2026 Key Dates and Timeline
Subject to change

January 2026

30 January
- Plenary Challenges announced
- Winter Partner Update

February 2026

27 February
- Visa Guidance Published

March 2026

16 March
- Workshop Host Applications open

30 March
- Spring Partner Update

April 2026

24 April
- Overview Agenda
- Registration opens

May 2026

18 May
- Pre-Summit Delegate Inductions begin

28 May
- Global Leadership Programme Session: Effective and Ethical Leadership

June 2026

24 June
- Global Leadership Programme Session: Plenary Themes 1 and 2

29 June
- Summer Partner Update

July 2026

6 July
- Delegate Speaker Applications open

30 July
- Global Leadership Programme Session: Plenary Themes 3 and 4

31 July
- Agenda Update
- Workshop Host Applications close

August 2026

26 August
- Global Leadership Programme Session: Plenary Themes 5

28 August
- Delegate Speaker Applications close
- Exhibition Sales Close

September 2026

1 September
- Speaker and Session title submission
- Partner logo submission deadline
- Interactive Stage names and branding confirmed
- Successful Workshop Hosts announced

7 September
- Summit Agenda Update
- Autumn Partner Update

15 - 24 September
- Global Leadership Programme Sessions: Connect with your Region

25 September
- Content submitted for Exhibition area on the Summit App
- Summit registration closes*
- Workshop List Available

October 2026

2 October
- Exhibition booth branding and activities submitted to One Young World for approval
- Purchasing of additional hotel nights closes
- All content submitted for Workshops and Action Sessions

9 October
- Full Agenda released
- One Young World Summit App and Digital Platform launched
- Supplier Health and Safety Submission for Exhibition and Interactive Stages
- Workshop Registration Open for Delegates

15 October
- Global Leadership Programme Session: Welcome to Cape Town

Throughout October
- Cape Town Delegate Send Off Event(s)

November 2026

3 November
- One Young World Summit Cape Town, 2026 begins!

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* Summit Registration closes 25 September 2026

Registrations received after 11:59pm GMT on 25 September 2026 will be processed on a strictly availability-based basis. As a result, we cannot guarantee

- The option of being in the same hotel as the rest of their delegation
- The option to book pre/post nights in the same hotel they are staying in for the core nights of the Summit
- Airport transfers
- Catering that take into account dietary requirements
- Their choice in workshop allocation
- The opportunity for exclusive invitations to mentoring sessions and meet and greets
- The opportunity to be a Flag Bearer at the Opening Ceremony
- The opportunity to apply to be a Delegate Speaker