

**IANYD: Inter-Agency
Network on Youth
Development**



The UN System-wide Action Plan on Youth
A framework for global partnerships for youth development
Roundtable Dialogue on Investing in Young People
10:15am-12:30pm 19 September 2013
Conference Room 1, NLBD United Nations Headquarters, New York

With 1.8 billion young people, the 10-24 age group is the largest generation of youth the world has ever known. The global youth unemployment rate is record high, with 73 million estimated to be unemployed globally. While notable progress has been made, many young people, particularly adolescent girls, lack the investments and opportunities that they require to realize their full potential.

The time for investment is now. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has declared “working with and for young people” one of the five generational imperatives to be addressed by the United Nations, requiring the mobilization of all its available human, financial and political resources.

In this context, the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, [Ahmad Alhendawi](#), and the Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD), which includes 40 entities within the United Nations system, are hosting a roundtable dialogue to advocate for partnerships and investments in young people, specifically by supporting joint programmes within the framework of the System-Wide Action Plan.

The event will be opened by the two co-chairs of the IANYD, Mr. [Wu Hongbo](#), Under-Secretary General of DESA and Dr. [Babatunde Osotimehin](#), Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of UNFPA. The Executive Coordinator of UNV will also release the UN Youth Volunteering Modality during this event. The roundtable will be an interactive dialogue where the Permanent Representative of Norway, H.E Geir O. Penderson, the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka, H.E. Amb. Palitha Kohona, the Executive Coordinator of UNV, Mr. Richard Dictus and the ILO Director for Multilateral Cooperation, Mr. Stephen Pursey will make interventions along with other UN Representatives, private sector leaders, youth led organizations and academics.

The in person audience will be composed of United Nations Member States, around 100 youth led organizations, and members of the IANYD. The roundtable will be webcast live (at <http://webtv.un.org>).

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