2026 Global 4-H Summit Declaration

Who we are

We are 4-H leaders from the United States, the Philippines, Finland, Jamaica, Tanzania, Liberia, Korea and Taiwan, gathered at the 2026 Taiwan Global 4-H Summit. We were asked what it means for young people to be "Beyond Ready" and to "Lead Beyond."

Our countries farm, fish, learn and govern in very different ways. Yet our answers kept arriving at the same place: young people are not only the future. We are leading today, and 4-H must be built for that.

Our shared commitments

1. **Youth lead now, not later.** Young people should not only take part in 4-H but have real chances to lead, make decisions and shape their communities. As 4-H works to help millions of youth become Beyond Ready by 2030, we ask every program to move youth from a seat at the table to the front of the room, with the support to succeed there.
2. **Learning by doing is how readiness is built.** Being Beyond Ready is not about how much we know. It is whether we can turn what we learn into action when the future is uncertain. Hands-on work such as cooking, fishing, gardening, farming and forest education builds life skills and responsibility for the places we live.
3. **Courage matters more than the right answer.** We commit to growing independent thinkers who solve problems, take risks and recover from failure. The leaders of tomorrow do not have to be the smartest in the room, only willing to keep learning and to act.
4. **Agriculture is a path to opportunity.** 4-H can be a catalyst for entrepreneurship, climate resilience and digital skills. It should give young people their first real experiences of leadership, business and working life.
5. **We grow stronger across generations.** We will connect student members with young & seasoned farmers and leaders through mentorship, so youth see the value of rural communities and the many careers agriculture offers. We will honor indigenous and traditional knowledge while pairing it with modern innovation.
6. **We are one global network.** We commit to sharing knowledge, experiences and ideas across borders. We encourage every member to step outside their comfort zone, learn from other cultures and build the habits of working with people unlike themselves.
7. **We lead beyond ourselves.** Instead of waiting for opportunities, we will find problems, take action and contribute to our communities and the world. Personal success is not the finish line. Leading Beyond means lifting others and building a sustainable, inclusive, future-ready 4-H that feeds our nations, prepares our youth and changes the world.

Together, guided by Head, Heart, Hands and Health, we commit to building that future, and to starting now.

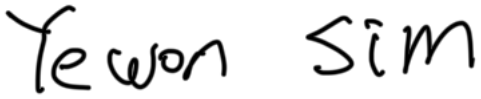
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- **Jamaica**



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- **Tanzania**



- **Taiwan**



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