

## MEET ALICJA LELWIC-OJEDA



Age: 28      Countries of Origin: Poland  
Country of Residence: Chile

### What would the title of your biography be?

Alicja would title her biography 'Polish Women making a difference for young Migrants Globally.'

### How would you use a time machine?

If Alicja was able to use a time machine, she would choose to go to the future to see what her organization, Migration Youth and Children Platform, has accomplished and what more they still need to do to make a larger impact. She would go to 2030 and see which of the SDGs we have achieved, specifically regarding migration.



Alicja excited but anxious before speaking at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

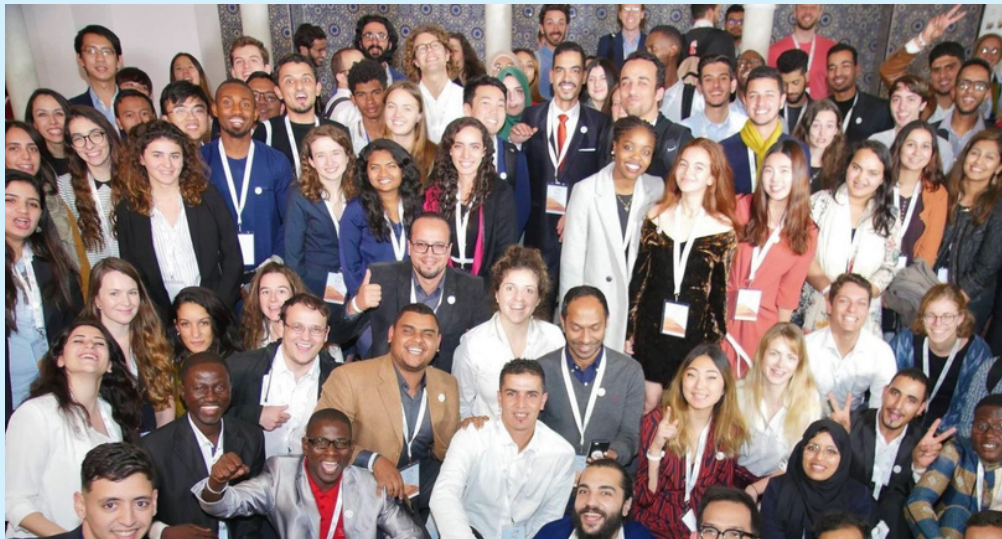


## How has your migration experience influenced your work?

According to Alicja, the only reason she got involved in migration issues is because of her own migration experience having lived in many different places and seen the challenges migrants face firsthand.

## What do you hope to accomplish by 2030?

Alicja hopes that by 2030 her organization, Migration Youth and Children Platform, will have youth forums organized in every country in the world.



Participants of the Migration Youth Forum in Ecuador.



## If you had a superpower what would it be and why?

Alicja would choose the power of teleportation. It would allow her to travel to different places to meet with family, friends, or work colleagues in just a matter of seconds.

## How do you connect with your diaspora community and support it in both countries of origin and residence?



She can connect to her Polish community in Chile through a Facebook group. She notes that there are Facebook groups everywhere and it is a great way to get involved. While in Chile meeting other Polish has been a great source of help and guidance and a way for her to connect with her Polish identity while abroad. She is able to remain connected with her community in Poland by visiting once a year and through communication online. During this past year, Alicja stayed for an extended period of time to help Polish NGOs and humanitarian efforts strengthen their capacity in order to receive refugees coming from Ukraine.



Intervening at the first International Migration Review Forum.



## Which Sustainable Development Goal is most relevant for your work?

Alicja feels that SDG 10 (Reduce Inequalities) and specifically SDG 10.7, which focuses on migration, most highlights the work that she and her organization focuses on.



## What would you tell other young people who want to make an impact in their communities of origin and residence?

Alicja explained that "new initiatives are much easier to be developed in a group, so maybe find other people who share your passion." Alicja believes that "when you are able to work together on a project, you are able to multiply your power and energy towards a topic to maximize the potential for success."



Cerro Manquehue: the very first mountain climbed after Alicja's arrival to Chile.