



**Regional Expert Group Meeting on Development challenges for young people**

**UNCC, Bangkok, 28-30 March 2006**

**AGENDA**

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**Tuesday 28 March**

**8.30-9.30: Welcome and introduction**

Welcoming remarks by Mr Kittti Samanthai, Director General of the Promotion, Protection and Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand

Welcoming remarks by Ms Thelma Kay, Chief, Emerging Social Issues Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Introductory message by Mr Johan Schölvinck, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (to be read by Mr Joop Theunissen, United Nations Focal Point on Youth)

Round of introduction

Election of Chairperson & Rapporteur

**9.30-9.45: Practicalities and objectives of the meeting**

Ms Charlotte van Hees, Programme on Youth, UNDESA

Adoption of Agenda

9.45-10.00: *Coffee break*

**10.00-10.45: "Global youth development trends"**

Presented by Ms Charlotte van Hees, Programme on Youth, UNDESA

**10.45-11.30: "Regional overview: Youth Development in Asia"**

Presented by Ms Keiko Osaki, Section Chief, and Ms Kim Xuan Nguyen, Focal Point on Youth, Population and Social Integration Section, Emerging Social Issues Division, UNESCAP

11.30-13.00: *Lunch*

**Globalization and its effects on youth development in Asia**

**13.00-13.45: Keynote presentation**

By Professor Graeme Hugo, Director, the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographic Information Systems, University of Adelaide, Australia

Followed by discussion

- 13.45- 14.30: **"The effects of globalization on the situation of girls and young women in Asia"**  
Presented by Professor Rashila Ramli, School of History, Politics and Strategic Studies, FSSK, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia  
Followed by discussion
- 14.30-14.50: *Coffee break*
- 14.50-15.25: **"Globalization and its effects on youth employment trends in China"**  
Presented by Dr Zhang Libin, Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Director, Labour Market and Employment Department, Institute for Labor Studies (ILS), Ministry of Labor and Social Security, People's Republic of China  
Followed by discussion
- 15.25-16.00: **"Globalization and its effects on youth employment trends in Asia"**  
Presented by Ms Elizabeth Morris, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific  
Followed by discussion
- 16.00-16.30: **Wrap up of the day**  
Mr Joop Theunissen, United Nations Focal Point on Youth, UNDESA

### **Wednesday 29 March**

- 8.30-9.00: **"Globalization and its impact on youth health in Asia"**  
Presented by Ms Cai Cai, Health and Development Section, Emerging Social Issues Division, UNESCAP  
Followed by discussion

### **Urbanization and its effects on youth development in Asia**

- 9.00-9.45: **Keynote presentation**  
By Mr Om Prakash Mathur, Professor Urban Economics and Finance, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, India
- 9.45-10.00: *Coffee break*
- 10.00-10.30: **"Urbanization and its effects on youth development in Indonesia"**  
Presented by Mr Deibel Effendi, Special Envoy for International Cooperation of the State Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Republic of Indonesia  
Followed by discussion
- 10.30-11.00: **"Rural youth development alternatives to urbanization"**  
Presented by Mr. Malcolm Hazelman, Senior Extension, Education and Communication Officer, FAO  
Followed by discussion
- 11.00-11.30: **"Youth Promotion and Development via the Vietnam Youth Law"**  
Presented by Ms Nguyen Thi Hoang Van, Director General of the International Department, National Committee on Youth in Viet Nam  
Followed by discussion

11.30-13.00: *Lunch*

## **Educational challenges in Asia**

13.00-13.45: **Keynote presentation**

By Professor Siri Hettige, Department of Sociology, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Followed by discussion

13.45-14.30: **"Educational challenges in Indonesia"**

Presented by Dr Roosmalawati Rusman, Centre for Population and Manpower Studies, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (PPT-LIPI), Indonesia

Followed by discussion

14.30-14.50: *Coffee break*

14.50-15.25: **"Educational challenges and youth development in Thailand"**

Presented by Ms Saipan Sripongpankul, Ministry of Education, Government representative of Thailand

Followed by discussion

15.25-16.00: **"The role of non-formal education for young people in Asia"**

Presented by Mr Shahnewaz Khan, Director, Training & Material Development Division, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Bangladesh

Followed by discussion

16.00-16.30: **Wrap up of the day**

Mr Joop Theunissen, United Nations Focal Point on Youth, UNDESA

## **Thursday 30 March**

### **The increase in Information and Communication Technologies and its effects on youth development in Asia**

8.30-10.00: **Keynote presentations by:**

- Professor Jonathan Zhu, Department of English and Communication, City University of Hong Kong
- Professor Sang Min Whang, Psychology Department, Yonsei University, Republic of Korea

Followed by discussion

10.00-10.15: *Coffee break*

10.15-10.40: **"The influence of Information and Communication Technologies on youth development in the Philippines"**

Presented by Ms Jenivie Anne Ramirez-Salmo, Assistant Division Chief in the Policy Monitoring and Evaluation Division, National Youth Commission, Philippines

Followed by discussion

**10.40-11.05: "Effects of ICT on youth activism in Asia"**

Presented by Mr Rajendra Mulmi, Founding President, Association of Youth Organisations Nepal  
Followed by discussion

**11.05-11.30: "ICT use in education"**

Presented by Mr Benjamin Vergel de Dios, Assistant Project Officer, ICT in Education Unit, UNESCO Bangkok  
Followed by discussion

11.30-12.30: *Lunch*

**12.30-13.30: Summary and conclusions**

Presentation of the draft report and evaluation of the meeting  
Moderated by Mr Joop Theunissen, United Nations Focal Point on Youth, UNDESA

**13.30-16.30: Field trip to a new e-library / learning centre for youth in Bangkok**