



Bridging the Gap Between  
Youth and Policy Makers

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Islamabad, September 14, 2019:** AIESEC hosted a conference on Global Exchange in collaboration with Youth Economic Forum. Youth Economic Forum is a think tank that bridges the gap between youth and policy makers. Shabih Zaidi, working as Program Manager at Youth Economic Forum, was among the guests to enlighten the young participants with its significance. He discussed about the embracing diversity and raising awareness about sustainable development goals along with speaking about society's current problems. The panelists included a number of significant members of the society. Shabih Zaidi explained the audience that how Youth Economic Forum is contributing towards the society. He explained the opportunities that Youth Economic Forum sets open for students. With less businesses and ideas being functional in the market, Youth Economic Forum plays its part by offering internship and fellowship programs to the students during their summer breaks and degree. He elaborated how Youth Economic Forum involves students from different department in policy making units by organizing different interactive sessions and leading delegations to the respective departments. He also involved former NUST interns to share their experience at Youth Economic Forum with the audience. Shabih Zaidi offered an interactive Q/A session where he on behalf of Youth Economic Forum cleared the ambiguity in the young minds. He offered them roles that they can play to contribute more towards the society.

Many students have shown their interests by volunteering in the University Ambassadors Program arranged by Youth Economic Forum. They have wished to represent their respective educational institutes at the delegations and interactive sessions lead by Youth Economic Forum. Shabih Zaidi expressed how Youth Economic Forum is contributing its part in Pakistan for attaining the said sustainable development goals. He also argued the importance of the respected 57 goals that are directly linked with Youth. Shabih Zaidi had an amazing interactive session with audience at the conference which was fruitful for the young minds helping them in defining pathways for their future by setting their values today.

Youth economic forum is the Pakistan's first youth-run policy think tank which strives to bridge the gap between the youth and the policy makers. Its mission is to make policies that are more youth inclusive. This session was in alignment with its vision and presented the youth of the country to connect with the policy makers on a much deeper level.