



SPECIAL ISSUE

Welcome to the United Nations YouthFlash, a service of the United Nations Programme on Youth, keeping you up to date on the youth agenda of the UN and partnering youth organizations around the world. We encourage you to forward this Youth Flash to people in your network.

WHAT:

Week long activities spotlighting critical youth issues will be held at the United Nations in New York in the first week of October.

The events will coincide with the two plenary sessions of the General Assembly on 6 October that will focus on the ten-year review of the adoption of the World Programme of Action for Youth in 1995 and assess the achievement and gaps that affect young people today.

The **World Youth Report 2005: Young People today, and in 2015** will be launched on 4th October.

More than 300 representatives from youth organizations have registered to attend these events. A record number of youth delegates, around 57 from 31 countries, will participate as part of the official country delegation.

WHEN:

Monday, 3 October to Friday 7 October, 2005.

WHERE:

United Nations Headquarters, New York

For more information:

<http://www.un.org/youth>

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YOUTH FLASH SPECIAL

YOUTH TO TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT THE UN IN OCTOBER

SUMMARY OF KEY EVENTS

Launch of World Youth Report 2005

4 October:

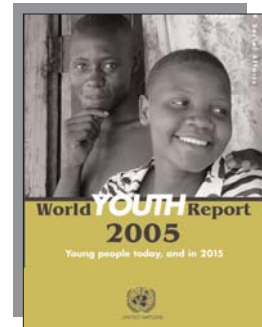
The Programme on Youth, UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will launch a critical report on youth issues titled "World Youth Report 2005: Young People today, and in 2015" .

The report takes an in-depth look at the fifteen priority areas affecting young people that were identified by the General Assembly. It also provides a review of three relatively under-researched topics: gender dimensions of youth affected by armed conflict; young people in poverty; and the emergence of a media-driven global youth culture.

The study underlines the urgent need to scale up activities that focus on issues critical to youth such as poverty, education, HIV/AIDS and unemployment. It emphasizes the need to ensure the well-being of today's children who will be the next generation of youth in 2015, the year targeted for the achievements of the MDGs.

The report coincides with the ten-year review of the adoption of the World Programme of Action for Youth which predates the Millennium Declaration by several years and constitutes the first global blueprint for effective national youth policies. Highlighting priority areas of youth policy in a practical, comprehensive policy plan, it has served as an essential reference point for many Governments all over the world.

From 4 October, the report will be available electronically at www.un.org/youth or for purchase from UN Publications at publications@un.org, 1-800-253-9646, or <https://unp.un.org> (Sales No. E.05 IV.6, ISBN 92-1-130244-7).



Interactive Roundtable on "Making Commitments Matter"

5 October:

Youth will lead discussions at an informal, interactive round table discussion with Member States. Steering the discussions will be six dynamic young people who are working globally, in the field. They include: Danah Dajani, Princess Basma Youth Resource Center, Jordan; Fatoumata Diakhaby, Youth Employment Summit and the Agence Intergouvernemental de la Francophonie, Senegal; Andrew Dunkelmann, National 4-H Youth Directions Council, USA; Nguyen Hong Nhung, representing the partnership between TakingITGlobal and the United Nations Millennium Campaign, Vietnam; Gabriela Rosalía Pereyra, Organización Iberoamericana de Juventud, Argentina; and Renaldas Vaisbrodas, European Youth Forum, Lithuania.

General Assembly Plenary Meetings to discuss youth

6 October:

The General Assembly will hold two plenary meetings on 6 October, devoted to the evaluation of progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth. While this is an inter-governmental meeting, around thirty Member States will be represented by a young person who will speak on behalf of his/her country. Youth organizations have also been invited as observers to the meetings. It is expected that the General Assembly will adopt a resolution that reaffirms the World Programme of Action for Youth and stresses the critical importance of its effective implementation.

Side events, Films and Youth Fair

3 - 7 October:

United Nations agencies and youth organizations will host various side events on youth issues, during this week. On the schedule are:

Monday 3 October:

MDGs & five new priorities of the World Programme of Action for Youth - a yoUNng view? Organized by the national youth delegates.

Global and regional youth experiences with the World Programme of Action for Youth. Organized by the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO).

Localizing the World Programme of Action for Youth: A youth focus on UN-Habitat's Strategy for Engagement with youth. Organized by UN-Habitat.

Youth Media Makers: Film clips with a message. Organized by UN-DESA.

Tuesday 4 October:

Briefing for representatives of youth NGOs attending the tenth anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth. Organized by UN-DESA.

Guided tour of the exhibit: "Chasing the Dream: Youth faces to the MDGs". Organized by UNFPA.

Launch of the World Youth Report 2005. Organized by UN-DESA.

Youth Participation & Citizenship: Governments Must Do More! Organized by UK Mission.

Preparatory Meeting for Youth NGOs participating in the roundtable Making Commitments Matter, scheduled for 5 October. Organized by European Youth Forum.

"Morf" & "Hold Up, I got something to say," on youth combating drug addiction. Organized by the World Addiction Foundation and the Newark Vocational High School.

Wednesday 5 October:

Arab Youth and the MDGs: Challenges and Prospects. Organized by UNDP's Regional Bureau for Arab States and UN-DESA.

A focus on gender dimensions of youth and armed conflict. Organized by UNICEF, the Washington Network on children & Armed Conflict and partners.

Youth policy: The Swedish Model. Organized by the Swedish Mission..

Youth-led development: Linking the MDGs to the WPAY. Organized by WFUNA, GYAN and partners.

Screening of the MTV Documentary: The Diary of Angelina Jolie and Dr. Jeffrey Sachs in Africa. Organized by the Millennium Project and MTV.

Thursday 6 October:

Youth Employment: Moving from policy commitments to action. Organized by UK Mission.

African youth perspectives on critical issues of the World Programme of Action for Youth. Organized by the All-African Student Union.

Convención Iberoamericana de Derechos de la Juventud. Organized by Organización Iberoamericana de Juventud.

Friday 7 October:

Synergizing African Youth energies for the WPAY. Organized by the National Youth Council of Nigeria.

Strengthening youth participation in decision-making. Organized by TakingITGlobal and European Youth Forum.

World Youth Bank Project. Organized by Croatian National Youth Council and the World Youth Bank Network.

For more information:

Complete listing of events, with time and venue is available at <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/ga60.htm>

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