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71. **Ms. Francis** (Jamaica), speaking as a youth delegate, said that her country had a long history of providing opportunities for youth to participate in decision-making, including the establishment of its National Youth Council, National Youth Parliament and Youth Ambassadors Programme. However, for many Jamaican young people, especially in rural areas, making use of such opportunities was not a realistic possibility, largely because many of them lacked access to non-traditional forms of education, including the Internet, which might provide them with the relevant information. Unless young people were equipped with the tools that they needed to address social, political and economic challenges, the next generation would be unprepared to face them.

