

**Commission for Social Development**  
**45<sup>th</sup> session, 7-16 February, 2007**

**Panel Discussion, Monday, 12 February 3-6pm:**

**Agenda Item 3(b) Presentation of World Youth Report 2007**

*Proposed Moderator:* Mr. Johan Scholvinck

The purpose of this Panel is to present and discuss the World Youth Report 2007, especially its implications for regional programmes and policies relating to youth. The Panel discussion will begin with two presentations of the World Youth Report. The first presentation will highlight key messages especially as they relate to the participation of Youth in the Global Economy. A second presentation will comment on Youth Development Indicators which are presented in the Report. Two additional panelists will address the implications of the report's findings for regional policy and programmes. One panelist will focus on issues related to youth development in Latin America and Caribbean region. The fourth panelist, who is a young person, will focus on Africa, and highlight the relevance of the Report's messages in the context of the African Youth Charter and the World Programme of Action for Youth.

*Panelists*

**Jane Lowicki-Zucca – Overview of the World Youth Report (confirmed)**

Jane Lowicki-Zucca is one of the principal editors for the *World Youth Report 2007*. She has 15 years of experience supporting the well-being of refugees, IDPs and returnees and on adolescents and youth affected by conflict. She served as the Advisor for Youth Protection and Development for the International Rescue Committee's Children Affected by Armed Conflict Unit and also as the Director of the Children and Adolescents Project at the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children where she successfully campaigned for improved protection and assistance to young people in humanitarian policy and programming. She is the author of numerous publications including *Untapped Potential: Adolescents Affected by Armed Conflict*. She is also an Adjunct Faculty member at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies for the Center for Global Affairs.

**David Gordon – Presentation on statistical indicators (confirmed)**

David Gordon is the Head of the Centre for the Study of Poverty and Social Justice, University of Bristol. He has a background in biology and geology which he has combined with anti-poverty policy. He has researched and published in the fields of the scientific measurement of poverty, crime and poverty, childhood disability, area-based anti-poverty measures, the causal effects of poverty on ill health, housing policy and rural poverty.

**Professor Julio F. Carrión – Presentation on youth employment, migration and political participation – a regional perspective (confirmed)**

Julio F. Carrión is an Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Delaware. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. Professor Carrión's work focuses on the analysis of public opinion in Latin America. His research has been published in edited books as well as in Comparative Political Studies and other journals. He is currently working on a book project dealing with issues of public opinion and governability in the Central Andes.

**Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima -- Executive Director, Development Partnership International (Youth participant) (confirmed)**

Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima, is the Executive Director of Development Partnership International. He has been a youth activist since 2003 and has been involved with various United Nations processes including

reviews of the World Programme of Youth. He has been a consultant to the United Nations Population Fund at different times since 2003 and he was a key contributor to the conceptualization and drafting of the African Youth Charter. He is currently Nigeria's Representative to the Commonwealth Regional Youth Caucus and has been instrumental to the development of a permanent discussion forum for the network.