

ACWAY GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM 2026: From Intercultural Dialogue to Action

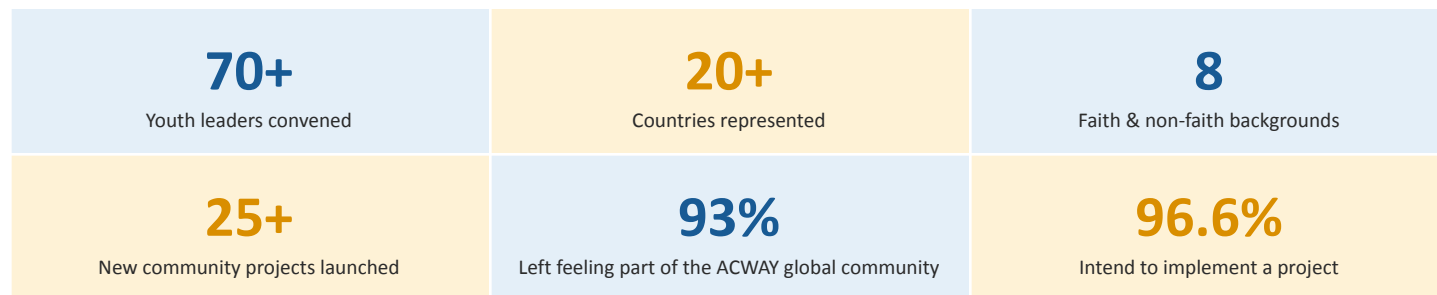
Tashkent, Uzbekistan | 8-10 June, 2026



SUMMARY

The 9th ACWAY Global Youth Forum, delivered in partnership with the Youth Affairs Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Stirling Foundation.

IN NUMBERS



MEASURED OUTCOMES: BEFORE VS. AFTER

Indicator (rated Good / Advanced)	Pre-Forum	Post-Forum
Knowledge of other faith & cultural traditions	57%	92%
Experience in interfaith & intercultural work	65%	92%
Ability to engage in difficult conversations	50%	77%
Understanding of religion, culture & faith for youth	77%	92%
Confidence to implement a community activity	65%	100%

25+ PROJECTS EMERGING FROM THE FORUM

- **10+** Interfaith dialogue & social cohesion
- **5** Education & youth empowerment
- **4** Storytelling, arts & culture
- **3** Digital advocacy & civic engagement
- **2** Mental health, incl. displaced communities
- **1** Violence against women
- **1** Community development

VOICES FROM TASHKENT

In the words of the 2026 cohort

“ACWAY gave me a global family. The conversations stayed with me, the friendships feel permanent, and I’m leaving with a real sense of hope for what young people can build together when given the space to connect.”

Rishini 2026 Fellow from India

“Since returning home, I have continued thinking about the people I met and the conversations we had. The Forum broadened my perspective, strengthened my motivation, and gave me a greater sense of responsibility.”

Kanata 2026 Fellow from Japan

“This forum helped me look within and understand myself better. It gave me hope and showed me that the world isn’t doomed and that young people like me can actually make a difference.”

Azizakhon 2026 Fellow from Uzbekistan

“I feel excited about finding a community who share a desire to create positive change.”

Forum participant 2026 Tashkent cohort

“One conversation that stayed with me was with a Friend from a completely different faith and cultural background and we talked late into the evening about our personal journeys into peacebuilding, and despite our differences, I realized how similar our hopes for the world really are. That moment captured exactly what ACWAY is about.”

Forum participant 2026 Tashkent cohort

SUPPORT FELLOWS NEED TO IMPLEMENT

In order of frequency requested:

- Mentorship & technical guidance (most requested)
- Communication & visibility support
- Financial support
- Networking & partnerships
- Institutional support & legitimacy
- Resources & learning materials
- Context-specific support

