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Young Americas Business Trust

25TH *ANNIVERSARY*

YABT Activities Summary

2024

In 2024, the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) reaffirmed its commitment to empowering youth across the Americas through innovative programs, strategic partnerships, and impactful initiatives.

This document outlines the activities carried out by YABT, from organizing high-level forums and competitions to fostering collaboration with governments, international organizations, and the private sector. Through these efforts, YABT has further solidified its role as a catalyst for youth-led innovation and transformative change.

BootCamp sessions

The Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) conducted 19 virtual training sessions focused on entrepreneurship, sustainability, and socioeconomic inclusion, benefiting over 500 young entrepreneurs.



Recordings: www.yabt.net/bootcamp

TIC AMERICAS

Talent and Innovation **Competitions** of the Americas

We received 1,971 registrations from 31 countries,
involving a total of 2,393 young people.

Reto de Innovación
Juventud
en Movimiento

In partnership with **USA for IOM**

Entrepreneurship as a tool for socioeconomic
integration of Venezuelan migrants

Info: **www.ticamericas.net/migracion**

InnovAction
Challenge 2.0

In partnership with **Inter-American Foundation**

The InnovAction Challenge 2.0 fosters
entrepreneurship, sustainable development, and
environmental resilience in Latin America and the
Caribbean, with a focus on marginalized communities.

Info: **www.ticamericas.net/innova**



Stakeholder Roundtable: Entrepreneurship as Opportunity to Integrate Migrant Youth

In partnership with USA for IOM, young migrant entrepreneurs engaged with key stakeholders during a roundtable in Washington, D.C. This event centered on leveraging youth entrepreneurship to promote the socio-economic integration of migrants and refugees. Representatives from various sectors participated, addressing critical themes such as education, skill development, digital inclusion, and fostering an entrepreneurial mindset.

Info:

www.ticamericas.net/migracion/stakeholder-meeting/#



Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) of the OAS

YABT, together with its partner Banreservas, contributed valuable perspectives on the theme “Addressing Youth Unemployment: The Importance of Connectivity and Emerging Technologies”, discussed at the recent Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) of the OAS. The outcomes of these sessions culminated in a draft resolution presented at the 54th General Assembly of the OAS.

Photo: Representatives of YABT and Cree Banreservas (entrepreneurship program).

Press release: [**bit.ly/yabt-cidi**](https://bit.ly/yabt-cidi)



The Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG)

A YABT Alumni represented youth at the Second Regular Meeting of 2024 of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG), held in Washington, D.C.

Her participation concluded with a call from youth to the OAS Member States to prioritize support for youth participation, entrepreneurship, and investment in young people.

Press release: bit.ly/youth-sirg

Hemispheric Virtual Consultation

As part of the VII Young Americas Forum, leading up to the X Summit of the Americas, YABT organized a Hemispheric Virtual Consultation to collect recommendations and proposals from youth on the OAS agenda. The process received over 200 contributions by June 2024, and the outcomes were compiled into a comprehensive report presented to the OAS Member States.



Take part in the
Virtual Consultation

Youth Virtual Consultation:
bit.ly/youth-virtual-consultation



III Young Americas Meeting

YABT in collaboration of the Paraguay's Government organized the III Young Americas Meeting, a youth activity of the **54th General Assembly of the OAS**, where they invited youth to participate as relevant actors in the region.

This milestone for the Young Americas Forum resulted in the development of a comprehensive report, crafted through roundtables, panel discussions, dialogues, and meaningful interactions with high-level authorities.

More information:

www.yabt.net/foro/encuentro-2024/



54th General Assembly of the OAS: Youth Spokesperson - Social Actors and Civil Society Dialogue

At the **54th General Assembly of the OAS** in Paraguay, Katherin Méndez, a Youth Spokesperson, presented the contributions of the Hemispheric Youth Consultation, which included the participation of hundreds of youth networks and focused on the most relevant priorities for young people.

Photo Album:

bit.ly/photos-youth-ag-oas



TIC Americas Finals

The finals of the eighteenth edition of the Talent and Innovation Competitions of the Americas (TIC Americas) brought together 23 finalist teams from 13 countries, selected from a total of 1,971 registrations across 31 countries, involving 2,393 young people.

The event, held in the context of International Youth Day, concluded with an emotional ceremony where the top 10 projects were announced.

More information: www.ticamericas.net/finales

The XXII Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (CIMT) of the OAS

María del Mar Jaramillo, Founder of Fundación Soy Oportunidad and a YABT delegate, participated in the XXII Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (CIMT) of the Organization of American States, held in Bogotá, Colombia. As a young entrepreneur, María del Mar contributed to the event by incorporating gender and youth perspectives into the topics addressed.



Conference: Innovative Entrepreneurship and International Opportunities



Conference in a hybrid format during the **Bilateral Academic Meeting of UCASAL University (Argentina) and Columbia University (Paraguay)**, held in Salta, Argentina.

The conference addressed the role of entrepreneurship and innovation in advancing sustainable and competitive growth, highlighting existing opportunities to scale business solutions and connect with YABT's growing entrepreneurship community.





Building the future of cross-sector collaboration in the Summit of the Americas - Atlantic Council (Panama)

YABT moderated the youth roundtable, whose outcomes were presented during a panel discussion and a public meeting that brought together prominent representatives from government, the private sector, and international organizations.

This event was part of a series of dialogues commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Summits of the Americas, organized by the Government of the United States and the Atlantic Council.



Official Launch of the VII Young Americas Forum (Dominican Republic)

YABT and Banreservas in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, celebrated the official launch of the Seventh Young Americas Forum in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, marking the path towards the X Summit of the Americas.

Banreservas become a key partner in the entrepreneurship in action component, supporting the Start-Up Challenge, a special category of TIC Americas.

Press release: <https://bit.ly/yaf-launch>



Photo: YABT representative with the CEO of the Banreservas.

XXX Anniversary towards the X Summit of the Americas

The Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) was invited by the Government of the Dominican Republic as an organizer of one of the official forums of the Summit of the Americas to participate in the commemorative event marking the 30th anniversary of the Summits of the Americas.

This high-level, closed-door event served as a platform for reflection, analysis, and discussion on the contributions of the nine previous Summits, while also placing into perspective the agenda for the upcoming Summit.

YABT connected in Global Initiatives

YABT providing its expertise, best practices and
mobilizing global allies



Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE-OAS) - Panama Edition

YABT was selected to participate in the ACE Panama Edition as a leading organization in youth entrepreneurship and innovation within this pioneering program, which facilitates the exchange of experiences and competitiveness in collaboration with the Organization of American States and the government of the United States. The event brought together more than 35 delegates from the ACE mission.

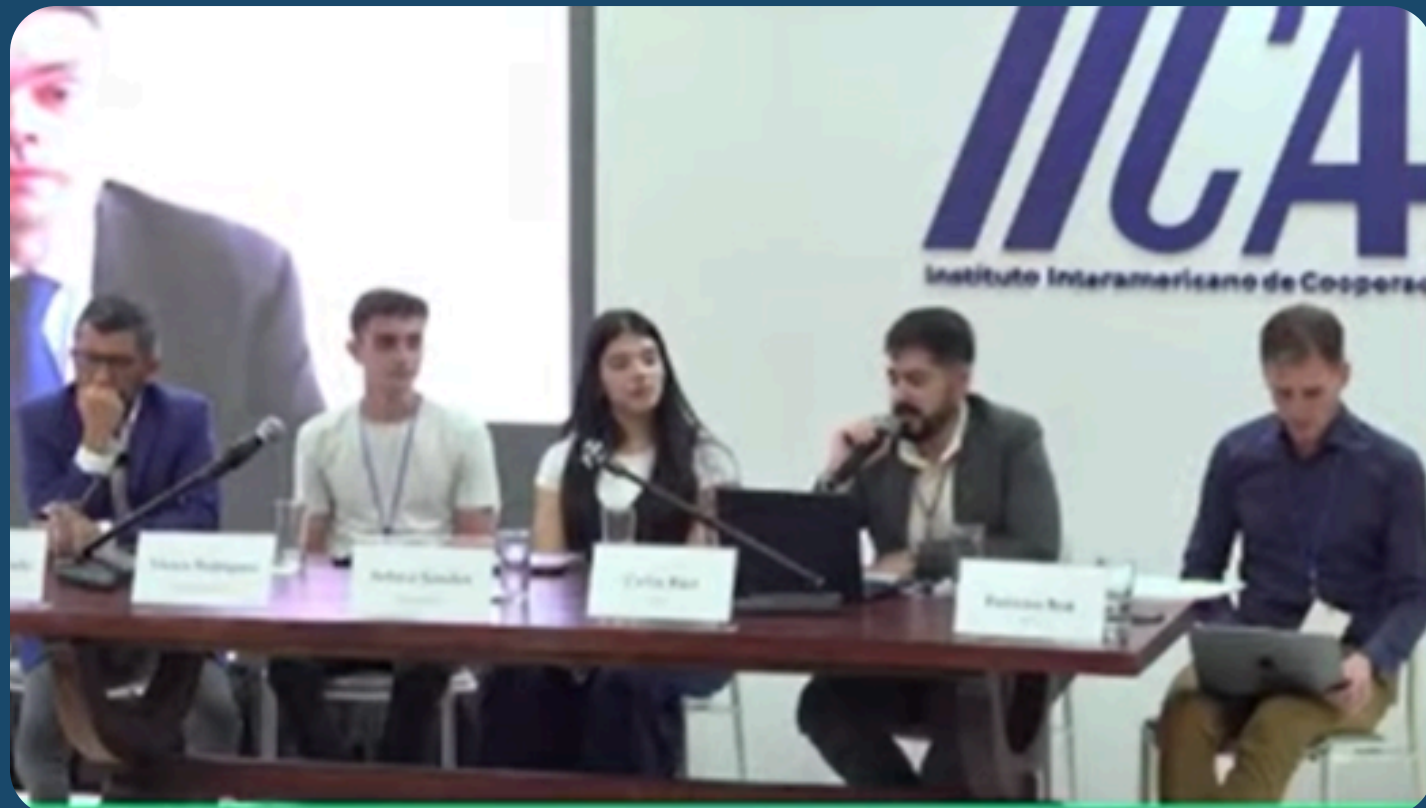




Bridging Dialogues: Key Recommendations for EU-CELAC and Americas Summits (New York)

YABT was invited as a pioneering organization in youth entrepreneurship at the official SOTF Action Day side event, titled “Pact for the Future and Beyond: Towards the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development,” hosted by the Club de Madrid (CdM) at the United Nations Headquarters.

The event convened key stakeholders, including UN Under-Secretary Generals, to evaluate progress on financial reforms and development financing, with a focus on aligning global efforts to advance the 2030 Agenda.



Digital Agriculture Week - 2024 Edition

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

As a result of a permanent partnership with the IICA, YABT was invited to present TIC Americas as a regional best practice for youth innovation programs. As part of this event, Biofun, the winning team of TIC Americas 2024, delivered their pitch during an investor panel.



The event brought together over 100 stakeholders and authorities from across the region.



World Food Forum - FAO (Rome)

As a pioneering organization in youth development, YABT participated in the exclusive speaker panel at the World Food Forum, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations which brought together over 1,000 attendees.

During this discussion, TIC Americas and the Young Americas Forum were highlighted as best practices in engaging youth and their contributions to the global development agenda.

Press release: <https://bit.ly/yabt-fao-forum>



Annual Meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund

During the 2024 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group (WBG), YABT joined leading experts and international representatives in a series of dynamic debates and sessions.

The program focused on international development, the global economy, and fostering strategic partnerships to advance solutions for a more sustainable and inclusive future.

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