

# ICYO – Youth Information *Newsletter*

Indian Committee of Youth Organizations



## Platform of Youth Organizations in India

India's largest network of urban and rural youth

### **ECOSOC Youth Forum Conclude:**

### **Inclusion of Young People in National Decision-making Reoccurring Theme**

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of United Nations organized the Youth Forum with the theme 'Inclusion of Young People in National Decision-making', concluded on 3 June 2014 in New York.

The Member States of Council welcomed a proposal to incorporate youth-focused target areas in the post-2015 development agenda.

Ahmad Alhendawi, the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, presented the document "The Global Youth Call," which he said intended to provide concrete language on youth issues. "Any new development agenda should mainstream youth," he said, expressing hope that the youth-focused targets would be relevant to intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development framework.

The document covers the top five thematic priorities of youth: education, employment and entrepreneurship, health, good governance, and peace and stability. It asks for inclusion in the post-2015 development agenda of such targets as: ensuring universal access to quality primary and post-primary education; reducing the number of youth not in employment; ensuring young people's meaningful and inclusive participation in decision-making processes, governance and peace building; improving the physical, social and mental health of adolescents and youth; and eliminating all forms of violence and discrimination against adolescents and youth.

The keynote address given by Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Vice-President, European Youth Forum describe that, there were risks globally that led to a lack of belief. Belief alone was not enough, and youth, Governments and all other stakeholders must come together to act. Describing how United Nations processes could lack transparency, he said that wealthy States participating in the 1992 Earth Summit had gotten away with what they wanted, but after that the "microphones were cut off for youth". The Millennium Declaration mentioned young people only once. Over the years, young people's tactics had changed, but their struggles to be heard must continue.

### **North East NSS Youth Festival Held**

North East National Service Scheme (NSS) Youth Festival 2014 held from 14 to 17 June 2014 in Kohima, Nagaland. The festival was inaugurated Nagaland Legislative Assembly speaker Chotisuh Sazo. He appeal to the youths to respect diverse culture and build a cohesive region for nation building.

Aimed at developing the personality of the younger generations of the region, about 500 volunteers from the Northeastern States, including Sikkim participated in different events such as cultural exchange, intellectual competitions and also visiting some of the rural villages in Kohima district during the three day festival.

### **MIYD 2014 Held**

The 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue held from 22 -25 June 2014 in Malaka, Malaysia organized by World Assembly of Youth and attended by round about 200 persons. The theme of this year was "Youth Education; Taking Action, Getting Results" was designed to raise the issues on Youth and Education

On 22nd June 2014, in ice braking session, delegates were honored by the surprised visit by the 'Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali bin Mohd Rustam, former president of WAY'.

On 23rd June 2014, The official opening Ceremony was held in presence of YB P. Kamalanathan S/O.P. Panchanathan, the Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Learning and Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, the Chief Minister of Melaka cum WAY President.

On 24th June 2014, various workshops organized to discuss the role of public and private sector, NGOs, Media as well as society on Youth Education and Post 2015 Development Agenda.

On 25TH June 2014, MIYD adopted the Declaration with recommendations pertaining to education betterment in post 2015 Development Agenda.

### **National Youth Awards**

The nomination for National Youth Awards are open now and application to be reach respective Secretary in the Sate Govt./Union Territory by 31 August. The state Govt./Union Territory have to send to to Central Selection Committee by 10 September 2014. The YAS Ministry give away these awards every year on 12 January. The main objectives are to motivate young person (aged between 13 – 35) a challenge to achieve excellence in the field of national of social service and encourage young people to develop a sense o responsibility to their community.

Each year 10 individuals from State Governments, 5 individuals from Union Territories, 2 voluntary organizations from state and 1 voluntary organizations from Union Territories.

### **Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) Centre Shut Down**

Commonwealth Secretariat decided to close the Asia centre of Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), located in Chandigarh. While the London-based Commonwealth Secretariat has cited "reorganization" as the reason behind the move, there was also a hint of the centre being a "drain on resources" during the meet called for the official announcement.

The centre, which catered to youth development programmes for countries in the region, will be redeployed as a regional centre of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development under the ministry of youth affairs and sports

### **Skills Training of Youth will Boost India's GDP: WTO**

**Increasing female participation in labour force can also make a big impact on growth, says working paper**

India may squander the opportunity of having a young population of those below 35 years of age if it fails to impart employable skills to them at a faster pace, the World Trade Organization (WTO) has said. Sixty-five percent of India's 1.2 billion people are below the age of 35 years, according to the 2011 Census. While the demographic effect will increase or lower gross domestic product (GDP) by barely one percentage point in 2035, GDP levels can increase by about 3 percentage points in 2035 if India improves significantly on skill training, according to the WTO working paper.

"Increasing female participation in the labour force can make a similarly big impact, particularly in India and the Middle East and North Africa, where a lack of improvement would decrease GDP in 2035 by around 4 percentage points, compared with the reference case (which is 1980-2010)," it said. Higher capital mobility will also benefit developing countries such as India. (LiveMint)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SBI Invites Youth for Fellowship**

The State Bank of India has started the 'SBI Youth for India fellowship' to enable young people to work for the development of India for one year. "The SBI Youth for India fellowship is a volunteering platform initiated, funded and managed by SBI in partnership with NGOs. The fellowship enables urban youth to work on rural development projects for one year," SBI said in a statement. For the fellowship year 2014-15, the partner NGOs are MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, BAIF Development Research Foundation, Seva Mandir, Gram Vikas and Aga Khan Rural Support Program (India). For more detail logon: <http://www.youthforindia.org/programme.php>

### **UNESCO ESD Youth Conference**

UNESCO, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology of Japan, Japanese National commission for UNESCO and Goi Peace Foundation jointly organize the UNESCO ESD (Education for Sustainable development) Youth Conference on 7 November 2014 in Okayama, Japan. The Youth conference will provide an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences on Education for Sustainable development.

This will be the stakeholders meeting of UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, to be held in Aichi-Nagoya from 10 to 12 November 2014. All 50 participants of youth conference will attend the this Conference to share their views and opinions.

### **Int. Youth Forum**

The International Forum (Tavrida) is a unique cultural, historical and educational platform, where the dynamic and creative group of young leaders from more than 50 countries around the world will work together on generating innovative solutions and formulating proposals on how to cope with the challenges that society are facing today. That's why participation in the Forum will lead not only to solving urgent problems of Russia and the world at large, but also to long-term cooperation between youth organizations in different parts of the world. The Int. Youth Forum will be held from 10 to 20 August 2014 in Crimea, Russia.

### **Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations**

6th Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations will take place in Bali, Indonesia, on 29 and 30 August 2014. The theme of the Forum will be "Unity in Diversity: Celebrating Diversity for Common and Shared Values". The topic of the Youth Event will focus on "The Role of Youth in Promoting "Unity in Diversity" through Education, Media, and Migration".

## **Bangladesh Summit on Sustainable Development**

The Bangladesh Summit on Sustainable Development will take place in Dhaka, Bangladesh on August 17-19, 2014. The organizers proudly announce the 'Mission for 100 Years' as this year's event theme. The summit will discuss post-2015 Sustainable Development agenda and policy framework.

## **IYPF 2014**

An International Youth Peace Fest -IYPF 2014 will be held from September 27- October 2, 2014, in Chandigarh with the theme 'CHANGE'. The event is organized Yuvsatta.

The IYPF 2014 will provide young people, especially youth to be directly involved with passionate people from all across the globe. Recognizing that youth participation is fundamental for accelerating the Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda; youth engagement throughout the IYPF 2014 will be enhanced to ensure that their views and contributions are acknowledged and strengthened.

## **In. Youth Forum S. Korea**

NCYOK will host International Youth Forum in South Korea from 20-27 August 2014. The Youth and World Peace and sub-themes includes Types and Features of Youth Action for World Peace; Scope and Direction of Youth Action for World peace; Understanding of Confrontation and Conflict in Era of Globalization.

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Indian Committee of Youth Organizations (ICYO) is a registered non-profit, non-governmental network organization, committed in developing areas of mutual cooperation and understanding among different youth voluntary agencies, youth groups, clubs and individuals working in the field of youth welfare in India.

ICYO functions as an umbrella organization of youth NGOs in India. It's family consists of over 441 organizations spread in 124 districts of 26 states from different corners of India.

### **Our goal:**

- ✓ To improve and extend the youth work and services through Youth Organizations;
- ✓ To enhance and demonstrate youth work in the society;
- ✓ To promote effective youth programme;
- ✓ To organize network of civil society organizations working towards the development of youth work;
- ✓ To organize seminars, conferences, workshops, trainings;
- ✓ To maintain international relation with organizations promoting young people in their programme and activities

### **Affiliation:**

- ✓ Consultative (Roster) Status with ECOSOC, United Nations;
- ✓ Consultative Status with Commission on Sustainable Development;
- ✓ Full Member of Asian Youth Council (AYC); World Assembly of Youth (WAY);
- ✓ Associate with Foundation for Leadership Initiatives (FLI).