

Information Note

Events for the ten-year review of the World Programme of Action for Youth

1) Official meetings and related events

The United Nations General Assembly will commemorate the tenth anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY) in the fall of 2005. In its most recent resolution on youth policies and programmes (A/RES/59/148), the General Assembly decided to hold the following two events in relation to the ten-year review of WPAY:

6 October 2005 – Plenary meetings of the General Assembly

The General Assembly will hold two plenary meetings on 6 October, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, devoted to the evaluation of progress made in the implementation of the WPAY. During these meetings, Member States will present their views on this topic. Youth organizations and representatives are invited to observe the plenary meetings, however please note the information provided on accreditation and pre-registration below.

5 October 2005 – Interactive Roundtable on “Making Commitments Matter”

The General Assembly has also decided to hold, prior to the plenary meetings, an informal, interactive roundtable discussion on the theme “Young People: Making Commitments Matter”. The roundtable discussion will be open to the participation of all Member States, observers, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental youth organizations.

4 October 2005 - Launch of the publication “World Youth Report 2005” and other events

Beyond these events, the ten-year review of the WPAY presents an excellent opportunity to highlight the implementation of the Programme of Action in concrete and practical ways, as well as to reinvigorate greater commitment to work towards a better, more secure future for young people worldwide.

The UN Programme on Youth will launch its publication called “World Youth Report 2005” as part of this week’s events. The Youth Programme will also work with interested Governments, UN agencies and programmes, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations, to hold related side events throughout the week of 3 October 2005. If your organization is interested in holding a side event during this week, please contact Ms. Julie Larsen at larsenj@un.org to obtain the necessary information as soon as possible, but no later than **30 August 2005**.

2) Expected Official Outcome

It is likely that during the plenary meetings, the General Assembly will adopt a resolution that reaffirms the World Programme of Action for Youth and stresses the importance of the Programme's effective implementation. The resolution will be negotiated by Members States prior and during the plenary meetings.

3) Accreditation and Pre-registration

In resolution 59/148, the General Assembly decided to facilitate access to United Nations Headquarters of non-governmental organizations to participate in the informal round-table discussions and side events to be held during the tenth anniversary of the World Programme of Action. This includes:

- a) All non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- b) Non-governmental organizations that were accredited to the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in 1998
- c) Interested non-governmental organizations that are neither in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) nor were accredited to the World Conference

To assist in making the necessary arrangements, organizations able to attend the General Assembly meetings on WPAY+10 and to participate in related events are asked to pre-register on or before **09 September 2005**. An organization can obtain a pre-registration form by sending a request to youth@un.org

Pre-registration is particularly important to ensure access to the visitor's balcony during the General Assembly, where a secondary pass will be required. **This means that even accredited organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC and representatives in possession of a valid UN Grounds Pass will need to pre-register for meetings related to WPAY+10.**

An organization should complete and return the pre-registration form only once it has assured funding to cover the costs of travel, accommodations and other related expenses for its representatives and is willing to undertake the necessary steps to secure any required visas.

Due to seating limitations, there may be a need to limit the number of representatives that an organization may send to observe the plenary meetings of the General Assembly. Upon successful pre-registration, youth organizations will be sent a letter of confirmation for each of their representatives, which will contain further information about the logistical arrangements for the WPAY+10 meetings and events.

4) Funding and visa assistance

Please note that the United Nations Secretariat is unable to assist your organization in covering the costs of travel, accommodation, or daily subsistence allowance for youth representatives wishing to attend these events.

The letter of confirmation sent to pre-registered participants may be used to support visa applications. Beyond provision of this confirmation letter, the United Nations Secretariat is unable to assist with any related visas requirements.

5) Staying informed

If your organization cannot attend the meetings and events related to WPAY+10, but would like to stay informed of the process and related outcomes, please subscribe to the UN Youth Flash. The UN Youth Flash is an electronic information service provided free of charge and available in English, French and Spanish. All available information about the ten-year review of WPAY will be circulated via this service. To subscribe, please send a request to youth@un.org with the word "Subscribe" as the subject line.

6) Briefing session for registered participants

In order to ensure the effective participation of youth organizations and youth representatives during the meetings and related events of the ten-year review of WPAY, a briefing session will take place on 4 October 2005 at 9:00 a.m. The details of this informal session will be provided in the confirmation letter sent to pre-registered participants.

7) Official youth delegates

Youth participation in the events related to the ten-year review of WPAY is also made possible through youth representatives in national delegations to the General Assembly. Resolution 59/148 urges Member States to consider being represented by youth delegate to address the plenary meetings of the General Assembly, as well as during the informal round-table discussion.

For more information on official youth delegates to the meetings of the General Assembly, please consult www.un.org/youth under the pull down menu "Opportunities".

8) Related documentation

There will be three official documents of the General Assembly specifically related to youth at the sixtieth session. These include:

- Report of the Secretary General entitled "World Youth Report 2005"

In resolution 58/133, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to provide it at its sixtieth session with a comprehensive evaluation of the implementation since 1995 of the priority

areas identified in WPAY. The World Youth Report responds to this request and provides recommendations for future global youth policies.

- Report of the Secretary-General on “Making Commitments Matter –Young People’s inputs to the ten-year review of the World Programme of Action for Youth”

In resolution 59/148, the General Assembly invited the Secretary-General to provide an overview of inputs received from young people for the review of the Programme of Action. This report is a synopsis of the contributions collected from young people, through both consultative meetings as well as in response to a booklet entitled “Making Commitments Matter: A Toolkit for Young People to Evaluate National Youth Policy”.

- Report of the Secretary-General on “Global analysis and evaluation of national action plans on youth employment”

In resolution 58/133, the General Assembly invited the Secretary-General to provide a global analysis and evaluation of existing national action plans on youth employment. The report contains an analysis and evaluation of 39 national action plans on youth employment. It draws a series of conclusions from this analysis and concludes with recommendations regarding the role of the Secretary-General’s Youth Employment Network (YEN) as a mechanism for an enhanced peer exchange, support and review mechanism for catalysing action on youth employment at the national and global levels.

All documentation related to the World Programme of Action for Youth and its ten-year review, are available at www.un.org.youth under the pull down menu “Resources”.