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Invitation

5 July 2018

Re: Observance of the International Youth Day

To whom it may concern;

Through its resolution 54/120 adopted in 1999, the General Assembly declared 12 August as the International Youth Day. The 2018 International Youth Day theme is "*Safe Spaces for Youth*". The 2018 commemoration will take place on the **10 August 2018** in Nairobi, UN Gigiri Complex, **Conference Room 4** from 9:30a.m. to 2:30p.m.

International Youth Day 2018 will aim to promote youth engagement and empowerment by exploring the role of safe spaces in contributing to freedom of expression, mutual respect and constructive dialogue. The availability and accessibility of physical and virtual safe spaces can enhance young people's potential by providing common ground and opportunities for innovation and creativity.

The official commemorative event will bring together young people, youth organizations, Member State representatives, civil society and United Nations entities.

The preliminary programme for the event tentatively features opening remarks by Secretary-General, as well as by representatives of pertinent Permanent Missions, in addition to several youth speakers and an open discussion period.

Colleagues from DESA's Division for Inclusive Social Development in collaboration with UN Habitat are ready to provide any additional information that you may require about this request and the observance of the International Youth Day.

We look forward to your favourable reply at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Co-Chairs, (2018-2019)