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Country: Sweden

Youth unemployment is a global challenge that many countries face, Sweden being one of them. This remains one of the key issues to achieving sustainable growth, worldwide. Sweden is known on an international scale that education, innovation and entrepreneurship are prioritized above almost everything. Although this is a fact, Sweden's unemployment rate remains at %8.4 (<https://data.worldbank.org>), mainly due to extended education. The Swedish government recognizes the national *and* international scope of the problem, and has always been willing to empower young people with skills to create long term prosperity.

Sweden has taken several initiatives to address youth unemployment and promoting sustainable economic growth. The Swedish Employment Service (Arbetsförmedlingen), for example, provides programs for job training. It's main aim is to help young people transition from educational life into working environments. Our government also supports entrepreneurship through mentorship programs. Furthermore, Sweden actively participates in EU programs and UN youth employment projects, sharing best practices and cooperating with other nations to empower youth and promote inclusive, sustainable growth. In conclusion, we are and always have been ready to take initiative, to take action.

Sweden believes that tackling youth unemployment requires forward-looking and inclusive strategies and actions. The nation supports integrating sustainability and innovation into economic policies, promoting green jobs and digital transformation. Sweden also emphasizes ensuring equal opportunities for young women and youth in rural areas to fully participate in the labor market.

Sweden has already stated that dealing with youth unemployment requires innovative and cooperative action at both international and national scales. We encourage all Member States to invest in education systems that include skills that are seen as valuable in the working spaces, like green and digital skills. This would provide the youth for the future that's coming. Being the 11th largest economy in Europe (<https://atlas.hks.harvard.edu/>), Sweden also encourages the development in international networks and funding programs that support the youth's education, entrepreneurship and promote sustainable economic growth models. Sweden guarantees we will be participating in such programs that develop during the conference. Last but not least, Sweden would like to call upon governments to strengthen cooperation with the private sector to create more internship and employment opportunities for young people.

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