High Level Event of the United Nations General Assembly Marking the 20th Anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth to Highlight Youth Priorities in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

29 May 2015 General Assembly Hall United Nations Headquarters New York

Provisional Programme

9:00-10:00 a.m.: Opening segment

- Youth Performance (9:00-9:10am)
- Acting President of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Alvaro José de Mendonça e Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations
- Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
- UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi
- Keynote Address by Vivian Onano, Education Spokesperson for Moremi Africa

10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.: Plenary

• Statements by Member States (3 minutes each)

<u>3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.: Panel 1 "Stocktaking of the past 20 years since</u> the adoption of WPAY"

Guiding questions:

- Acknowledging the continued relevance of the WPAY, what efforts can be made to enhance its role as a viable instrument for further mainstreaming youth issues in the Post-2015 agenda?
- > What is the role of youth and youth-led organizations in WPAY implementation and youth policy development, monitoring and evaluation?
- What are some examples of successful implementation of the WPAY to date?

Chair: H.E. Lourdes O. Yparraguirre, Permanent Representative of Philippines to the United Nations

Moderator: Andreas Karsten, co-founder of youthpolicy.org Panelists:

- H.E. Al-Zain S. Al-Sabah, Under-Secretary, Ministry of State for Youth Affairs, State of Kuwait
- H.E. Agnes Musunga, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Zambia
- Åshild Marie Vige, Norwegian Children and Youth Council, Norway
- Patrick Ochiba, International Movement of Catholic Students Pax Romana Pan-African Coordinator, Kenya
- Professor Andy Furlong, University of Glasgow

4:00 pm -5:00 pm: Panel 2 "Role of WPAY looking ahead"

Guiding questions:

- To what extent have the priority areas of the WPAY been incorporated into the new post-2015 development agenda?
- What avenues of cooperation are available between policy-makers and youth-led organizations at both local and international levels in the implementation these policies?
- > How effective are the channels of communication on youth related issues?
- What partnerships have been crucial and are necessary for the continued effective implementation of the WPAY moving into the Post-2015 agenda?

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Moderator: Jessica Abo, Journalist

Panelists :

- H.E. Gabriel Medina, National Youth Secretary, Brazil
- H.E. Aida Hadzialic, Minister for Upper Secondary School and Adult Education and Training, Sweden
- Dejan Bojanic, European Youth Forum Board Member, Serbia
- Marina Fidelis D'Costa, UN Major Group for Children and Youth, India

5:00 pm- 5:50 pm: Plenary

Chaired by Acting PGA

• Statements by Member States and other stakeholders

5:50 pm- 6:00 pm: Closing segment

• Acting President of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Alvaro José de Mendonça e Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations