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### ✓ *UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2016*

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
1 December 2016	<b>World AIDS Day</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
3 December 2016	<b>International Day of Persons with Disabilities</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
5 December 2016	<b>International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
10 December 2016	<b>Human Rights Day</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
18 December 2016	<b>International Migrants Day</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
20 December 2016	<b>International Human Solidarity Day</b>	Melaka, Malaysia



## ✓ BOTSWANA: STANBIC ENCOURAGES YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS TO LOOK GLOBAL

**Gaborone, 8 November 2016** - HEAD of enterprise banking at Stanbic Bank, Onkabetse Morapedi has said there should be hunger among young entrepreneurs to grow their business beyond borders.

Morapedi was talking to Mmegi Business on the sidelines of the Seed stars World competitions for youth entrepreneurs held at the University of Botswana (UB) recently.

Seed stars is a global seed-stage start-up competition for emerging markets and fast-growing start-up scenes aimed at scouting for the best entrepreneurs in technology.

Morapedi said with the right focus and support from both the government and the private sector, youth entrepreneurs could grow their businesses to other countries.

He said this could be more possible if a culture of entrepreneurship is entrenched among the youth in the country at an early

stage of their lives. He added that as a bank, Stanbic is well positioned to assists businesses to grow.

Morapedi said their partnership with Seed stars cements their commitment as a bank to develop entrepreneurship in the country.

“This is creation of employment at its foundation stage.

We want to be there as they start and assist them to grow,” said Morapedi about the Seed stars initiative participants.

He said the presentations from the youth entrepreneurs were “quite refreshing”.

“These young entrepreneurs can take the country forward though there is also a need for a lot of moulding of their business ideas,” Morapedi said.

Nine start up companies from Botswana pitched at this year’s Seed stars.

In line with its mission to

place the spotlight on entrepreneurs from emerging markets, Seed stars World is travelling to more than 65 countries this year to identify the best seed-stage entrepreneurs and provide them with an opportunity to win up to \$1 million (P10.5 million), with the main prize being a \$500.000 equity investment.

For her part, the Botswana Life chief executive officer, Bilkiss Moorad said young people should understand that gone are the days when one can only rely on a job as a source of means.

Botswana Life are also partners in the Seed stars initiative.

Moorad told Mmegi Business that there should be a lot of empowerment towards young entrepreneurs. And this should be done with the right business tools, she said.

“There is need for a proper framework to assist these young entrepreneurs.

They are a new growth engines for the country’s business community,” said Moorad who added that she started being involved in business at a tender age, herself.

She added that the youth entrepreneurs have also shown a lot of interest in the insurance industry.

“When their businesses flourish, we also flourish as a company,” said Moorad about their partnership with the business community.

The turn-up for the initiative was impressive with different players in the business community in attendance. Apart from Stanbic and Botswana Life, other partners in the initiative include the UB, Microsoft, and Intel, Botswana Innovation Hub, VC4 Africa, amongst others.

[Mmegi Online]

## ✓ GAMBIA: YOUTH FORUM PATRIOT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST YOUTHS

**Banjul, 8 November 2016** - PATRIOT Youth for Sustainable Development, a youth organisation formed in 2015 in Bakau Wassulung Kunda, in the Kanifing Municipality, is set to support youth in order to improve their life.

The organisation is preparing to support and empower youths in several sectors of development affecting their life.

The organisation embarked on a monthly massive cleansing exercise in Bakau in collaboration with councilor Kalifa Jammeh, and also sensitizes youth against taking harmful drugs in order to create a conducive environment for youths to fully participate in the nation-building.

Since its inception in 2015, Patriot Youth for Sustainable Development also embarked on massive campaigns on issues

affecting youths, and how to tackle those issues and create better living conditions for youth.

The organisation is willing to collaborate and work hand in glove with the Alkalo and elders of Bakau Wassulung Kunda, to create the enable platform for the youth to participate in national development.

The organisation is set to support youths in several sectors such as education and health, among others issues affecting their life.

The organization in conjunction with councilor Kalifa Jammeh and youth organisations in Sinchu recently embarked on massive cleansing exercise in BaKau .

The mission of the organisation is to assist youths in several areas, and also to create opportunities for the youth to earn their living.

[The Point]



### ✓ NAMIBIA: YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR EPLS

Windhoek, 8 November 2016 - OKOMBAHE

Erongo Regional Governor Cleophas Mutjavikua has appealed to youth specifically those from Okombahe and Uis in the Erongo Region to apply for Exclusive Prospecting Licences (EPLs) that enable holders to prospect for minerals and oil.

Mutjavikua made the appeal while speaking at the annual #Nu-Khoe (Damara) Annual Cultural Festival held at Okombahe in the Erongo Region this past weekend.

“Your proximity to the Omaruru River should make your benefit more from fisheries,” Mutjavikua said, adding that there is no

single EPL application of youth from Okombahe and Uis.

“Yet you are the ones that constantly complain about not benefiting from the country’s resources,” Mutjavikua stressed.

According to him, residents of especially Okombahe and Uis do not always participate in important economical discussions that take place in the region.

Speaking at the same occasion, the Deputy Minister of Land Reform Benardus Swartbooi urged Damara-speaking people to give their full support to President Hage Geingob.

“It is the kind of work for

which he (Geingob) has sacrificed his entire youth life in the fight for freedom, democracy for this country, so let us support the head of state passionately without hesitation,” he said.

“Support President Geingob every time, every day because his heart is at the right place, his mind applies itself to the thoughts about the more prosperous tomorrow for each and every citizen of this country,” Swartbooi added.

The event was also attended by the Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Christina Hoebes, Special Advisor to the Kunene Governor John Khamuseb and Director of Education in the Karas Region, Awebahe Johannes

Hoeseb, among others.

Okombahe is a settlement in the Erongo Region of eastern-central Namibia, situated on the Omaruru River, 70 kilometres north of Karibib.

It is regarded as the capital of the #Nûkhoen (Damara) tribe; the annual King’s Festival is held at the town’s Gaob Memorial Stadium.

Before the independence of Namibia, Okombahe was situated at the edge of the Damaraland Bantustan. Martin Luther High School and Dibasen Junior Secondary School are situated in the village.

[New Era]

### ✓ NIGERIA: SARAKI LAUNCHES SKILL ACQUISITION TO EMPOWER 40,000 YOUTHS

Abuja, 14 November 2016 - THE President of the Senate, Dr Bukola Saraki, on Sunday in Ilorin launched: “Skill Acquisition, Training and Empowerment Programme (STEP)” to empower 40,000 youths in the state.

Saraki explained that the programme was aimed at empowering the youth in the state.

The president of the senate stressed the need to arrest the increasing unemployment and youth restiveness across the country for meaningful development to take place.

He said the Senate was considering the use of local fabric “Aso-Oke” as material for school pupils’ caps and cardigans to provide large number of

jobs and generate enough revenue.

Saraki said this was in line with his firm belief and advocacy for patronage of home made goods.

Saraki challenged leaders to develop future oriented technology, training and employment schemes to integrate the younger population into the nation’s economy.

He said young men and women, who had opted for entrepreneurship in the face of unavailability of white collar jobs, should be encouraged and motivated to become employers of labour.

“Under Skills acquisition, Training & Empowerment Programme (STEP), 40,000 youths will be trained over

4 years with advanced skills,” he said.

Also speaking the former Minister of Sports, Malam Bolaji Abdullahi described the statistics of 34 million unemployed Youth in the country as alarming, saying that it could retard the nation’s development.

He said those afflicted by unemployment syndrome also lacked direction as to where they are going in the way and manner they scout for jobs.

He said unemployment was one of the biggest challenges facing governments across the globe, adding that the menace was redefining national security, reshaping politics and changing societies.

The National President, Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji AbdulHameed Adi, described the empowerment of Saraki as well thought-out and urged other office holders to follow suit.

He said creation of more empowerment schemes will reduce the rate of unemployment, thereby making the army of the beneficiaries to be self-employed.

An Associate Professor in the University of Ilorin, Dr Fatai Aremu Ayinde, who also delivered brief lecture at the ceremony, identified goal clarity, desire, belief, knowledge and action as sure ways to becoming a successful entrepreneur.

[The Guardian]



✓ **TANZANIA: YOUTH NEED INNOVATIVE, SELF-EMPLOYMENT DRIVE**

**Dodoma, 13 November 2016** - DEPUTY Minister for Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, Engineer Stella Manyanya, has called upon youth in the country to be innovative by employing themselves instead of expecting employment from the government.

Eng Manyanya made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launching of VIA Pathways to work programme of training youth on entrepreneurship.

"The nation needs youth who will create self-employment and not who expect to be employed by the government.

The main aim of the programme is to improve economic opportunity for youth in the country," Eng Manyanya said.

She said that youth in the entrepreneurship pathway receive a similarly holistic package that includes life skills training, entrepreneurship training, mentorship and access to finance support.

She added that the implementation of the projects was for five years.

Over two thousand youth aged between 18 to 24 years in urban areas, she said, would benefit from the programme by being linked to employment and learning opportunities and mentor young entrepreneurs.

She called upon stakeholders to build efficiency in the implementation of the

projects in order to reach the targets.

She urged Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) to expand the relationship with partners and employers to meet 2025 Millennium Development Goal (MDG).

According to Eng Mnyanya, collaborative efforts are necessary to address challenges that face youth in the country.

International Youth Foundation (IYF) President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr William Reese, said that VIA Pathway to Work programme improves economic opportunities for the underserved youth in Mozambique and Tanzania through sustainable changes in the technical and vocational training (TVET) and entrepreneurship system.

"VIA will provide over two thousand economically disadvantaged youth living in urban areas with a set of holistic training interventions and support services that will allow them to secure improved work opportunities through wage earning, self employment or a combination of the two," he said.

The Director General of VETA, Mr Geoffrey Sabuni, said that VETA would ensure that their graduates do not only score good grades, but also enter the labour market with right attitudes, problem solving minds, commitment, and creativity and character qualities.

Assistant Director of Employment in the Prime Minister's Office, Labour, Youth Employment and Persons with Disability, Mr Ahmed Makbel, called upon youth to be creative to tackle challenges that many youth face in the country.

"Despite efforts made by the government to create awareness for youth in the country on self-employment, the problem of unemployment is still there because many youth do not think of self-employment. Instead, they wait to be employed by the government," he said.

Mr Makbel added: "We thank these stakeholders to come up with this project, which will train our youth on entrepreneurship and help to change their attitude with regard to self-employment. In the programme VIA collaborates with the MasterCard Foundation.

VIA activities will be conducted in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Mtwara and Morogoro for five years with partners the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) and Tanzania Entrepreneurship and Competitive Centre (TECC).

*[Tanzania Daily News]*



## ✓ BARBADOS: FORENSIC SCIENCES FIELD A VIABLE OPTION FOR YOUTH

**Bridgetown, 3 November 2016** - THE forensic sciences field is a vast one that holds a wealth of opportunities for youth, who love science and all things scientific.

Len Sehntwali, Senior Forensic Scientist at the Barbados Forensic Sciences Centre spoke with the Barbados Advocate recently, giving some insight into the work of the Centre and how more youth can get into his field of work.

“The Forensic Sciences Centre is a multi-disciplinary laboratory.

We are the only forensic institution in Barbados.

We attempt to assist the police and some of the other islands and private persons as well, with forensic solutions”, he pointed out. Sehntwali indicated that at the Forensic Sciences Centre, there is the Trace Evidence Section where basic searches are conducted for blood, semen, hair, fibres, paint, glass and other materials that can be transferred in the commission of a crime.

The aim is to characterise the evidence and prepare that same evidence for the courts of law.

There is also the Toxicology Section, which sees a number of toxicologists working for the Pathology Section, analysing the bodies of

persons who have died in suspicious circumstances, to produce a toxicology profile.

Drug tests for the workplace as well as the Drug Treatment Court are carried out here as well. Under the Chemistry Section, tests are conducted for gunshot residue and on street drugs and bulk seizures.

Sehntwali explained that the DNA Section is critical as well, and based on the evidence gathered, tests can be carried out to track down known suspects.

Family relationship testing or what is commonly referred to as paternity testing is also offered.

Many times, there are wills and so on that needs to be probated and that information is required as part of the process. So it isn't just paternity testing,” Sehntwali also revealed. Meanwhile, the Senior Forensic Scientist said he is always happy to encourage young people who are into science, to by all means explore the field he is in.

He also noted that youth who are interested in this field of work, must excel in the area of Mathematics as well as English, to be able to competently produce and defend any documents produced for the courts and otherwise.

*[Barbados Advocate]*

## ✓ CANADA: NEW PROJECT BRINGS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUTH

**Ottawa, 15 November 2016** - A NEW project will provide immediate and sustained help for young people with mental health problems at 12 locations across Canada and is accessible by phone or over the internet.

Alternatively, health care workers will even visit youth at a location of their choice and will involve families to support those in need between the ages of 11 and 25.

We need this desperately,” says Dr. Ashok Malla, professor of psychiatry and specialist in early psychosis at McGill University and the Douglas Institute.

Young people in that age group are the ones who suffer from mental disorders

and that's where it all begins.

Seventy-five per cent of disorders begin in that age group.

Malla says 20 per cent of young people in this age groups need an assessment or treatment at some point, but 60 per cent never get to see any mental health professional.

And studies prove that the sooner a mental health problem is treated, the better the outcome is likely to be.

Youth in Canada often have a hard time getting mental health care and they may have to wait a long time for it.

Malla says youth with severe mental disorders like schizophrenia sometimes

have to wait a year for treatment.

This project aims to work with communities to identify individuals who need help early on.

Once they are identified they will be provided with an assessment within 72 hours.

They will then be connected with appropriate services close to them.

They will no longer be transferred to a different service when they reach the age of 18, as they are now.

And all will be done with the collaboration of the young people themselves and their families.

“Essentially, it has to be a youth-friendly service that

the young people actually want and would like to receive,” says Malla.

Data will be collected to see how effective the measures are. The project will last five years, but not end there.

The plan is to work with provincial governments (which are responsible for health care), philanthropists and community groups to eventually make this a model of mental health care for youth across the country, including in remote regions.

And through these kinds of programs we can bring youth back into functioning and be productive members of society.”

*[Radio Canada International]*



## ✓ JAMAICA: YOUNG PEOPLE TAKE ON PIVOTAL ISSUES IN PARLIAMENT

**Kingston, 14 November 2016** - THE National Youth Parliament of Jamaica (NYPJ) reconvened today with more than 70 young people debating issues that impact their development.

The youngsters, drawn from various areas of national life, made contributions on youth unemployment, climate change and the psychosocial care of students in schools.

They advocated for the creation of policies to enable more well-trained and skilled persons with disabilities to gain employment; for greater use of technology and innovation to create jobs; deepening involvement of women in agriculture to improve their position in society; and the use of

technology to better promote the image of agriculture.

Other matters included establishment of a climate-change council to aid in raising awareness about the issue; and putting systems in place to prevent students from lapsing into deviant behavior, especially at the secondary-school level.

In addressing the Youth Parliament, Education, Youth and Information Minister, Ruel Reid, said the sitting is intended to introduce the participants to the legislative process and the tenets of good governance.

Reid urged them to use the lessons learnt to advance Jamaica.

“This experience must not be a one-off experience. It must be a call to action that you will be inspired... to ask not what your country can do for us, but what we can do for our country, if we want Jamaica to be great,” he said.

State Minister in the ministry, Floyd Green, told the young people that they were not only representing their own views but those of their peers, and they should be proud of the opportunity.

Green also expressed elation at the reconvening of the Youth Parliament. He said he expected the members to advance solutions for the betterment of youth throughout Jamaica.

“This is a call to action.

Whatever cause you are championing, I want you to effect real change. We’re giving you the platform to create a new Jamaica,” he said.

Meanwhile, Speaker of the House, Parnell Charles, urged the young parliamentarians to take their role seriously. He said they must become advocates to ensure the holistic development and growth of Jamaica.

Started in November 2003, the NYPJ is a non-partisan initiative aimed at providing youths from across Jamaica with a forum to express their views, network and debate issues of concern in the House of Representatives.

[*Jamaica Observer*]

## ✓ PERU: YOUTH INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES SEEK BETTER FUTURE OF APEC ECONOMIES

**Lima, 15 November 2016** - THE second Vice-President of Peru, Mercedes Araoz, highlighted the contribution of young people, who seek a better future for APEC economies through innovative initiatives.

According to Araoz, the

objective of these economies is to create a better environment for the development of countries, based on better living conditions for their inhabitants.

“Young people are the future and an interest group

for APEC members, so we must boost the development of new leaders”, Araoz said.

“It is not just talking about past or present events, we must focus on the future,” the government official affirmed. In that sense,

Araoz stressed the need to speed up technology development processes. She made these statements during the event called APEC Voices of the Future 2016, held in the Peruvian capital, Lima.

[*Huffington Post*]

## ✓ TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: TT SCORES LOW IN EMPLOYMENT ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

**Port of Spain, 2 November 2016** - THE Global Youth Development Index and Report 2016 has ranked Trinidad and Tobago among the top ten lowest ranked countries in the employment and opportunity domain for youths between 15 and 29 years.

This year’s youth development index (YDI) which is the second of its kind and released by the

Commonwealth Secretariat on October 21, ranks TT at 179 out of 183 countries on the employment and opportunity domain ahead only of Tanzania, Yemen, Niger and Iraq.

The first YDI was released in 2013.

Rankings were in five domains education, health and well being, employment and opportunity, civic

participation and political participation.

In the overall YDI ranking, TT has been ranked at 84 out of 183 countries. At a press conference at the University of the West Indies St Augustine Campus to address the issues of the YDI, Nikoli Edwards, Vice Chairperson (Policy, Advocacy and Projects) of the

Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC) noted that according to the YDI, the largest period of youth development in TT was between 2010 and 2015.

“We are now in 2016 moving forward and we have seen stagnation in many areas when it comes to youth development,” Edwards said.



Many youth groups, he noted, no longer receive the subventions they got in the past due to the economic situation.

Despite these cutbacks, he said, society need to invest heavily in young people as they would be the ones to take over the reins of power, and lead corporations and other entities into the future.

He noted that since he became a vice chairperson of the CYC in November 2015, he met with Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs Darryl Smith and President Anthony Carmona to highlight a number of concerns.

“Sad to report, since those conversations,” he said, “I have not seen any marked improvement or willingness to assist young people in the manner on which we deserve to be assisted,” he said.

Edwards is due to meet with Smith in the coming days and will present him with ten recommendations in an effort to improve the situation among young people.

The recommendations include appointment of youth ambassadors to Commonwealth, United Nations and Caricom, reservation of a percentage of jobs and opportunities for youths within the public and private sectors, and the re-establishment of the National Youth Council of TT. The recommendations also include a national youth parliament meeting monthly.

*[Trinidad News]*

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## ✓ BAHRAIN: MEDIA DEVELOPMENT TO FOCUS ON BAHRAIN YOUTH

**Manama, 8 November 2016** - INFORMATION Affairs Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al-Romaihi stressed HRH Prime Minister's support for the national media shoulders us great national responsibility for the nation and citizens. He pointed out the adoption of a philosophy by the Information Ministry that focuses on the Bahraini citizens as the cornerstone and goal of development, taking pride in the aptitudes of Bahraini youth who will form the backbone of the development process taking place in various media sectors, mainly television.

The Information Minister, in a press conference held on the sidelines of the inauguration of a number of media projects for the development of Bahrain Television, News Center and National Communication Center, said the national media cadres at Bahrain TV will be the focus of future development process.

He added that the

Information Affairs Ministry has conducted detailed studies for the development of national TV to reflect Bahrain's civilization and culture annual or monthly strategies, to keep pace with the rapid developments through putting faith in the youth's capabilities and the development of all media outlets.

He noted the development witnessed by Bahrain TV and the transformation to the HD system, High-definition system. He affirmed that the citizens' issues and concerns will have the priority, adding there will be no red lines to cross, but the national unity and Bahrain-GCC brotherly relations.

He highlighted the ministry's keenness to create and support Bahraini youth cadres capable of defending the sovereignty of the nation.

He said the new Bahrain TV will focus on mirroring the

real image of Bahraini citizens and dealing chiefly with local affairs, as well as Gulf, Arab and world issues.

He added that Bahrain TV follows the strategy of content to re-attract Bahraini citizen to national TV, where the focus will be on transparency in conveying the citizens' concerns. He pointed out highlighting the values of openness and tolerance embedded in the Bahraini citizens as a key responsibility of the official TV.

He noted that local issues will be the center of Bahrain TV and coordination with various government institutions has been developed to activate communication with media channels to discuss and respond to issues raised by citizens, saying not responding to citizens' issues raised will produce negative consequences for government institutions. All citizens will have the opportunity to raise their

issues and points of view, he added.

With regard to the economic news, the minister said Bahrain is an international financial hub, but the economic news bulletins do not meet the aspiration. Coordination with relevant agencies, such as Economic Development Board, Bahrain Stock Exchange, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism has been discussed to broadcast programs to review various economic aspects, in addition a radical change will be introduced to the economic daily news to reflect the reality of the national economy.

He said that cooperation between Bahrain TV and a number of private production companies would be established, but Bahraini youth will be the basis in the upcoming stage, stressing confidence in their creativity and excellence in various areas.

*[Bahrain News Agency]*

## ✓ INDIA: 1000 YOUTH SURVEYED CITY-BASED SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES

**New Delhi, 13 November 2016** - TO ensure that city-based school students get better infrastructures and facilities, over 1,000 youth joined hands to survey the basic necessity available in the BMC schools. The final report of the survey will soon be showcased to the local representatives and civic authority.

The survey conducted on October 22 by the youth helped to get the information about the facilities related to five

categories general school infrastructure, computer and IT facilities, classroom, sanitations and drinking water facilities.

Over 400 sanitation facilities and 800 classrooms were surveyed by the Global Citizen India's youth volunteers along with Green Batti Project.

According to the volunteer who surveyed the school, major work needs to be done on the drinking water facilities.

20-year-old Rishi Desai, who volunteered for the first time, said, "I visited the BMC school in Bandra west. While, the IT and computer facilities were good, the basic drinking water facility is in bad condition. There are water filters provided in the school but they are not in working condition. As majority of the students come from families earning less income, they should provide them with good facilities in school premises. There needs to be more toilet facilities as the

number of toilets are less."

We will soon start approaching Corporates for CSR funds and look for crowd funding ideas too.

While doing the survey, we came across we not only came across poor facilities but there are good facilities too specially the IT and computer facilities," said Arnav Sahni, Global Citizen India.



More than 88 per cent of the school buildings surveyed have adequate computer facilities.

The one day survey also helped the youth who wish to work for the betterment of the society, to experience the real condition of the city

-based schools,” he added. As Global Citizen Festival India is organising events like Coldplay in India, they

distributed 500 free tickets for the youth.

*[Daily News & Analysis]*

### ✓ KUWAIT: YOUTH LEADERSHIP CENTRE TO SERVE KUWAIT'S FUTURE PAY

**Kuwait City, 10 November 2016** - THE Public Authority for Youth (PAY) said Thursday that it was planning on establishing a youth leadership centre aimed at harnessing and developing the skills of young people in Kuwait.

In a press release by PAY, Director General of the Authority Abdulrahman

Al-Mutairi said that a meeting for the board, chaired by Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, agreed on the proposal to establish the centre.

He added that PAY will work relentlessly to make

this centre a reality.

Providing further input on the centre, Dr. Ma'souma Al-Mutairi said that PAY and other government bodies will work together for the sake of youth in the country.

The proposed centre will have sort of a soft launch that would provide vital

data which will be used for the official opening of the facility, said Al-Mutairi.

The board meeting also touched on issues such as the organizing of monthly youth meetings as well as cooperation between PAY and other government and private bodies.

*[Kuwait News Agency]*

### ✓ NEPAL: YOUTH UNITE TO PRESS FOR SPEEDY RECONSTRUCTION

**Kathmandu, 8 November 2016** - THE National Youth Alliance for Reconstruction (NYAR) has formed its reconstruction networks in Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur in order to pressurize the government to speed up reconstruction works.

The network was formed in collaboration with Action Aid Nepal and Home Net

Nepal last.

“Youth will be mobilized to pressurize the government to expedite restoration activities as soon as possible,” NYAR said in a statement.

Speaking at ‘Youth and Reconstruction’ program, Naren Khatiwada, NYAR coordinator, said it is deeply troubling that the

government has only been able to conduct survey of physical damages in Kathmandu.

“The government should sign the agreement with the earthquake survivors as soon as possible and distribute the money,” he added.

Taking exceptions over the government delay, the

alliance called for participation of youth in the reconstruction process.

Raj Kumar Upreti, a youth right activist, said that the reconstruction process can't be completed without creative inputs from Nepal's younger generation.

*[Republica]*

### ✓ PAKISTAN: CPEC TO GENERATE JOBS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH: MARRIYUM

**Islamabad, 13 November 2016** - MINISTER of State for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb says the start of cargo ships from Gwadar today is a historical day for the country and a good omen for the development and prosperity.

In a statement in Islamabad on Sunday, she said China-Pakistan Economic Corridor will generate jobs for youth in near future. The minister said under the leadership of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, the country is heading towards

the path of development. She said that the great project would change destiny of the country.

She said that CPEC will benefit entire country especially Balochistan young people.

*[Radio Pakistan]*



### ✓ AZERBAIJAN: CREATING EXPERT COMMISSION TO TACKLE YOUTH PROBLEMS

**Baku, 16 November 2016** - AZERBAIJAN plans to create an Expert Commission for addressing problems plaguing the youth.

The abovementioned is reflected in the draft amendment to the Law “On

youth policy”, which was discussed by the parliamentary Committee on youth and sports on Nov. 15.

According to the amendment, an Expert Commission shall be created under the relevant

executive authority in order to control the implementation of youth policy, and to determine and eliminate problems faced by the youth today.

The Expert Commission will involve specialists on youth policy,

representatives of youth organizations, and talented and creative young people.

The Commission will act in line with the regulations approved by the relevant executive authority.

[APA]

### ✓ BULGARIA: EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM’S GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN VARNA, BULGARIA

**Sofia, 16 November 2016** - VICE-president Elena Sinkevičiūtė and LiJOT Coordinator of International Affairs Rita Jonušaitė were participating in European Youth Forum’s General Assembly (GA) in which members to the board were elected as well as members of other governing bodies, European Youth Forum work plan and other important documents were adopted.

GA took place in Varna, Bulgaria as this city will overtake the title of the European Youth Capital 2017 in the upcoming months.

On the eve of the GA the new European Youth Capital for 2019 was announced - Novi Sad in Serbia will hold this title.

The Youth Forum’s members elected its new Board (2017-2018), which will be composed of Luis Alvarado Martinez (President), Dejan Bojanic and Carina Autengruber (Vice-Presidents), Kristen Aigro, Tina Hocevar, Zuzana Vaneckova, Mari Stromsvag, Andrea Casamenti, Sebastian Rood, Nafsika Vrettaki and Ville Majamaa (Board members).

The members also adopted

a work plan which lays out the work of the Youth Forum for 2017-2019.

The Youth Forum will focus on greater youth participation; stronger youth organisations; youth autonomy and inclusion, under the framework of youth rights; on sustainable development and young people’s and youth organisations’ role in creating environmental, economic and social sustainability.

Two policy documents were also adopted: a motion for recognition on the Declarations of the

University of Youth and Development and a Resolution on the EU Youth Strategy.

During the meeting the National Youth Council of Ukraine and the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award became observer members of the European Youth Forum and National Youth Council of Serbia as well as the European Union of Deaf Youth upgraded their membership’s status to respectively full member and candidate member.

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### ✓ MALTA: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AT THE HEART OF BOV DEAL

**Valletta, 22 November 2016** - THE ASA of Malta and Bank of Valletta yesterday announced that they are extending their partnership for the next three years.

Speaking at the BOV headquarters in Sta Venera, chief executive officer Mario Mallia confirmed that the deal was agreed following talks with ASA president Joe Caruana Curran.

“Water polo has grown significantly in the last few years and at BOV we believe that our backing has

been essential in helping this sport reach unprecedented heights,” Mallia said.

“It’s now 10 years since we first teamed up with ASA and, to mark the occasion, we have decided to renew the contract for another three years, thus putting the administration in a better position when drawing up future plans.”

Caruana Curran said he was delighted that BOV have again extended their support for the ASA with an improved sponsorship

agreement.

He said the sponsorship also covers the development of young players.

“We believe that both parties have benefited immensely from this sponsorship deal and we’re also sure that this partnership will continue to flourish,” Caruana Curran said.

“We’ve also agreed that part of the funds will be dedicated solely to the youth sector. We want to provide our

junior selections with top-level competitions and expose them more to the international scene.

“Lately, we had our youth teams reaching two European Championship finals and the senior side also played the Euro finals in Belgrade. Hopefully, if we maintain this upward trend, we can reach higher objectives.”



The adverse weather that caused significant damage to local water polo clubhouses and pitches a few weeks ago was also discussed by the ASA president.

Caruana Curran confirmed that, following discussions with the authorities, a fund will be created to help cover the costs of repair.

The worst-hit clubs are San Ġiljan, Sliema and Exiles.

“The government said it will be assisting clubs to repair their premises but to avoid such mishaps in the future, adequate breakwaters should be considered and our clubs are willing to co-operate in

this initiative,” the ASA chief said.

*[Times of Malta]*

### ✓ ROMANIA: THE ROMANIAN YOUTH PROMOTE THE EUROPEAN UNION

**Bucharest, 16 November 2016** - CIVIC involvement is a prerequisite for democracy and thus should be encouraged from a very early age, all the more so as statistics have revealed a contradictory trend among Europe's young people.

The Eurobarometer carried out in April this year showed that across the European Union, 51% of young people aged between 16 and 30 believe that participation in the European elections is the most important way for them to get involved in civic life at European level.

However, electoral behaviour points to a rift between action and words. Only 27.8% of Europe's young people took part in the elections for the European Parliament held in May 2014.

The aforementioned Eurobarometer also reveals that 90% of Europe's youth on average believe it is important to learn about the European Union and its institutions.

As regards Romania, an encouraging 89% of the respondents agree with this.

In light of this, the European Parliament Information Office in Romania has decided to meet young people's wish to learn and get involved

through a project called Promoters for European Democracy.

2016 saw the second edition of this project, whereby 30 young people, including members of youth organisations, learn how to draft and implement projects to promote the common values of European Union's citizens.

The project has received the support of a number of NGOs such as the ProDemocratia Association and the Group of the European Youth for Change.

Gabriel Berzoiu is the general manager of the latter and was involved in the training of the young promoters. This is what he had to say when the project came to an end:

"During our initial discussion about the obstacles they may encounter when trying to implement their ideas, many said the money was the main problem.

Later, we held a creative brainstorming session on ways to eliminate obstacles and set up local partnerships with key institutions that might help us.

Many have implemented their ideas using all the available resources or those they could get hold of. I am

glad the project is very inclusive.

We had promoters from both rural and small urban communities and could thus reach areas where information about Europe is hard to access and where people face so many problems that European information is low on their agenda."

After the initial selection, the young participants took part in an intensive workshop where they learned about the practical ways of implementing a project, and then they were requested to actually implement the respective project in their communities.

The topics for this year were May 9, Europe Day, and a European Parliament simulation. After the implementation stage, the 30 young people were invited to the head office of the European Parliament in Brussels to see for themselves how the EU legislative body actually works.

At the end of the project, the 30 participants shared their opinions with the public during a press conference.

"Together with our teachers and our trainers, we decided to do a simulation of a European Parliament

session in the amphitheatre of our college.

Three classes took part, and we all learned a lot thanks to this simulation, from the legislative system to the way directives are endorsed and to the practical application of an idea."

Three democracy promoters from the neighbouring Republic of Moldova also learned how to get involved in the life of their community.

One of them is Elena Prohntichi, from the National Anti-Corruption Student Centre in Chisinau:

"There were very important moments during this event. It was a huge thing for me to see the enthusiasm of my colleagues from the very first meeting and to see them preserve this enthusiasm up until the end.

This was great motivation for me. We were told from the very beginning about the risks of implementing our projects, and I discovered other risks as well, but we learned that we can get even various ministries in Chisinau involved.

This is how we managed to organise two events, in two local high schools.



The first event was a workshop, and it was a little more formal, while the second one, which was held outdoors, was more popular."

Learning to work as part of a team and overcoming the reluctance to working with the authorities were the

main benefits that the project Promoters for European Democracy entailed for the participants.

Furthermore, they learned to overcome certain personal limitations, and are ready to share their experience with those willing to take part in the

project next year.

Ionut-Iulian Rotaru, from the Human Rights and Migration Centre in Bucharest, has three pieces of advice for the new democracy promoters:

"Don't be afraid to make mistakes, don't be afraid to

put together large projects applicable at a EU level, and try to get out of your comfort zone, because that's when really interesting things start to happen."

*[Radio Romania International]*

### ✓ SPAIN: YOUTHS GET INSIGHT INTO OWNING BUSINESS

**Madrid, 18 November 2016** - AT a youth Forum held at City Hall, Port-of-Spain, students from East Mucurapo, Tranquillity, Sixth Form and Carapichaima Secondary schools were left awed at what they heard from speaker after speaker who gave detailed testimonials of how they got to owning their own businesses.

The event was part of Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) currently celebrated in 160 countries around the world where young people are inspired by local, regional and international entrepreneurial activities, designed to assist them in exploring their own potential as self-starters and innovators.

General Manager Shedron Collins told the youths the event was to motivate them and to show them that entrepreneurship is really an option, and at the same time, and how a change of their mind-set where starting a business is concerned can help them.

Kerron Sealy, aka 'Sunny Bling' truly captured their imaginations after giving his story to success.

He told them after attend Rosary Boys, then Woodbrook Secondary

Schools he enrolled at the T&T Hospitality and Tourism Institute (TTHTI) to pursue Culinary Management.

He opened the youngsters' eyes when he told them that he interned at the kitchen of the late Prime Minister Patrick Manning.

Then standing proudly before them he added that he was also president of the student's guild at TTHTI as popularity to him was a big thing, but more important to him was his own branding.

He had one more piece of advice for them and that was to be mindful about what they posted on their social media pages since it is now a norm that employers get to know potential employees through the latter pages.

Therefore it is important to keep it above board. YBTT entrepreneur Joshua Mangroo was also convincing while sharing his entrepreneurial experience.

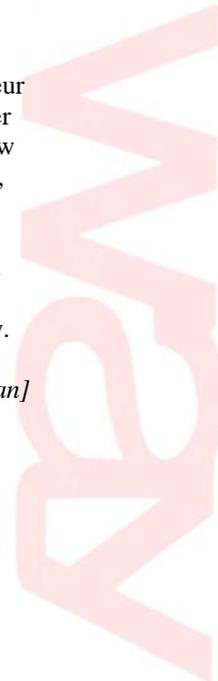
He told the youths that the passion inside of him is what drove him forward especially during his challenging times.

Keynote speaker David Thomas, former banker who

resigned to start his own business, spoke to the youngsters on understanding their entrepreneurial destiny.

The Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year Award Winner went into farming and now owns Market Movers Ltd, an online business, where fresh produce from his farms are sold throughout T&T, and paid for with credit cards upon delivery.

*[The Guardian]*





## ✓ AUSTRALIA: PRODUCTION TACKLES YOUTH ISSUES

**Canberra, 15 November 2016** - SOMEBODY's Daughter Theatre has been working with communities for more than 30 years to produce high-quality theatre, music and art.

Now it is back in Benalla with its offspring High Water Theatre a troupe of young people who hail from outside the mainstream school system.

In *Anchoring the Wind. Because I Matter* we see a difficult world through their eyes.

Based on their own stories or those close to them, it is

an authentic, gritty drama, laced with hope and humour.

The positive light of these young performers shines through as they entertain us with a fast-moving show full of action, original songs and heartfelt personal stories.

The new play explores the issues surrounding some of our most vulnerable young people, especially those in care and those who work with them.

It gives voice to some of these stories, navigates the complexities of the care

system and envisions a safer world.

It also highlights how hard it can be for young people who feel different or unable to connect with the mainstream.

This could be due to issues of sexuality, bullying, parent with mental illness, a criminal record, substance abuse or other secrets.

This is an opportunity to see one of Australia's most exciting and effective social change theatre companies exploring local issues surrounding some of our most vulnerable young

people. In partnership with the Benalla Rural City Council, this special tour has been organised to support the Benalla's community's concerns over the complex issues surrounding youth mental health.

*[Shepparton News]*

## ✓ FIJI: HIV PREVALENT IN FIJI YOUTH

**Suva, 8 November 2016** - HIV infections in Fiji are common among the 20 to 29 years age group, says Fiji's Health and Medical Services Minister Rosy Akbar.

Ms Akbar made the statement while addressing participants at the Adolescent Health Development Program 2003-2016 Review and Formulation of the New Adolescent Health Services Program 2016-2026 at Holiday Inn, Suva.

She said this showed many young Fijians were sexually active at an early age.

This also shows that a large number of our young people are not monogamous, and do not use condoms regularly.

"Other than that, experimentation with drugs, including by injection, often

makes our young ones vulnerable to HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), and adolescent pregnancy," she said.

"Ignorance about how HIV and STI are transmitted and how to avoid infection exacerbates our young people's vulnerability.

Our youths are our future leaders so any investment in their wellbeing and development is a way towards building a strong, resilient future of our nation.

She said open access to technology and social media was a challenge to the ministry in terms of ensuring the wellbeing of adolescents.

"While we all appreciate the good side, the bad side is cyber bullying, pornography, too much

exposure to social media leading almost to a lifestyle of addiction, not to mention physical inactivity, and who knows, there may be partner violence already happening which we may not be aware of."

Ms Akbar called on all stakeholders for their support in driving the vision of developing healthy adolescent and youth population in Fiji.

"Community participation in looking after the health and wellbeing of our adolescents, promoting health, prioritising education, avoiding circumstances that support the development of unlawful activities is very important.

"Through health promotion, individuals and families build an understanding of the determinants of health and develop skills to

improve and maintain their health and wellbeing as they go through this stage in their lives as well as for their future," she said.

*[Fiji Times]*



### ✓ GUAM: OPINION: ACTIVITIES HELP YOUTHS BE DRUG-FREE

**Hagåtña, 10 November 2016** - THE youths of today are surrounded by technology, which means they have easy access to the information superhighway or internet.

If they don't know, they can quickly find out in quick fashion by performing a Google search, even "private" search is now available, which allows the user to be incognito, preventing the visited websites from appearing on your browsing history.

Unfortunately, all this technology does not always instill "common sense."

Peer pressure, family and relationship challenges, changing schools, and many more of life's curve balls can result in our youths experimenting with drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco as a quick escape from reality.

Research has shown that 41% of the time good parent-child interaction fends off a youth's desire for drug experimentation.

Also, if our youths participate in activities they enjoy such as sports, music, arts, and more, their life achieves greater fulfilment and helps them to develop positive coping mechanism skills, which greatly improve their chances of making better life decisions.

Participation in organizations like "Youth-for-Youth" greatly enhances the chances a youth will not avail themselves of drugs.

This group, and other

similar organizations, use each other as a support mechanism to fend off drug, alcohol and tobacco usage.

Our goal is to have everyone in the community work collectively to keep the youths, tomorrow's leaders, drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free.

*[Pacific Daily News]*

### ✓ NEW ZEALAND: YOUTH SUPPORTED TO ATTEND TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT

**Wellington, 15 November 2016** - AROUND 40 South Island young people and people working in the youth sector are being supported to attend the Singularity New Zealand Summit, which kicked off in Christchurch yesterday, says Acting Youth Minister Anne Tolley.

Organised by Singularity University, a Silicon Valley based think tank, the three day summit aims to inspire

and educate participants in how technology can be harnessed to create change and build a positive future.

"Technology is developing at an incredible rate and will be pivotal to how tomorrow's leaders solve business and social challenges," says Mrs Tolley.

"This is why we're supporting enterprising young people and people

working with youth to attend the summit, where they can be inspired by internationally renowned experts and learn more about the technological advances that are transforming our world.

"Total funding of \$40,000 to support these attendees is being provided by the Government and philanthropic organisation the Rata Foundation, via the newly established Ministry

of Youth Development Partnership Fund.

"This fund is about the Government coinvesting with business and philanthropic partners to increase the number of youth development opportunities available in New Zealand."

*[Voxy]*

### ✓ TONGA: WORLD BANK TO ASSIST TONGA'S YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

**Nuku'alofa, 18 November 2016** - A \$35 MILLION pa'anga Youth Employment Project financed by the World Bank to be handled by the Government of Tonga starting in July 2017, will see funds disbursed over four-years to address youth unemployment in Tonga where the problems of idle youth are enormous and related to youth related anti-social behaviour and criminal activity.

*[Matangi Tonga]*

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