The Power of Networks - YMCA

My name is Alexandra Castillo, i'm the CEO of the YMCA of Medellin, Colombia. the YMCA in Medellin has been there for 35 years working with youth and working in networks and institutional organizations to support the work with youth.

For the YMCA of Medellin, and the CEO of Medellin, it has been very important to think about principle number six - peruse equitable partnerships and solidarity.

The social development has allowed us to grow together and also to advance many aspects of our communities, to do more holistic works with the community. to reflect around the context and generate knowledge and to be able to influence local government in order to develop more programs and policies for youth.

Today, NGOs have huge challenges. we have to rethink our roles in society, to contribute to development, to rethink or re-elevate the importance of working together instead of competing. To value what we have built that is not only around money. we have capacities we have developed to build the change, so we are part of a very important historical moment, and we only have to assume it with our strength, that's the invitation i place to you.