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**Side Event Concept Note**

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**Event Title:** Fostering Stronger Connections with Youth Changemakers: Facilitating an Open Dialogue on Scaling Grassroots Impact

**Date:** 2 Nov 2023

**Time:** 13:00 to 14:00

**Venue:**

* Physical: **Room XXVII, Palais des Nations**
* **Virtual:** WebEx: <https://ungeneva-vc.webex.com/ungeneva-vc/j.php?MTID=mbd830c26bce83ad979d18c9c564ebbba>

**Organizers:** Evercomm & Formfty

**Background:**

Youth-led grassroots social projects play a pivotal role in driving positive change within communities. These young changemakers are often fueled by passion, innovation, and a deep commitment to addressing pressing social issues. However, they often face significant challenges when it comes to scaling their impact and sustaining their initiatives.

The "Empowering Youth Changemakers: Scaling Grassroots Impact" side event seeks to provide a platform for these inspiring youth leaders to come together, share their experiences, and articulate the support they need to take their projects to the next level. By facilitating dialogue, collaboration, and learning, this event aims to empower them to overcome obstacles and drive even greater change in their communities.

**Objectives:**

1. To showcase the remarkable work of youth-led projects leveraging technology to make a difference in their grassroots community.
2. To facilitate knowledge exchange and networking among youth changemakers.
3. To identify common challenges faced by these projects in scaling their impact.
4. To explore potential solutions and resources that can support youth-led initiatives.

**Agenda:**

**1. Welcome and Introduction (3 minutes)**

- Opening remarks by Shivam Pandya, a youth leader leveraging technology to combat climate change.

- Overview of the event's objectives and agenda.

**2. Youth Changemaker Showcase (20 minutes)**

- Brief presentations by 4 youth-led grassroots projects.

- Each project shares its journey, impact, and challenges faced.

**3. Open Dialogue (30 minutes)**

- Invite open discussion and interventions from the floor.

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**4. Summary and Next Steps (5 minutes)**

- Summary of key takeaways

- Announcement of **Youth Empowerment Initiative** session on Nov 3rd 16:30-17:45.

**Outcome:**

The event aims to foster an enabling ecosystem for youth-led grassroots projects, where they can learn from each other, access resources, and forge meaningful partnerships. Ultimately, we hope to understand what these young changemakers need in order to scale their impact and drive positive change on a larger scale.

By participating in this side event, attendees will gain valuable insights, connect with like-minded young people, and contribute to the growth of a vibrant community of youth leaders dedicated to making a difference in the world.