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## News Release

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### **Bayer selects 100 youth leaders from around the world to help “Feed a Hungry Planet” at the company’s 5th biennial Youth Ag Summit**

- The 100 delegates representing over 40 countries will meet in November 2021 for a virtual global forum
  - Delegates will also work with the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and Babele on a 10-week Youth Ag Summit (YAS) University program following the forum with mentoring from industry leaders, farmers, and YAS alumni
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**Monheim, August 2, 2021** – 100 delegates from more than 40 different countries will make up Bayer’s [2021 Youth Ag Summit](#) cohort this November. The global forum and biennially organized conference selected young leaders between the ages of 18 and 25 with a passion for sustainable global agriculture for the opportunity to learn and collaborate with others on solutions to issues challenging food security. This year’s delegates come from more than 2,000 applicants representing nearly 100 countries.

“This is an opportunity to empower the next generation of agricultural change-makers,” said conservation student and grower Ndavisabye Rukundo Christian from Rwanda. “I am a farmer in the village where I live, and agriculture is my passion. This summit fits completely with my goal of doing sustainable agriculture by conserving the environment as well.”

To be selected, this year’s delegates presented project ideas and examples of previous advocacy work based on the summit’s overall theme “Feeding a Hungry Planet”. Monserrath Martinez from Mexico, for example, told of her work with a biodegradable device made from food waste which allows food production in urban areas. She hopes

her experience inspires fellow delegates while working during the summit on other sustainability solutions.

“I’m convinced it is time for our generation to get into action and change how these systems work, using our skills and knowledge to make agriculture more efficient and sustainable,” Martinez said. “I want to be part of a passionate network of people willing to change the way agriculture works and find new paths for everyone’s well-being.”

“The Youth Ag Summit has always been a great opportunity for me to connect with the next generation of ag. These young people provide the passion needed to make a real difference in tackling food security challenges,” said Liam Condon, member of the Board of Management of Bayer AG and President of the Crop Science Division. “By supporting and nurturing these future leaders, we aid them in what we hope is a lifelong journey of learning and action for a more sustainable food system.”

This year’s 5th biennial Youth Ag Summit will be the company’s first virtual YAS event and its first with a virtual idea incubator called YAS University. Within the YAS University program, delegates will continue to develop their business and communications skills, receive coaching from mentors, and complete weekly assignments that help them hone their own project concepts for 10 weeks following the summit, beginning in January 2022. At the end of YAS University, the delegates will have the opportunity to pitch their project ideas to a panel of experts to compete for prizes. Bayer’s partnerships for this year’s forum with [the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network \(SDSN\)](#) and the tech company [Babele](#) make the unique experience of YAS University possible.

For more on the Youth Ag Summit 2021 and see a full list of selected delegates, please visit [www.youthagsummit.com](http://www.youthagsummit.com) and follow [#AgvocatesWithoutBorders](#) on Twitter and [@youthagsummit](#) on Instagram.

### **About the Youth Ag Summit**

The Youth Ag Summit movement is a community of global young leaders championing sustainable agriculture and food security and working to bridge the understanding gap between those who produce our food and those who consume it. Every two years, 100 delegates are chosen to take part in the summit. Previous editions have been hosted in Canada, Australia, Belgium and Brazil. Due to COVID restrictions, this year’s summit is the first completely virtual event.

## **About the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)**

The UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) was set up in 2012 under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General. SDSN mobilizes global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical solutions for sustainable development, including the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement. For more information, visit [www.unsdsn.org](http://www.unsdsn.org).

## **About Bayer**

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