



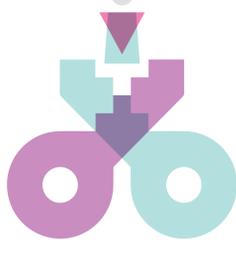
Dutch Youth Ambassador SRHR



Sanne Thijssen

PRIORITY AREAS

Universal Access to Youth-Friendly Services and SRHR in Humanitarian Settings



KEY ACTIVITIES

- Ministry access:** Providing input on youth and SRHR through full ministerial access (including weekly staff meetings and direct access to policy briefs).
- International Advocacy:** Actively promoting youth rights and needs in discussions, side-events and other activities during international platforms
- Knowledge Brokering:** Working together with international and national (youth-led) organizations, UN and governmental initiatives to improve and advocate for youth and SRHR.

MEDIA OUTPUT



2229 followers and 2,232 likes



617 followers

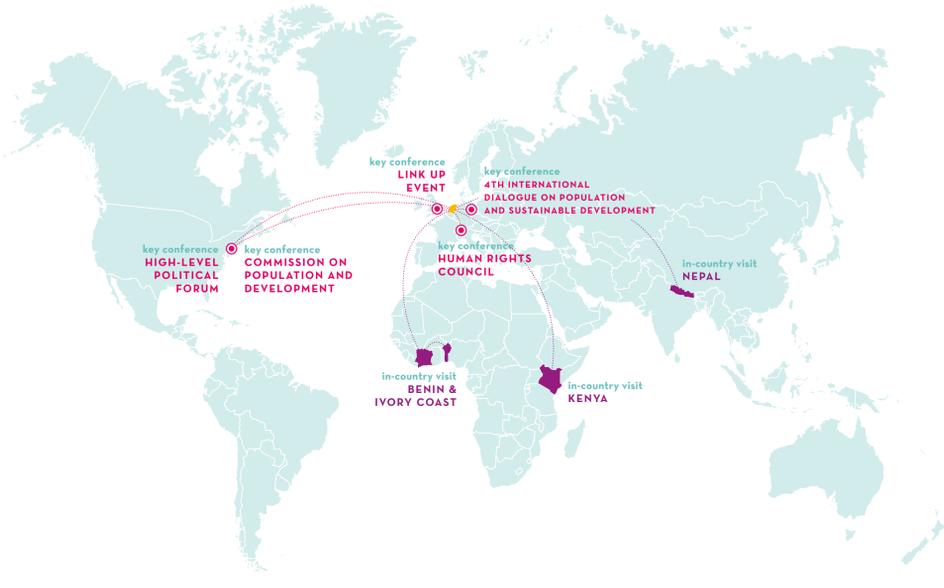
Featured in online magazines and radio such as OneWorld, Scholieren.com, Radio 1, NOS op 3.

Nominated candidate for Ondertussen 'Jonge 100' awards 2016 in the session 'Pioneers'.



(De Limburger, September 2016)

PRESENT!



COUNTRY VISITS



Kenya

28th November - 4th December 2016

My first in-country trip, was a success! I met with partners and other organizations working on SRHR. The highlight was the visit to Magadi, with AMREF Flying Doctors, to visit their Alternative Right of Passage programme overcoming Female Genital Cutting (FGC) and to empower young girls and boys to get their education, thereby involving the community. I later had an active role in calling for an open discussion on FGC on various media outlets.



Benin / Ivory Coast

11th December - 16th December 2016

For me, reaching out to francophone youth in West-Africa was an important objective during my visit to the region. By networking with youth leaders during the 4th annual Ouagadougou Partnership meeting in Abidjan (Ivory Coast), as well as during an in-country visit to Benin I was able to link West-african youth with opportunities for advocacy as well as introduce them to other youth-led organizations outside of the region.



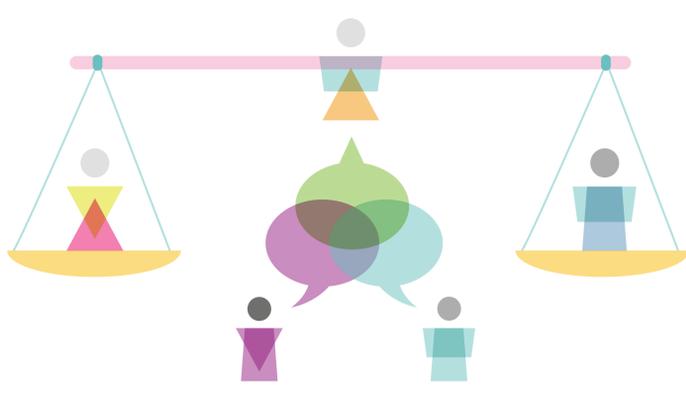
Nepal

28th May - 3rd June 2017

My trip with CHOICE offered me with a lot of insight on the true meaning of youth power! It was inspiring to hear young people's experience of the 2015 earthquake and to hear how they kept SRHR a priority during chaos and uncertainty following the earthquake.



Check out my Nepal vlog here!



KEY CONFERENCES

Link up Event 13-15 September 2016 | London

One week into my term, the Link up Event offered a strong start for my term! In a small-scale setting I was able to connect with youth advocates and other stakeholders active in the HIV/AIDS Alliance, and provided a platform for me to introduce myself and my role.

4th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development 10-11 November 2016 | Berlin

In Berlin I met future allies and learnt more about current trends in the field of SRHR. Along with other youth advocates, I also did a side-presentation on new technologies to reach young people!

Human Rights Council 27-28 February 2017 | Geneva

Engaging at the HRC is unique experience. The raised part was when I was a panelist on a session by the Danish Mission where I best attention to the unique needs for information in humanitarian settings and stressed the need for a better integration of youth-friendly services.

"It's great to see a passionate, young woman like you shake up a place like this"

Comment made by audience member at the Human Rights Council.



Check out my vlog on the CPD here!

Commission on Population and Development 1-7 April 2017 | New York

I provided the national statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands addressing youth and SRHR, which was met with much applause! "Above all the strength of young people does not only lie in their numbers, but more importantly, in their potential." I also had side-meetings with UN agencies and New York based New York-based CSO headquarters to discuss stronger collaboration.

High-level Political Forum 16-20 July 2017 | New York

During the HLPF, I met UN Envoy on Youth and joined a consultation with youth-led organizations on making UN spaces enabling for young people's engagement. I also was a panelist on the side-event on Teenage Pregnancies (with country leaders from the Netherlands, Ethiopia and Sint Maarten and youth leaders) and I co-hosted a session on SRHR in Fragile Settings with Cordaid and YWCA. I also had a meeting with the Dutch Minister on Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation at the Mission of the Netherlands to the UN, Sanne was able to discuss the need for ongoing commitment by the dutch ministries to support youth participation.



Sanne together with the UN Youth Envoy Jayathma Wickramanayake.



WHAT I LEAVE YOU WITH

"My wish for the future is that young people everywhere are empowered and supported to have full control of their sexual and reproductive health and rights. I believe that in this process everyone has a role to play and a benefit to gain - policymakers and CSOs alike"

- Sanne

SO WHAT'S NEXT?

THE IMPACT CONTINUES!

In 2017/18 Melodi Tamarzians continues to promote young people's sexual rights and meaningful youth participation when she takes up the torch as the new Youth Ambassador SRHR!

