

**Panel Discussion on the Report of the Secretary-General  
on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth: United  
Nations system coordination and collaboration related to youth**

Monday, 11 February 2013 (3:00 – 6:00pm)

**Background**

In light of the multi-sectoral approach used to gather contributions towards the drafting of the Report of the Secretary-General, that is, from Member States, United Nations entities, and young people (youth delegates and youth organizations), a panel discussion bringing together representatives from the key contributors to present the Report's findings is proposed.

**Proposed Panel Composition**

It is proposed that the Panel consist of four experts, one each from: a Member State, United Nations entity, a UN youth delegate and youth based/led organization

**Member State – Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier**, Counselor, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, New York

**UN Entity – UNDP - Ms Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi**, Democratic Governance Director in UNDP's Bureau for Development Policy

**UN Youth Delegate – Ms Jayathma Wickramanayake, 2012/2013 Sri Lankan Youth Delegate to the UNGA and CsocD.** To date, 4 youth delegates have confirmed their participation in CsocD (two youth delegates from Romania and two from Sri Lanka). It is expected that roughly 12-15 youth delegates will attend CsocD in 2013. Ms Wickramanayake has been selected to participate on the panel due in part to the fact this is Sri Lanka's first year sending youth delegates to the General Assembly and CsocD and as she was designated 1st runner up at the Emerging Young Leader of Sri Lanka Award in 2011.

**Youth Representative: Mr Samuel Diaz Fernandez Littauer**, YMCA and ICMYO (International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations). Mr Littauer was chosen in consultation with ICMYO. YMCA is one of the steering group members of ICMYO. ICMYO is a large network which gathers membership-based, democratic, representative and accountable International Youth NGOs (INGYOs) and Regional Youth Platforms (RYPs). The main objectives of ICMYO are the strengthening of the cooperation among youth organisations at the regional and global levels and the coordination of political inputs to global youth policy processes.

**Focus of discussion**

The panel discussion will broadly follow the structure of the three main clusters of recommendations arising from the Report of the Secretary-General namely;

A) recommendations on how to more effectively address the challenges hindering the development and participation of youth;

B) recommendations on how to improve the United Nations programmes and structure related to youth, including their coherence;

C) recommendations on how to assess progress in these fields

**Further information if needed on panellists:**

- **Ms Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi**, Democratic Governance Director in UNDP's Bureau for Development Policy. Ms. Fraser- Moleketi is the UNDP Focal Point for Youth. Prior to joining UNDP, Ms Fraser- Moleketi was a South African politician and Minister in three national governments of President Mandela and President Mbeki. In 1995 Ms. Fraser-Moleketi was appointed Deputy Minister of Welfare and Population Development. In 1996 she became the Minister of Welfare and Population Development. In 1998 Ms. Fraser-Moleketi became the Minister of Public Service and Administration. Ms. Fraser-Moleketi has been instrumental in mainstreaming gender into government policies. She was the chairperson of the National Preparatory Committee and the deputy leader of the delegation to the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing China in 1995, after which she coordinated all government departments in a conference of commitments, to facilitate the government's commitment to implement the Beijing Platform of Action.
- **Ms Jayathma Wickramanayake (Sri Lanka)**, is the 2012/2013 Sri Lankan Youth Delegate to the UNGA and CsocD. Ms Wickramanayake has participated in youth related activities in Sri Lanka and gave an address to third committee at the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly in 2012. It is the first time Sri Lanka has sent youth delegates to the General Assembly and Commission for Social Development.
- **Mr Samuel Diaz Fernandez Littauer (Colombia)**, ICMYO/YMCA 25 years old, professional film maker and philosopher. He addressed the International Labor Conference last year and was the producer of the video from the MGCY about youth and Rio+20. Samuel is the Youth Empowerment Young Professional and assists the Youth Empowerment Agenda of the World Alliance of YMCAs, especially when it comes to advocacy work, training and mentoring of young leaders.