

Youth Roundtable of the Expert Group Meeting on
Creating Strategies for Youth Employment in African Cities

Nairobi, Kenya / 21-25 June 2004

Objectives and Work Plan

Overall purpose is:

To provide action-oriented and participatory sessions with youth representatives, tackling some of the issues the expert group meeting will address and developing a “youth expert opinion” (recognizing the fact that those who go through the problem are experts of their own situation). This includes problem identification, tracking symptoms (indicators), recognizing obstacles, and identifying needs and potential solutions. This work will be presented, by either the facilitator or a youth representative, and discussed in the expert group meeting.

In short, get ready for a fun and thought-provoking roundtable that will bring out some of the very best ideas to be presented in this meeting!

Specific objectives of the youth roundtable include:

- To serve as a working youth forum to prepare contributions to the EGM, including work on showcasing youth employment initiatives and case studies.
- To contribute to UN-HABITAT’s programmes and outreach, for example the *Global Policy Dialogue on Youth, Children and Urban Governance*; *Safer Cities on Urban Youth at Risk in Africa*, and *UN-HABITAT and Youth Strategy for enhanced youth engagement*.
- To contribute to the review of the World Programme of Action on Youth (WPAY) of the 58th session of the General Assembly in Fall 2005, in which youth employment is a priority area (using of the *Making Commitments Matter* Toolkit).
- To support the work of the Youth Employment Network (YEN), including:
 - To strengthen commitments among African youth to work together on Youth Employment as a central development issue and a key to addressing the Millennium Development Goals including Poverty Reduction, in partnership with governments and multilateral institutions.
 - To empower a group of youth for engagement in employment policy-making, including the central involvement of youth organizations in the development of National Action Plans on Youth Employment.
 - To record groundwork recommendations regarding strategies for the effective mobilization of youth at the national, community and grass roots level, in support of NAPs in Africa, and possibly as a contribution to a planned YEN manual on youth participation the NAP process.

Work Plan of the Youth Roundtable

DAY 1 (full day youth roundtable)	
8:30 – 9:30	Meet in the lobby of the Holiday Inn (Mayfair Court) or at Gigiri Compound (for local participants). Transport to Gigiri and distribution of UN passes.
9:30 – 10:30	Introductions - team-building – review of roundtable objectives and work plan
10:30 – 11:30	Background information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview of UN Programme for Youth – DESA (Julie) • Brief overview of UN-HABITAT’s work with youth (Mutinta) • Overview of the work of the Youth Employment Network (Justin)
11:30 – 11:40	Stretch and walk about
11:40 - 12:45	Review of the Expert Group Meeting programme and main topics (Donald) Begin small group work on preparing for interventions (3 groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG1 - Dimensions of urban youth employment (intro/general problems and problems specifics to cities) • WG2 - Strategies, policies and good practices (macro-level thinking/PRSPs and local level solutions) • WG3 - Youth entrepreneurship development • WG4 - Elements of youth involvement in the NAP process
12:45 – 1:30	LUNCH
1:30 – 2:45	Regroup – start with Quote of the Day – any volunteers for other days? Continue small group work on preparing for interventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG1 Dimensions of urban youth employment • WG2 Strategies, policies & good practices • WG3 Youth entrepreneurship development
2:45 – 3:15	BREAK AND GROUP CHALLENGE
3:15 – 4:15	Continue small group work on preparing for interventions
4:15 – 5:15	Sharing the statements (as they are thus far) with everyone
5:15 – 5:45	Quick go-around on project showcasing
6:00 - onwards	Go back to hotel – Dinner Optional continuation of working groups in hotel rooms- as needed!

DAY 2 (EGM and some youth roundtable sessions)		
EGM SESSION	YOUTH PARTICIPATION	
<i>AM - Opening Session</i> <i>9:30 – 10:00</i>	Meet at hotel lobby at 8:45 a.m.	
Session I – 11:00 -12:30 Dimensions of urban youth employment	All youth present at EGM Delivery of WG1 (a) statement	
<i>PM</i>	All youth present at EGM	
Session II – 14:00-15:30 Dimensions of urban youth employment (continued)	Delivery of WG1 (b) statement	
Session III –15:30-17:00 Strategies and policies for urban youth employment (inc. PRSPs) Workshop: 17:15-18:45 Measuring youth employment	1-2 youth reps present at EGM Delivery of WG2 (a) statement	Youth Roundtable working session Setting up youth employment showcase
<i>Evening – Reception 19:00-20:30</i>	Please be by your showcased project to answer questions and share your experience!	WG2 and WG3 prepare as needed for next day EGM interventions

DAY 3 (EGM and some youth roundtable sessions)		
EGM SESSION	YOUTH PARTICIPATION	
<i>AM</i>	All youth present at EGM	
Session IV – 9:30 – 11:00 Good practices and lessons learned – innovative policies and programmes	Delivery of WG2 (b) statement	
Session V – 11:00 – 12:30 Panel on Youth Entrepreneurship	All youth present at EGM Delivery of WG3 statement	
<i>PM</i>		
Session VI - 14:00-15:30 Panel on UN-HABITAT’s experience and lessons learned	1-2 youth reps present at EGM	Youth Roundtable working session Introduction to YEN’s NAP process and youth advocacy workshop
Session VII – 15 :30-17 :00 Panel : Creating youth employment in Kenya – lessons learned	1-2 youth reps present at EGM	Youth Roundtable working session Fun and interactive session on youth advocacy and inclusion in decision-making (related to NAP process)
<i>Evening</i>		Free time!

DAY 4 (EGM and some youth roundtable sessions)		
EGM SESSION	YOUTH PARTICIPATION	
<i>AM</i>		
9:00 – 12:30 - Field Trip	All youth reps to participate	
<i>PM</i>		
Session VII – 14:00 – 15:30 Panel on challenges of urban youth employment in Africa	All youth reps to participate	Youth Roundtable working session Review of UN-HABITAT’s youth engagement concept paper (UN-HABITAT’s consultant)
Session VIII 15:30-16:00 Conclusion and recommendations	All youth reps to participate	
<i>Evening</i>		Youth Roundtable working session Review of EGM summary outcomes and prepare to meet with EGM chair

DAY 5 (full day youth roundtable)	
9:30 – 10:30	Meeting with the Chair of EGM – review outcomes and youth involvement
10:30 – 11:00	BREAK AND GROUP CHALLENGE
11:00 - 12:30	World Youth Report 2005 - an important year for youth and the UN General Assembly (Julie) Hands-on session with the “Making Commitments Matters” Toolkit (Julie)
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH
1:30 – 3:30	More on YEN and initiatives in other countries (Justin) Exchange of ideas from meeting and experiences (all)
3:30 – 4:00	Evaluation (Julie)
4:00 –	Departures...