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22. **Ms. Dudasova** (Slovakia), speaking as a youth delegate, asked whether young people were being given the support that they needed to make the discoveries and inventions of the future. Half of the world's population were young people in their most productive years, yet they were no longer accorded the credibility experienced by young inventors and entrepreneurs in previous centuries. It would be foolhardy to waste young people's potential, although it was not easy to foresee what type of education would best enable them to work in an unpredictable future.

23. A diploma no longer guaranteed a good job, and young people needed to approach the future in a different way. Creativity could be fostered without financial resources, and the knowledge acquired through education should not only be informative but should also lead to results. If youth were to be a priority they should be accorded trust and credibility as young people learned the most from those who expected the most from them.

