



-READING MATERIALS-
United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
Youth Forum

“Shaping tomorrow’s innovators: Leveraging *science, technology, innovation and culture for today’s youth*”

Preparation for the meeting:

Before coming to the event, all participants are strongly encouraged to read the following materials to prepare for the discussions in dialogue sessions 1, 2, and 3.

Session 1: *Girls and Young Women in Science*

News

“Why are there still so few women in science and tech”

<http://management.fortune.cnn.com/2013/03/11/women-science-tech/>

“Girls and science: why the gender gap exists and what to do about it”

<http://bit.ly/12qpnOd>

“Women in science: Women’s work”

<http://www.nature.com/news/women-in-science-women-s-work-1.12547>

“Laboratory life: Scientists of the world speak up for equality”

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v495/n7439/full/495035a.html>

“Women in science: Weird sisters”

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v495/n7439/full/495043a.html>

“From the frontline: 30 something science”

<http://www.nature.com/news/from-the-frontline-30-something-science-1.12549>

“Recruiting and Supporting Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Careers”

<http://huff.to/HmcF3j>

“Girls in Jordan science camp aim for brighter future”



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<http://bit.ly/mSSfGV>

“Girls fight science stereotypes”

<http://youtu.be/MNhwGpc3Gig>

“Sexist attitudes: Most of us are biased”

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v495/n7439/full/495033a.html>

“Inequality quantified: Mind the gender gap”

<http://www.nature.com/news/inequality-quantified-mind-the-gender-gap-1.12550>

“Keeping girls away from science is madness”

<http://bit.ly/YA2R0L>

“Girls Lead in Science Exam, but Not in the United States”

<http://nyti.ms/11K0SGU>

“Women in biotechnology: Barred from the boardroom”

<http://www.nature.com/news/women-in-biotechnology-barred-from-the-boardroom-1.12546>

“Research policy: Only wholesale reform will bring equality”

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v495/n7439/full/495040a.html>

“Research management: Quotas are questionable”

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v495/n7439/full/495039a.html>

Reports and additional information

World Science Report

<http://bit.ly/Ne611u>

A World of Science

<http://bit.ly/WPIOTE>

Youth Visioning for Island Living (various projects undertaken by youth for youth in the domains of Life and love in islands - island lifestyles and cultures; My island home - safeguarding island environments; Money in my pocket - economic and employment opportunities; HIV/AIDS):

www.youthvisioning.org

Sandwatch: adapting to climate change and educating for sustainable development (a science education tool through sustainable coastal monitoring with a participatory approach): <http://bit.ly/eMpDag>



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Session 2: Youth: An Engine for Creative Economy

News

“UN report outlines creative industries’ potential to boost development”

<http://bit.ly/WPzghN>

“Harnessing of ‘creative industry’ sector can help spur economic growth – UN report”

<http://bit.ly/XXX06N>

“Creative industries are more resilient to economic crisis”

<http://bit.ly/h7qHMS>

“Universities are engines for the creative economy”

<http://huff.to/XR12ti>

“The Best Way to Grow the Economy? Creativity”

<http://huff.to/T6inxq>

“Trolling for the Innovation Jobs”

<http://huff.to/PUBnhO>

“Creating Innovators: Why America's Education System Is Obsolete”

<http://onforb.es/JMUiLn>

“How Creativity Strengthens Community”

<http://huff.to/NH4dit>

“Finance in the creative sector: Money for fun”

<http://econ.st/yaPcFv>

Video

“Will the creative economy make Africa flourish?”

<http://bit.ly/WyU2rc>

Report

“Investing in creativity. Transforming societies”

<http://bit.ly/15CkG2O>

“Creative economy report, 2010”

<http://bit.ly/fWPYQ8>





“Creative economy report 2008-summary”

<http://bit.ly/15CkJfa>

“Creative economy report 2008”

<http://bit.ly/16eeu2p>

“Our Creative Diversity, 1996”

<http://bit.ly/ktaYK5>

Session 3: *Creating Buzz: Using Social Media to Make Ideas Happen*

“Mobile technologies and empowerment: Enhancing human development through participation and innovation”

<http://bit.ly/wzglIO>

“From connectivity to service delivery: Case studies in e-governance”

<http://bit.ly/WVHVQA>

“E-governance and citizen participation in West Africa”

<http://bit.ly/ZmwHaZ>

“Gender-responsive governance: Exploring the transformative potential”

<http://bit.ly/YHQWP9>

"Social Network Sites: Definition, History, and Scholarship"

<http://bit.ly/i4c9zx>

"Mobile communication and strong network ties: Shrinking or expanding spheres of public discourse?"
(Abstract free; Full text: Available only with a subscription)

<http://bit.ly/Z5RLAI>

"The Impact of the New Web 2.0 Technologies in Communication, Development, and Revolutions of Societies"

<http://bit.ly/13Lbvit>

"Demystifying social media"

<http://bit.ly/HRe8jR>

"Social Media in the Arab World: Leading up to the Uprisings of 2011"

<http://bit.ly/fWfrlE>





"In the Middle East, this is not a Facebook revolution"

<http://wapo.st/h3HkG0>

"Electronic democracy and young people" (Abstract free; Full text: Available only with a subscription)

<http://bit.ly/X43H9S>

"The Political Power of Social Media: Technology, the Public Sphere, and Political Change"

<http://bit.ly/V8t0zT>

