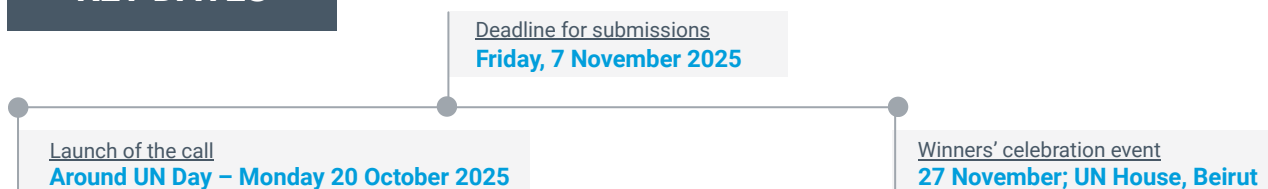
This initiative invites university students across Lebanon, including those part of youth networks and other youth groups, to share their creative voices and visions for the current and future of Lebanon, culminating in a **high-level celebration at the UN House in Beirut**, where winning submissions will be showcased and awarded.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Youth are central to shaping Lebanon's path forward. This competition is your opportunity to:

- Reflect on the **UN's role in Lebanon over the past 80 years**.
- Share your **vision for Lebanon's future**, with youth at the center.
- Showcase your **creativity and innovation** on a national platform.
- Be recognized by a distinguished jury of leaders from **media, academia, government, the UN, and the UNGCNL**.
- **Win prizes and gain visibility** through official UN and UNGCNL **social media platforms**.

KEY DATES



GUIDING QUESTIONS

Your audiovisual/creative submission should respond to one of the following questions:

1. **In your opinion, how can the UN help address one challenge facing Lebanon in one of the 'thematic areas' outlined below?**
2. **If you could create (visualize) a UN youth goal for Lebanon, what would it be?**

THEMATIC AREAS

While the competition has an open-theme approach, students are encouraged to align their creative submissions with one or more of the following themes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peace and Security• Health and Well-being• Human Rights and Justice• Gender Equality and Social Inclusion• Humanitarian Response & Refugee Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic Recovery and Livelihoods• Sustainable Development & Climate Action• Innovation and Digital Transformation• Education and Youth Empowerment |
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SUBMISSION FORMATS

Choose one of the following creative formats for your submission (Pls note that other formats will not be accepted):

- **Short video** (reel, vlog, animation) – **1 to 2 minutes maximum**. Your file should not exceed **100 MB** (otherwise, pls add a link to your video).
- **Artwork/graphic** (with caption). AI-generated art is welcome, but must be clearly acknowledged. However, we encourage you to unleash your creativity by relying on your own ideas and imagination rather than AI tools).
- **Photo Essay**: Up to 10 photos accompanied by impactful storytelling (**either one 100-word narrative for the full photo essay or very brief captions totaling no more than 100 words**). Submission must be in PDF format.



REQUIREMENTS

- **Format**: Submissions must be in one of the following formats: PNG, JPEG, MP4, or PDF.
- **Language**: Submissions are accepted in ENG or AR.
- **Eligibility**: Open to all youth aged **17 to 28 years, residing in Lebanon**.
- **Only one submission per person is allowed**. Multiple entries will not be considered.
- **Individual work**: Only individual submissions will be accepted. Group entries are not eligible.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Dos:

- Be original, creative, and respectful.
- Connect your submission to the UN's 80th anniversary in Lebanon.
- Highlight youth perspectives, solutions, and visions.
- Make sure the format aligns with the submission guidelines and requirements.

Don'ts:

- Submit content that is defamatory, discriminatory, or politically sensitive.
- Include off-topic or plagiarized work.
- Don't post your submission on social media or any public platform outside official UN channels. All content must remain unpublished until shared through UN-approved outlets.

→ **Submissions that do not respect these guidelines will be disqualified.**

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Winning students will be honored with **titles like “UN Youth Voice 2025”, awards, and gifts**.
- They will present their submissions and inspirations at the **UN House celebration event**.
- Their work will be featured on **official UN and GCNL social media platforms**.
- **Three winners will be selected in each creative format category** (i.e. under (1) short videos; (2) artwork/graphic; (3) photo essay). Among them, one overall winner will also receive special recognition as the 'Top' submission across all categories. So a total of 10 winners will be awarded at the celebration event.

SUPPORTING UN RESOURCES

To support your preparations, here are useful references on the UN's work in Lebanon and globally that could help you:

- UN Lebanon website: <https://lebanon.un.org>
- UN Lebanon Timeline (summarizing the presence of the UN in Lebanon from 1945 till 2020): <https://lebanon.un.org/en/105326-un-lebanon-timeline-learn-how-un-lebanon-evolved-through-years>
- UN Lebanon annual Results Report-2024: <https://lebanon.un.org/en/292917-un-lebanon-results-report-2024>
- UN Global Compact: <https://unglobalcompact.org>
- UN Youth Strategy: <https://www.un.org/youthenvoy/youth2030>
- UN Sustainable Development Goals: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>
- Understanding the UN (produced by the Swiss Government): <https://www.understandingtheun.org/>

HOW TO SUBMIT

All submissions should be uploaded on the following Google form:
<https://forms.gle/nh86gbpmcAjJ6xNL8> by **Friday 7 November 2025, midnight**.
Submissions beyond this date will not be accepted.



For further clarifications or in case you face any technical glitch, pls contact: Un80anniversary@gmail.com

