

Call for Participants – Teranga Youth Delegation

World Social Forum (WSF) 2026 | Cotonou, Benin | Learning pathway Apr 2026–Apr 2027

Lead organisation	SOS Faim (TERANGA focus)
Location	Cotonou, Benin
Forum dates	4–8 August 2026
Mission period	2–11 August 2026 (10 days, incl. travel)
Places	3 young people + 1 accompanist (SOS Faim team)
Working languages	French + English (required)

1) Context and purpose

The Teranga project aims to enable young people to understand agricultural, food and societal issues in all their complexity and to become engaged actors in ongoing transformations. In this perspective, the participation of Teranga young people in the World Social Forum (WSF) is a structured and highly formative learning experience.

The World Social Forum is an international space for debate and collective construction, bringing together social movements, civil society organisations and engaged citizens. The 2026 edition (aiming for 50,000+ participants) will put at the centre topics such as peasant agriculture, food sovereignty, agroecology, social justice, and the role of youth and future generations.

2) Who can apply & profile we are looking for

The project will involve 3 young people engaged in Luxembourg’s civil society, aged 21 to 28 (exceptions may be possible). Selection will be based on genuine motivation, and on a real capacity to share and transmit learning after the mission.

Eligibility criteria (mandatory):

- Resident in Luxembourg.
- Available for the full pathway (Apr 2026–Apr 2027) and for the mission 2–11 August 2026.
- Able to work in French and English (level that allows active participation and post-return transmission).
- Ready to invest in co-creating and facilitating contributions/workshops at the WSF.
- Able to complete administrative steps (passport, visa, vaccinations, etc.) within deadlines.

3) Learning objectives (knowledge, skills, attitudes)

Knowledge:

- Global agri-food system and its economic, social and political logics.
- Links between consumption and production patterns, in the Global North and South.

- Key issues related to agroecology, food sovereignty and agricultural microfinance.
- International development cooperation, SOS Faim’s approach, and the alter-globalisation network context.
- Role of international institutions, NGOs, social movements and citizens in contemporary geopolitical dynamics.

Skills:

- Speaking and engaging in collective, intergenerational and intercultural spaces.
- Designing and facilitating a thematic workshop in the context of the forum.
- Producing restitution outputs (written, visual, media) for different audiences.
- Networking and building links with engaged actors internationally.

Attitudes:

- Critical thinking and ability to question dominant narratives.
- Cultural openness and active listening to perspectives rooted in different social contexts.
- Standing for values and convictions within respectful dialogue.
- Autonomy, responsibility and civic engagement.
- Ability to work as part of a team.

4) Mission to Benin – programme (2–11 August 2026)

The stay in Benin is planned for ten days and includes: a logistical preparation phase for the WSF, active participation in the forum (workshops, exchanges, facilitation) and learning visits with local partners.

Date	Programme	Outputs / contributions
02/08/2026	Departure from Luxembourg and arrival in Cotonou (Benin).	
03/08/2026	Welcome on the WSF site. Participation in forum preparation; logistical support.	Live media relay.
04–08/08/2026	Participation in the Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-organising and facilitating two workshops prepared in advance • Networking and meeting other young people • Participation in plenaries and workshops • Logistical support 	1–2 sessions organised in duplex with Teranga + media relay in parallel.
09/08/2026	Visit and activity at Ferme Sain (overnight on-site).	To be co-created with the group.
10/08/2026	Visit to Ouidah and its memorial.	To be co-created with the group.
11/08/2026	Return to Luxembourg.	

5) Financial over view

All costs related to the volunteering experience are fully covered by SOS Faim, and participants are not required to make any advanced payments.

The only exceptions are:

- Transportation costs within Luxembourg for pre-departure trainings and post-return dissemination activities
- Personal and/or extra expenses during the stay
- Possible additional costs linked to visa complications or the processing of a passport

Any necessary health checks or vaccination requirements will be managed and covered by SOS Faim. By submitting their application, candidates confirm that they understand and agree to comply with these medical procedures if required.

6) Preparation & post-return dissemination

Participation in the WSF is part of a preparation process running from April to August 2026, to equip the young people both on content and on practical/intercultural aspects.

Period	Type	Activity
March 2026	Process	Open call and selection of young participants
April 2026	Training	Introduction to the political, social and economic context of Benin and West Africa History, purpose and thematic axes of the World Social Forum
April 2026	Training /Preparation	Agricultural and food issues addressed by SOS Faim Intercultural and practical travel preparation
May – August 2026	Training sessions	
September 2026 – April 2027	Post-return dissemination	

After returning, young people will anchor what they have learned within the Luxembourgish context by contributing to a long-term restitution process. This will include the co-creation of workshops and tools, the development of content connecting global issues with local realities, and the sharing of their experience with other young people and wider audiences. Over several months, this phase will help sustain public dialogue on the topic, while the volunteers gradually become true ambassadors of SOS Faim.

7) Commitments expected from selected participants

- Actively participate in the preparation phase (trainings + co-creation sessions).
- Co-design and co-facilitate two workshops/contributions within the WSF programme.
- Contribute to communication/media relay from April 2026 to April 2027.
- Participate in public restitution and transmission after return (September 2026- April 2027).
- Respect safety, respectful dialogue and logistical requirements (visa/vaccines/insurance, etc.).

8) Application & selection

The selection aims to form a small and complementary group able to fully participate in the forum and to transmit learning afterwards. Particular attention will be paid to motivation, availability across the full calendar, public speaking/facilitation potential, and commitment to restitution.

How to apply:

- Complete the **application form**: <https://forms.gle/S5qjF3F2N6RsNtiAA>
- **Deadline**: 3 April 2026 – 23:59 (Luxembourg time)
- Results: 8 April 2026
- A short **interview** will be organised with shortlisted candidates.

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