

Position Paper

Delegate: Caribbean

Committee: ECOSOC

Agenda: Empowering Youth Through Tech: Education and Employment in a Fragmented Global Economy.

I. Introduction

The Caribbean region, comprising Small Island Developing States (SIDS), faces unique challenges in youth development amid a fragmented global economy. Despite high literacy rates, youth unemployment remains alarmingly high, and access to digital technology is uneven. The Caribbean believes that empowering youth through technology is vital not only for regional growth but for ensuring that young people become active contributors to the global digital economy.

II. National and Regional Challenges

Across many Caribbean nations, digital infrastructure is underdeveloped, especially in rural and coastal areas. Many young people lack reliable internet, modern equipment, or access to updated curricula that include digital skills, coding, or entrepreneurship. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic widened existing inequalities, with students from low-income backgrounds falling further behind.

The Caribbean also faces brain drain, as skilled youth migrate in search of better opportunities. This issue further weakens local economies and widens the regional digital divide.

III. Measures Taken

Regional bodies such as CARICOM have launched initiatives like the Single ICT Space to promote technological integration, digital access, and e-commerce. National governments have partnered with international organizations to promote STEM education, introduce coding in schools, and invest in tech-based vocational training. However, funding and scalability remain major challenges.

IV. Proposals and Solutions

To address youth empowerment in tech, the Caribbean recommends:

Global Investment in Digital Infrastructure



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Partnering with international bodies to expand broadband access, especially in remote and vulnerable communities.

Technology-Focused Education Reforms

Integrating digital skills, coding, and AI literacy into national education systems from early levels.

Youth Innovation Hubs and Incubators

Establishing spaces where young entrepreneurs can access mentorship, funding, and startup support.

Cross-Border Internships and Remote Work Platforms

Promoting regional and global platforms to match Caribbean youth with remote tech jobs and internships.

A UN-Backed Youth Tech Fund

Proposing a multilateral fund under ECOSOC to finance tech education and employment programs in developing and island nations.

V. Conclusion

The Caribbean believes that in today's fractured global economy, youth must be equipped not only to survive but to innovate and lead. By investing in technology, we invest in the resilience, creativity, and potential of an entire generation.

The Caribbean is committed to working with ECOSOC and global partners to ensure no young person is left behind in the digital age.

