



DECENT WORK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Youth Employment Network



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News Flash

Jamaica Joins as number of YEN Lead Countries Grows.

Prime Minister PJ Patterson [recently announced](#) Jamaica's joining YEN as a Lead Country – the first Caribbean nation to do so. The Prime Minister's announcement noted youth unemployment as a priority issue for his government, stressing Jamaica's support in helping young people empower themselves and to 'place them on the path to development as productive adults.' Prime Minister Patterson also recognized efforts made by the Jamaica Employers Federation (JEF) in advancing the issue of youth employment. It was the JEF who successfully lobbied for YEN Lead Country status, the first employers' organization to do so.

Annan calls youth unemployment a 'growing problem to be addressed' in new YEN compiled report.

The urgency of the need to provide young people with access to decent, productive work has increased and inaction is not an option, a recent report by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan says. Based on a global analysis and evaluation of 39 national actions plans on youth employment compiled by the YEN Secretariat, [A Global analysis and evaluation of national action plans on youth employment](#) provides an assessment and several recommendations:

It reiterates the fact that little progress on implementing the Millennium Declaration will be achieved unless young people are provided with "the resources, self-esteem,

and dignity which decent work can provide."

It advises the General Assembly to encourage countries with national reviews and actions plans to move forward towards implementation and devising new policy-oriented indicators to monitor and evaluate progress.

Furthermore it calls for an annual review of this global analysis and evaluation of progress made in the development and implementation of national reviews and action plans on youth employment to act as a benchmark for best performance by countries in developing youth employment strategies.

Jamaica Hosts Lead Country Meeting at the UN.

In direct follow up to becoming a Lead Country, Jamaica's Ambassador to the UN hosted a meeting of YEN Lead Countries in New York during the 60th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Representatives of 9 Lead Countries participated, including at Ambassadorial level, as well as government representatives from "like minded" countries; Sweden, Germany, Canada and Korea and officials from the UN, ILO and YEN Secretariat.

Participants discussed Lead Countries plans and progress in formulating and implementing National Action Plans. Through this peer sharing, members identified political, technical, and financial keys to overcome youth employment challenges. Practical ways in which the Lead Countries can work together and build a broad-based community were discussed.

The event served to encourage the development of Peer Partnerships in tackling youth employment at a global level.

There was a strong recognition of the need for inter-ministerial relationships and a multi stakeholder process to enhance political commitment and coherence.

The United Kingdom strongly advocated their rationale for becoming a Lead Country, especially to those likeminded countries in attendance. Furthermore, they outlined the peer partnership process in the context of the EU demonstrating how such a model could serve to inform the YEN.

Participants made requests for follow up activities. One suggestion was for the YEN to organize a more in-depth meeting on peer partnerships in early 2006.

There was also a clear call for more information and tools to facilitate the development of NAPs, in the form of a guide to their formation, a Lead Country Guide, and a descriptive paper outlining the YEN's vision of peer partnerships.

UK hosts two major events focusing on youth employment at the UN

High Level Business Roundtable with HRH The Prince of Wales and the UN Secretary-General.

This event entitled, [*The challenge of youth employment and enterprise: what can the private sector do?*](#), saw a series of discussions in the presence of the Prince of Wales and Kofi Annan, UN Secretary General, focusing on how business leaders, UN agencies, and others involved in encouraging youth entrepreneurship jointly can tackle the problem of youth unemployment and under-employment.

Private sector representatives that included HSBC, Merrill Lynch, Microsoft Standard Chartered and Accenture agreed that youth employment was now one of the most pressing problems in the world and that the role of business in meeting this challenge is crucial.

Business leaders showcased examples of their support to entrepreneurship programmes including the provision of mentors and start up financing, including support to YEN partner organisation, [Youth Business International](#).

The Prince of Wales mentioned that he was pleased to hear discussion of public-private partnerships especially in the presence of the UN.

The Secretary-General welcomed the growing engagement of the private sector in the issue of youth employment and highlighted both his YEN and the Global Compact as mechanisms that might allow a further expansion of concrete private-public partnership efforts on the ground.

The Prince of Wales felt that this was a clear sign that this new approach to partnerships is now far higher up the UN agenda and seen as vital towards making progress on the Millennium Development Goals.

Participants agreed that the role of business, in partnership with government and civil society, was broader than support for entrepreneurship. For example the role of the private sector in making training and vocational education strategies relevant to the needs of the labour market was seen as critical to ensuring an integrated approach to youth employment policy (one which focuses on both the supply and demand side of the challenge).

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Side Event during the 60th Session of the General Assembly

This event entitled [Youth employment: moving from policy commitments to action](#), was held on the margins UN's [Evaluation of the World Programme of Action for Youth +10](#) during the 60th session of the General Assembly. Organised as an interactive debate between panellists and the audience, this event highlighted innovative examples of work on youth enterprise from Marothodi

Resources Mining Company, South Africa, skills training from Jaguar-Landrover, and role of business in supporting young entrepreneurs by YEN partner Youth Business International. It further explored the conditions necessary for success, how to scale-up and adapt initiatives in different economic contexts, and the critical role of business. The YEN Secretariat were also panellists. Debate generated practical suggestions for actions, including questions from Haiti on how to become a YEN Lead Country as well as from NGOs on how to partner and share knowledge. Participants included government representatives, NGOs, and youth delegates.

Call for submissions as the World Bank begins global stocktaking of youth employment interventions.

Within the framework of the YEN and supported by the German Ministry of Development Co-operation (BMZ), the World Bank is undertaking an inventory of policies and interventions designed to integrate young people into the labour market. This project will build a global inventory of good practice accessible to youth employment policy-makers and practitioners

As a broad range of organisations have been identified as potential sources of information about policies and interventions the YEN would like to encourage all inputs to this initiative. This is an excellent opportunity for organisations at the international, regional national and local levels to input practically into a global youth employment tool.

[Call for content](#)
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Core Partner Activities



Launch of World Youth Report 2005.

The United Nations Programme on Youth released its [2005 World Youth Report](#) on October 4th. The report examines the

situation of young people in relation to priority areas identified in the World Programme of Action for Youth adopted by Member States in 1995: grouped under three broad headings: youth in a global economy, youth in civil society, and youth at risk. The YEN contributed to the employment section of the Global.

6 October 2005 – Evaluation of the World Programme of Action for Youth

The General Assembly recently evaluated the UN's World Programme for Action for Youth during [two plenary sessions](#) at UN Headquarters, New York.

An informal and interactive [round table discussion](#) between non-governmental youth organizations and Members States, "Young people: making commitments matter," took place the day before the event.

A number of interventions by youth focused on employment including those of Renaldas Vaisbrodas of Lithuania, President of the European Youth Forum, and a member of the YEN's Youth Consultative Group, who discussed the significant consequences of the lack of education and employment opportunities for young people. He pointed out that young people had repeatedly heard that they were the generation with the capacity to end poverty, and he expressed hope that they would succeed. He reminded everyone that the eradication of poverty, however, was not solved with money alone. In a world with enough resources to meet everyone's basic needs, it was unacceptable that so many could not access the resources.

UN Considers Role of Young People in Poverty Reduction Strategies.

The [United Nations Programme on Youth](#) and the National Council of Swedish Youth Organizations, with financial support from the Swedish Government, have initiated a technical assistance project, "Tackling Poverty Together: The Role of Young People in Poverty Reduction Strategies."

The project will recruit a team of 28 young people from seven countries (Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, and

Zambia) to participate in two workshops aimed to strengthen the role of young people in poverty reduction strategies in Africa..

United Nations strengthens action on Sport for Development and Peace

November 3, 2005 saw the United Nations General Assembly adopt a [resolution](#) to strengthen activities that use sport as a tool to promote development and peace.

Former Swiss president and UN Special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace, Adolf, Ogi stated, “Sport is a universal language which teaches positive values and necessary lessons for life. The power of sport for development and peace must be recognized.”

Sport plays a significant role in initiatives to promote health and education, build tolerance, assist refugees and at-risk youth, and HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. It therefore can serve as a tool towards empowering youth and addressing youth-related issues.

[International Year of Sport and Physical Education \(IYSPE 2005\).](#)



World Bank launches its Framework for Action, strengthening its focus on Children and Youth.

The World Bank’s [Children and Youth Unit](#) has finalised its [Framework for Action](#) to help systematically identify key vulnerabilities and strategic opportunities for scaling up Bank investments in children and youth. The YEN Secretariat chaired and presented during sessions at a Partners consultation in Paris, 24-25 October, 2005 to determine opportunities for collaboration with the Bank in the application of this Framework for Action.

The Unit has also produced [A Resource Guide for World Bank Staff](#) as a companion volume to *Children & Youth: A Framework for Action*, which outlines tools and

methodologies for the Bank staff to mainstream children and youth issues in their work.

Bank consults youth for World Development Report 2007: Development and the Next Generation.

The World Bank is organizing a range of consultations with young people across the globe to explore the transition to adulthood and its impact on development.

This move is fitting given the Bank’s decision to make young people (12 –24 years of age as defined by the authors) the focus of its flagship publication, The World Development Report (WDR) for 2007. [“Development and the Next Generation,”](#) will concentrate on several key transitions in a young person’s life: learning for life and work, staying healthy, working, forming families, and exercising citizenship.

The World Bank recognizes that young people are often left on the periphery of policymaking. Due to globalisation the transitions they experience take place in a greatly different context from previous generations.

Consultations with youth will be global, national, and local. Special attention will be paid to ensure that the views of rural and disadvantaged young people are included.

Youth at the Bank

The [Youth2Youth Community \(Y2Y\)](#), composed of young World Bank staff, has released a youth friendly-publication, [Getting to Know the World Bank](#), which provides a youth-accessible overview of the institution’s work.

To celebrate the efforts of youth in addressing development issues through information and communication technologies (ICT), Y2Y organised a 1-day [Youth Technopreneurship](#) conference on October 27th to showcase innovative initiatives led by four dynamic social technopreneurs from around the world.

Discussions centered on how the World Bank and other international organizations could scale up youth ICT initiatives and support youth-led community driven development.



Governments, Workers and Employers focus on youth employment in Southern Africa

The Southern Africa Sub-Regional Conference on Youth Employment was held in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 17 to 19 October 2005.

The Conference was attended by 36 participants from 9 countries of the sub-region, and included representatives of governments, and worker and employer organisations, as well as participants from regional and national youth organisations.

The Conference saw a number of countries in the sub-region report on progress toward the development of National Action Plans on Youth Employment, in-line with the resolution on follow up mechanisms of the [Ouagadougou Summit](#).

[Outcome document](#)
[Background paper](#)

Asia's highest levels of youth unemployment recorded.

According to the ILO report "[Labour and Social Trends in Asia and the Pacific 2005](#)" new data show that three quarters of the world's poor— or close to 2 billion people subsisting on less than US\$ 2 a day—live in Asia.

Those aged 15 to 24 are bearing the brunt of the employment deficit, accounting for a disproportionate 49.1 per cent of the region's unemployed although they make up only 20.8 per cent of the labour force.

The ILO estimates that halving youth unemployment would increase GDP, by up to 2.5 per cent in East Asia, by up to 6.7 per

cent in South Asia and up to 7.4 per cent in South-East Asia.

[Press Release](#)

ILO-CIDA Launch Youth Employment Project in the Philippines.

Responding to the call to give young people a real chance to find decent and productive work, the ILO and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) have initiated a joint project for "[Promoting Youth Employment in the Philippines: Policy and Action](#)."

The project will be managed by the ILO Sub-Regional Office for South-East Asia and the Pacific with a total grant fund of US \$990,000 from CIDA.

News from Lead Countries

Action Plans Drafted in Egypt and Rwanda

National Action Plans for Egypt and Rwanda were drafted in October 2005.

In Egypt the product was the result of a collaboration between Egyptian Ministry of Manpower and Migration and the ILO Sub-Regional Office for North Africa in Cairo. This draft was finalised following a series of multi-stakeholder meetings including various line ministries, employers' and workers' organisations, academic institutions and civil society organisations including youth.

In Rwanda the Plan was drafted through a similar collaborative process by the Ministry of Labour with the support of a consultant provided by the World Bank. The document sets out a five-year Plan of Action focusing on:

- Increasing employability via appropriate policies and projects;
- Job creation and income generation targeted to the rural poor via the implementation of infrastructure development through labour-intensive techniques;

- Increasing the potential of self-employment in formal and informal (handicraft) sectors;
- Development of small agro-industries using appropriate technologies in the rural, non-agricultural sector

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is developing a National Action Plan, with the assistance of the ILO and the World Bank, supported by funding from the German Government, with the goal to cut youth unemployment by seven percent over five years.

According to Sri Lanka's Millennium Development Goals country report published this year, the island's youth population is 3.1 million, out of the total population of 19 million. According to government data, 22 percent of young people aged 15 to 24 are currently unemployed.

Committed to addressing the problem, the Sri Lanka Youth Employment Network, or SL-YEN aims to cut this figure to 15 percent by 2011 and 9 percent by 2016.

"We have started discussions with government Ministries, chambers of commerce, trade unions and youth representatives to develop a national action plan to meet this target," said Deepthi Lamahewa, CEO, YEN Sri Lanka.

"We are holding consultations with all the political parties to ensure that this is a non-political, national agenda," says Lamahewa. "So yes, definitely the programme will continue even if there is a change of government," he says.

The SL-YEN has recently produced a [report](#) on the completion of the 1st phase of a Social Communication Project, the development of a strategy to conduct a nation wide campaign, targeted at different groups and using different means of communication to change perceptions and aspirations of youth regarding job choices

Jamaica

September 20 2005 saw the launch of the Youth Employment Network of Jamaica (J-YEN) after the formal signature of a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between The President of the Jamaica Employers' Federation (JEF), the President of the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions (JCTU) and the Minister of Labour and Social Security.

This MOU recognizes the mutual interest of the Jamaica Employers' Federation and 23 major stakeholders, including youth, who have partnered with JEF to champion the cause of youth employment in Jamaica. The partnership represents an inter-agency approach to addressing the issue.

The JEF Secretariat will co-ordinate the work of four working groups which will be set up to research best practices and interventions on the YEN's 4 E's.

Azerbaijan

The President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev signed the country's National Employment Strategy in October. This opens the door for holding a National Employment Forum to bring together all the concerned stakeholders including Government ministries, civil society groups, including youth organisations, worker and employer representatives and international organisations in order to agree on an implementation strategy for a combined National Action Plan on (Youth) Employment.

Uganda

Following becoming a Lead Country of the YEN in September 2005 A National Task Force on Youth Employment has been formed under the leadership of the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development and involving a broad range of stakeholders including the National Planning Authority, The Ministry of Education, Employers and Workers organisations, Educational and Vocational Training institutions, youth groups, bilateral and multi-lateral partners including UNIDO and the World Bank,

As well as convening monthly meetings the Task Force has set up a core team to coordinate the drafting and overall direction of the NAP whilst 6 subcommittees have been created to focus on specific priorities within the NAP; Access to finance for entrepreneurs, development of a universal vocational qualifications framework (UVQF), entrepreneurship development, livelihood generation through renewable energy technology, employment for vulnerable youth groups, particularly IDPs and the development of telecentres as vehicles for the provision of labour market information and training services for youth.

News from around the globe

Ghana

The Ghanaian Ministry of Manpower, Youth and Employment, under a Presidential directive, established a National Employment Task Force together with the National Security Secretariat and other sector ministries and agencies. The task force will develop a National Youth Employment Programme to facilitate job creation and placement for youth in various economic ventures as well as social services.

This initiative is aimed at short-term measures to overcome the increasing gap between the current rate of job creation and the supply of new entrants into the work force, resulting in growing social tensions and frustration among the young unemployed in Ghana.

Ghana will also hold a Presidential Employment Summit by the end of November 2005 to reach agreement on a policy framework for the Ghanaian economy to move towards a more employment intensive growth path. It is hoped the Summit will also provide the link between the proposed short-term measures and the creation of more sustainable and productive employment.

Burkina Faso

The Ministry of Labor, Employment and Youth of Burkina Faso organized a 3-day

workshop in October 2005 to discuss and adopt a national action plan on youth for the 2006-2010 period. The country is also preparing its first National Youth Policy, which was discussed at the workshop and is expected to be adopted later this year. The meeting involved around 80 participants, including representatives of international and bilateral agencies. The YEN was represented by Mr. Moukim Temourov of the World Bank who presented the work of the YEN and outlined the process for countries interested in joining the Network.

Kosovo

A recent seminar in Kosovo brought together policy makers, employers, workers, youth, and other interested parties to discuss the region's youth employment issues.

The government, in cooperation with the German GTZ is preparing a Youth Employment Action Plan. GTZ has been providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Education on vocational education, vocational standards, and certification, since 2002.

To assist the preparation of a Youth Employment Action Plan for Kosovo, working groups have been established comprising various ministries and ministerial departments, trade unions, employers' representatives, and international officers working on technical cooperation projects in various fields (basic education, economic development, vocational education and training, and youth empowerment).

The groups also include representatives from youth NGOs and Youth Centres under the general coordination of the Department of Youth (Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport). The Department serves as the local counterpart of a GTZ-World Bank Project on Youth Empowerment.

The ILO is supporting these developments through the implementation of the project "[Skills development for the reconstruction and Recovery of Kosovo](#)" financed by the Italian Government.

Vietnam

The National Committee on Youth of Vietnam (NCYV) has recently set up a Committee on Youth Employment.

This committee is cross-sectoral and intra-ministerial in nature involving the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA), Viet Nam Youth Union, Youth Federation, Viet Nam Women's Union, Viet Nam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL), Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI), Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Education and Training, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and the Committee on Population, Family and Children (CPFC), Viet Nam Cooperative Alliance, and the UN Country Team.

The objective is to develop the National Youth Development Strategy 2001-2010 and the biennial action programme on youth employment 2004-2005.



News from the YEN Secretariat

Laura Brewer joins the YEN Team as Senior Policy Specialist on Youth Employment

Laura has been active in the area of youth employment through her work in the employment sector of the ILO, most notably her contribution to the 2005 International Labour Conference Committee: Promoting Youth Employment. She is seeking to both extend and share her knowledge through her work with the YEN.

Thanks to Lila and Zurab

The YEN would like to say a big thank to its two summer interns Lila Razzaqui and Zurab Khamashuridze.

Lila comes from the United States as an undergraduate at Smith College studying Political Science. Zurab, a Georgian national, has worked with German GTZ on strategic partnerships and youth affairs. The

YEN team was glad to have them on board and wishes them all the best with their future endeavours.

New Media Publication on June 7th ILC Side Event

Just out: a [media publication](#) on the YEN's June 7th International Labour Conference Side Event: *Bringing Youth Employment into the International Development Agenda*, co-financed by the World Bank and moderated by BBC World anchor Mishal Husain.

The media release includes visuals and highlights common dialogue themes, and notably contributions and declarations made by the UK and Syria to join as YEN lead countries. Additionally, it pinpoints the importance of exchanging experiences and the urgency of addressing the issues. As Juan Somavia stated in his closing remarks, "we must not allow for there to be a 'hope gap,' where youth fall into a cycle of unemployment and start to believe they will not emerge from it."

YCG presentation to the UNESCAP

Budi Tjahjono, YEN Youth Consultative Group Rapporteur, and Programme Coordinator of Pax Romana ICMICA in Geneva, Switzerland will present a paper giving the youth perspective on the [Challenges of Youth Employment in the Asia-Pacific region](#) at the UNESCAP Committee on Emerging Social Issues, Second Session, in Bangkok, Thailand 1-3 November 2005.

News from Partners

September 2005: Rotary's New Generations Month

Rotary clubs dedicated September as New Generations Month. A number of Rotary clubs already cooperate with the YEN, following a Rotary International decision in 2004 to "encourage each Rotary Club to offer professional services to youth who had started their own businesses and to support the Youth Employment Network."

Under the 2005/06 Rotary priorities clubs have been advised to take the following practical steps to aid youth:

1. Provide mentors to young entrepreneurs via local youth-serving organizations.
2. Provide trustees and sometimes funds to local youth organizations effectively promoting youth entrepreneurship and employability.
3. Help young trainees and graduates as part of these schemes.

In direct support to the YEN, Rotarians were also encouraged to assist their national governments in charting progress on National Action Plans and to submit good practice examples for the World Bank's global stocktaking of youth employment interventions.

3rd Global Summit of the YES Campaign – dates confirmed.

The [3rd Global Summit of the YES Campaign](#) will be officially co-hosted by the Government of Kenya and the YES Campaign and will take place in Nairobi, Kenya from September 13 - 16, 2006. Organizers expect this Summit to mark a turning point in the Campaign with an increased focus on livelihood generation through market expansion, as well as provide an opportune moment for developing strategies to address critical livelihood issues, particularly in Africa.

Millennium Campaign re-launches its site.

Recognizing that there are 2.8 billion people under the age of 25 and that youth participation in finding solutions to global problems is vital to the future of our planet, the Outreach Division of the United Nations Department of Public Information is launching a new website for youth on the MDGs. The [web site](#), designed by the United Nations Cyberschoolbus, a UN educational web site, was launched on 17 October -- the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

UNICEF Voices of Youth Launches Website

Voices of Youth recently announced a new learning module for adolescents on the MDGs: "[The MDGs: What can you do to help end poverty?](#)" The site provides adolescents with opportunities to learn about the MDGs, discuss their impact, and discover ways of taking action to reach the 2015 goals. The site contains information for adolescents about the MDGs, activities based on the Millennium Indicators Database, sample MDG project plans and real life stories of Voices of Youth members who are contributing to the fight against poverty.

News from Youth

Youth Development and Peace Network Holds First Steering Committee Meeting.

The Steering Committee of the World Bank's '[Youth Development and Peace Network](#)' held its first meeting this summer in Washington DC.

The Steering Committee, consisting of members of a number of international youth organisations and members of the World Bank's Youth Voices country programme, have set up task forces to encourage action on 4 agreed priority issues: conflict, healthy behaviours, education and employment.

The Steering Committee also agreed that its work on youth employment should be carried out bearing in mind the Bank's pre-existing role in the YEN and in close co-operation with the YEN's own Youth Consultative Group (YCG).

Youth from La Francophonie meet to discuss development and youth employment

[Conseil International des Jeunes de la Francophonie](#) held its first General Assembly in Paris 24-27 October with its 53 Member States and several international organizations, including the United Nations, UNESCO, World Bank, the YEN and the Council of Europe. The CIJEF is being set up as a channel for dialogue between young

people and the Member States and Secretariat of the Francophonie. The CIJEF will also encourage the establishment of national youth councils in the Member States.

YSEI Launches Fellowship

[Global Knowledge Partnership's Youth Social Enterprise Initiative \(YSEI\)](#) is currently accepting proposals for its fellowship program.

The fellowships are designed to help social entrepreneurs achieve their goals from initial idea through to project implementation and impact creation. The main aims are to support projects by young people with innovative solutions to social problems, especially those using information and communication technologies (ICTs) for development.

YSEI will support fellows by providing mentorship and training programmes; networking; and seed grants up to US \$15,000 per project. Candidacy is open to young social entrepreneurs (aged 30 and below) from India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and Malaysia.

YES Brazil – Municipal Youth Employment Action Plans

A pilot project is being developed by [YES Brazil](#) in the city of Apucarana in the State of Paraná with the support of the Municipal Government, the local private sector, the Paraná State Development Institute (Regional NGO) and a number of local civil society organizations.

With the financial support of the municipal government, a task-force has been created to undertake the design and implementation of a “Municipal Youth Employment Action Plan”. Apucarana’s selection as a suitable location for this pilot program was based on strong commitment of the Mayor, the many youth involved in municipal management, the Municipal Government’s good track-record in working with local NGO’s, the presence of a number of active youth organizations in the city, and the city’s size (population: 110,000).

Press round up

[Emplois des jeunes : L’atout d’une bonne stratégie de communication](#)

All Africa, 9/09/2005

[Sri Lanka’s Yen](#)

Lanka Business Online, 17/08/2005

[Youth Unemployment, a Powder Keg Waiting to Explode](#)

All Africa, 28/09/2005

[Emplois des jeunes : L’atout d’une bonne stratégie de communication](#)

Wal Fadjri (Senegal), 29/09/2005

[Unemployment among Vietnamese youths on the rise](#)

Thanhniem Online, 03/10/2005

[Labour: Unemployment Grows among young Asian Workers](#)

Inter Press Service, 21/10/2005

[Private, Public sectors coming together at UN to address the challenge of employment, enterprise](#)

UN Press Release, 02/11/2005

Calendar

[International Student Conference](#)

Odessa National University Model United Nations (ONUMUM) 2005

Odessa, Ukraine

November 25-27 2005

UN Expert Group Meeting on Youth Development Indicators

Division for Social Policy and Development, UNDESA, New York,

12 to 14 December 2005

[Habitat Jam \(3rd World Urban Forum pre event\)](#)

1-3 December 2005

On-Line

We welcome both feedback and contributions. We would like to hear from you at monticone@ilo.org and encourage you to share this Newsletter with colleagues and friends.