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| 1. **To what size group will the speech be delivered?**   Group size = video message delivered worldwide on International Youth Day 2021 (approx. 1 ½ -2 minutes)  The purpose of International Youth Day is to raise awareness of the potential of young people for bringing peace and change to the world. Each year a theme is chosen to draw attention to a particular issue for youth such as the high unemployment rate, poor working conditions, and marginalization from decision-making process.  This year’s theme is **Transforming Food Systems**  <https://americanenglish.state.gov/content-spotlight-international-youth-day-and-summer-activities>  <https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2021/05/IYD-Concept-Note-2021-for-website-v3.pdf>  (note for you: youth have come up with this team) We should mention |  |
| 1. **The speech will be delivered to a group made up of mostly?**   Youth around the world  While anyone who clicks on the video can listen, my message is for youth ages 15-24 years old. And my goal is to use language that is friendly to them, that is down to earth, and inviting, warm and welcoming. That inspires them, motivates them and wants them to become more, to be more, to reach for more, to recognize the light in themselves and dream bigger than big.  President Obama once said that the greatest social movements have been initiated and led by youth. (you don’t have to add this, I’m just talking) It is important that they feel empowered to have their voices heard. That they feel we, as adults want to hear what they have to say and are hear to back them every step of the way.  I think it’s important to encourage leaders in every industry around the world to support our youth , to listen, to providea platform to have their voices heard (I don’t know how to say this)  And maybe end with a message saying how today we celebrate you, uplift you, etc… and maybe we can add a quote from someone like Gandhi or Mother Theresa or Nelson Madela here or anywhere  These are some quotes from mother Theresa (when talking poverty reductuon)  “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one”  “Peace begins with a smile”  “Everytime you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing”  Mahatma Gandhi  “In a gentle way, you can shake the world”  “I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet” – maybe if we say a message to never give up, to not listen to naysayers that say their dreams are too big to accomplish or they can’t make an impact |  |
| 1. **Where will the event be held?**   Pre-recorded video message . The message will then be edited to contain voices from youth around the world who will answer these two questions. What act of kindness did you do for someone today? (maybe we can have a sentence in speech that can lead to us putting in those video clips. The next question is What big change would you like to make in the world? (maybe we can have another sentence that can be a lead in to putting those clips in.) |  |
| **4. What kind of speech do you want?** Inspirational, motivational, Heartwarming, slightly Informative (the info is included above), add some quotes from people like Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, it could include Story telling if there is time (this is optional – there might not be time) . So, it is a combination styles. |  |
| 1. **Is there a key person(s) to whom the speech will be given? Tell us their name(s) and a little about his/her personality.**   No.It is for youth worldwide |  |
| **6. Please share information about events or memories you have together that you would like mentioned in the speech.** |  |
| **7. What do you want your audience to think or feel as a result of experiencing your presentation?**  **I would like audience to leave feeling inspired, uplifted, feeling a sense of being understood, motivated, heartwarming, sentimental. I would like this speech to be down to earth touching, humble, yet powerful, touching and uplifting. I would like the youth to leave the speech wanting to be more, to do more.** |  |
| **8. Is there an action that you would like your audience to take as a result of experiencing your presentation?**  I would like them to want to dream bogger, to know that they can reach any goal, to want to seek meaning and purpose and a higher call and feel that they are needed. |  |
| **9. What is your deadline for delivering the speech?**  **I need to record it by August 5 so I can submit to video editors** |  |
| **10. Finally, please provide your speechwriter with any additional information you would like to have included in your speech. Include all information you feel is essential to your speech.** |  |

I would like all of the above aspects included. Plus…

1. International Youth Day is 22 years old (I think it is 22 years old – we just need to double check to make sure my math is not incorrect

Why we celebrate it 👇

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/wap.business-standard.com/amp/about/when-is-international-youth-day>

2. This year’s youth day highlights the theme of “Transforming food systems - and why ?

There might be a more down to earth way of saying this sentence above, like This year’s theme is ..

Why? Meaning…what is the problem…

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/iyd2021.html>

For example: In the past they have said things like….

“We are facing a learning crisis. Too often schools are not providing young people with skills they need to navigate …”

I have included the links to all the brochures. They are short reads, But how do I even say that in simple words???

4. Solution

For example, in the past they have said things like “ Education today should combine knowledge , life skills , critical thinking”

 This should be only one sentence or so,

The focus should be mostly on inspiring, uplifting and empowering..

And we could end by saying something along those lines… like Today, we celebrate, uplift, empower you, our youth …all around the world. (I’m sure you can say it better, and in a way that the youth feel I am talking to each of them individually and feel touched and inspired.

Bottom line, I am a big cheerleader for youth. I love empowering them, inspiring them and motivating them. I believe in them and always do everything in my power to make them feel like they can accomplish anything, even when they don’t believe in themselves. The transformations I have been fortunate enough to see have been worth it.

I am a clinical psychologist by the way.  Bottom line, I see myself as youth’s biggest cheerleader and advocate.