

2026 Key Dates and Timeline

Subject to change



April 2026

24 April

- Overview agenda
- Registration opens

May 2026

18 May

- Pre-Summit Delegate inductions begin

28 May

#OYW26 Kickstart Series Launch

Our pre-Summit programme has been revamped for 2026.

Launching on 28 May, the Kickstart Series will prepare Delegates for the life-changing Summit experience through six monthly online sessions led by global leaders and One Young World Ambassadors.

The sessions will provide leadership lessons, interactive skills development, and networking opportunities.

Delegates will finish the Kickstart Series fully equipped to maximise their impact at the Summit and beyond.

June 2026

TBC June

- #OYW26 Kickstart Series session two

29 June

- Summer Partner Update

July 2026

TBC July

- #OYW26 Kickstart Series session three

6 July

- Delegate Speaker applications open

31 July

- Agenda Update
- Workshop Host applications close

August 2026

TBC August

- #OYW26 Kickstart Series session four

28 August

- Delegate Speaker applications close
- Exhibition sales close

September 2026

TBC September

- #OYW26 Kickstart Series session five

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

25 September

- Content submitted for Exhibition area on the Summit app
- Summit registration closes*
- Workshop list available

October 2026

TBC October

- #OYW26 Kickstart Series session six

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

Throughout October

- Cape Town Delegate send-off event(s)

November 2026

3 November

- One Young World Summit Cape Town, 2026 begins!

* 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