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### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
6 November 2017	<b>International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
10 November 2017	<b>World Science Day for Peace and Development</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
16 November 2017	<b>International Day for Tolerance</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
20 November 2017	<b>World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
25 November 2017	<b>International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women</b>	Melaka, Malaysia



### ✓ ANGOLA: ANGOLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL

**Luanda, 11 October 2017** - THE contribution of Angola to the pacification of the African continent, having as basis the famous battle of Cuito Cuanavale, will be presented by the ruling party's youth wing (JMPLA) at the World Youth Festival, set to happen this year on 14-22 October in Sochi City, Russia

Speaking to the press this Wednesday, the national first secretary of the

JMPLA, Sérgio Luther Rescova, who heads the Angolan delegation to the event, said that the contribution of Angola to the pacification of Africa will be presented in the festival because it arouses national interest.

The JMPLA delegation that is scheduled to leave on Wednesday has the goal to promote the image of Angola abroad, chiefly the current development process, with highlight on

the successful holding of the last 23 August polls, Sérgio Rescova explained.

“During the festival we’ll pay homage to the former president José Eduardo dos Santos for his contribution to the country, in his capacity as Head of State, with highlight on the conquest of definitive peace and unification of Angolans”, he revealed.

This is the biggest world youth gathering and it is to

be attended by about 20,000 students from over 150 countries.

The event is organised by the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY).

The programme of the event includes debate panels, discussion forums, lectures and scientific conferences.

*[Angola press]*

### ✓ EGYPT: EGYPT IS RICH BECAUSE OF ITS YOUTH: TELECOM MINISTER

**Cairo, 15 October 2017** - MINISTER of Telecommunications Yasser El Kady said during the graduation ceremony of the students in the Telecommunications Technology Initiative that

the students undertook training courses and received certificates from reputable technology companies and academic institutions worldwide.

“We aim to establish

excellence centers in technology parks to attract investments. Egypt is rich because of its human resources. Investing in our youth is one of the state’s strategic goals,” the minister said.

El Kady stated that Eddie Kirby ranked Egypt first in the MENA region and the 14th globally as a destination for outsources. “We can witness today how telecommunications technology can change

### ✓ MALAWI: GOVERNMENT TO CREATE 10, 000 JOBS FOR THE YOUTH

**Lilongwe, 15 October 2017** - PRESIDENT Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika has said his government will soon create over 10,000 jobs with the aim of uplifting lives of the youths in the country.

Mutharika made the remarks on Saturday when he graced the Golden Jubilee of St. Kalembe, Bangula Catholic Parish of the Diocese of Chikwawa.

The Malawian leader assured people in the country that soon most youths will find something that will keep them busy instead of loitering and disturbing peace in society.

“Let me assure you that my government is doing all it can to uplift lives of people,

especially that of the youth in the country.

We have managed to acquire resources that will see us create at least 10, 000 jobs for the youths,” he assured.

“The job opportunities will be in various sections that include agriculture and irrigation.

This is one way of trying to find means of engaging our youth in productive activities,” Mutharika added.

However, the State President said for that to happen there is need for unity and love in the

country, noting that a sense of humanity and prayer is crucial for Malawi to

develop progressively.

“On top of that, my government has to date constructed 13 community technical colleges and we have also secured other resources for the other 15. By doing all this, we would like to ensure that every district has a community technical college,” Mutharika said.

“The Chinese Government will help us construct five out of the 15 community technical colleges whereas the other 10 will be constructed with support from the European Union,” he said.

Earlier, Bishop of Chikwawa Diocese, Right Reverend Peter Musikuwa hailed government for

introducing the community technical colleges, observing that the colleges would empower the youth into active participants in national development.

“We have noted with great appreciation that the community technical colleges are doing wonders most of the youth who were just staying idle are now engaged in various activities to uplift their own living standards and that of their communities,” observed Musikuwa.

*[Malawi Voice]*



### ✓ NIGERIA: NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT ON DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

**Abuja, 19 October 2017** - THE 2017 edition of the summit is the 3rd in series and having successfully hosted two editions in 2015 in and 2016, with support and partnership from the US Consulate Lagos, UNODC, NDLEA, Office of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice and the Senior Assistant to the President on Youth and Student Affairs, we believe that if the campaign against drugs and substance abuse in Nigeria will be won, sustaining the project will be highly instrumental to the campaign.

It is on public knowledge that most Nigerian youths

are falling victims of drugs and substance abuse and illicit drug trafficking which has led them into taking over rehabilitation homes as permanent residents while others are either languishing in jail or facing execution in foreign lands due to their drug related activities. The summit which is schedule to take place on the 19th - 20th October, 2017, in Abuja, intends to bring together 500 youth leaders and heads of youth focused NGOs spearheading the fight against drug, substance abuse and illicit trafficking within the country for the purpose of appraising the war against

drug/substance abuse and illicit trafficking and also acquaint them with world best practices in the global fight against illicit trafficking, drug and substance abuse prevention. The Summit promises to create awareness on the dangers and repercussion associated with young people getting involved in drugs and substance abuse and also stimulate discussion on possible suggestions on prevention, policy formulation and implementation as it affects young people in the Nigeria.

It will create a platform for interaction and idea

sharing on the level of youth participation in the fight against drugs abuse and illicit trafficking in Nigeria.

The Summit will come up with a communiqué and position paper on the possible solutions to drug/substance abuse and illicit trafficking in the overall development and wellbeing of young people in Nigeria which will be submitted to National Assembly and other regulatory authorities for the consideration and actions.

[Eventbrite]

### ✓ ZIMBABWE: YOUTH BUILT UPLIFTS COMMUNITIES

**Manicaland, 12 October 2017** - THE Youth Built Zimbabwe project that is administered by the Zimbabwe National Youth Service is spearheading the construction of schools, health centres and bridges in Manicaland Province as part of efforts by youths to contribute towards sustainable development in rural communities.

Touring one of the projects constructed under the Youth Built Zimbabwe programme, Zimbabwe National Youth Service commandant Manicaland Province, Sophia Maungira said the initiative is being done to promote access to decent education, health services as well as improving road network in rural communities.

Maungira and the development partners were

at Clearwater Secondary School which was constructed under a tripartite agreement.

Clearwater School Development Committee vice chairperson, Freddy Chimene and the local councilor Lordwing Sigauke commended the Youth Built Zimbabwe programme and other development partners for helping in the construction of the secondary school as students were learning under trees.

The Youth Built Zimbabwe project is aimed at ensuring that youths contribute towards the development of their communities and the programme is also implemented in a number of countries that include Nigeria and Trinidad and Tobago among others.

[ZBC News]



## ✓ BERMUDA: YOUTH TALK ON MANAGING MONEY

**Hamilton, 11 2017** - THE importance of saving money will be the topic of discussion at a Generation Next town hall meeting on Wednesday.

Micah Davis, the general manager of the Bermuda Credit Union, will give a presentation on fiscal responsibility at the event, in the Bermuda Industrial Union's Dr EF Gordon Hall.

Mr Davis has worked in the

credit union movement in Bermuda and overseas for more than 30 years and has been appointed international credit union development educator by the World Council of Credit Unions in Madison, Wisconsin.

He has been general manager of the BIU Members Credit Union Co-op Society since 2008.

Generation Next member Aminah Simmons said: "Generation Next believes it

to be of paramount importance that all of Bermuda's young people are adequately prepared to make effective decisions with all their finances and resources.

"We are confident that through these efforts our young people will have a greater financial literacy and allow for a greater sense of financial independence.

"We are pleased to partner with the Bermuda Credit

Union to provide this youth town hall meeting focused on financial education among young people."

All young people in attendance will have the chance to open an account with the Bermuda Credit Union without any opening fees.

[Royal Gazette]

## ✓ CANADA: HELPS 80 INDIGENOUS YOUTH OVERCOME BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

**Millbrook, 12 October 2017** - GIVING Canadian youth the tools they need to find and keep good jobs will help grow the middle class and strengthen our economy.

Today, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, announced that the Native Council of Nova Scotia will help 80 young people in Truro, Dartmouth,

Liverpool and Sydney overcome barriers to employment, develop essential job skills or return to school.

The Government of Canada will provide over \$1.1 million in funding for the Helping Youth Prepare for Employment/Education project through the Skills Link program, part of the Government's Youth Employment Strategy.

Through this project, the Native Council of Nova Scotia will provide young Canadians with workshops that are tailored to their needs.

Examples include sessions on résumé writing, job searching, interview skills and career planning.

This project will also provide them with work experience with local employers in fields such as

agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, mining, construction and public administration.

The announcement took place at the Millbrook Cultural and Heritage Centre. Minister Hajdu also had the opportunity to tour the centre.

[Canada NewsWire]

## ✓ DOMINICA: DOMINICA'S YOUTH FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE NYCD

**Santo Domingo, 12 October 2017** - THE National Youth Council of Dominica wishes to express sympathies to young people through-out Dominica who have lost relatives and loved ones, our prayers are with you.

We wish further to express solidarity and our unwavering commitment to Presidents and Members of Youth Groups and District Youth Councils around the country.

The NYCD is committed to playing its role in the

reconstruction efforts of your lives and that of all Dominicans.

Therefore, as soon as factors such as communication, vehicular access and resources are available we will be meeting with you in your respect communities to establish dialogue as to how young people can contribute to the reconstruction process.

We will be meeting in collaboration with the Youth Development Division and other

stakeholders to re-establish our district youth councils. We want to further recommit our mandate to educate Dominica's youth on sustainable development education which include climate change ozone depletion and bio-diversity.

A program the council undertook over the last four years whereby we went to number of schools through-out Dominica teaching the importance of sustainable development.

The National Youth Council of Dominica is of the view

that Dominica's youth must find relevance in the reconstruction efforts of Dominica as we seek to build back stronger and more resilient.

As you would expect the youth is a major stakeholder in any country's development and should be engaged from the beginning.



Hurricane Maria has dealt Dominica a heavy blow, but among the rubbles there are opportunities. We must rethink how we develop socially and economically, and how we develop sustainably.

As our Prime Minister has reiterated we are fighting a war that we have made very minimal contribution too.

The ravages of climate change have been brought to the forefront of the international community as was evident with the passage of Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria two historical weather events.

And while small island developing states such as Dominica and our sister islands are dealing with the aftermath of these storms our appeal to the international community is not just for relief and

favourable financial instruments but to curb their industrial activities which is affecting the climate, because we live in the world too, and we have seen our island paradise eroded overnight.

We have begun to identify some priority areas to include the need for psycho social intervention to deal with the trauma associated with Hurricane Maria.

We see the youth playing an even greater role in ensuring food security and food sovereignty as has been done with the 4H Clubs throughout the schools.

We recognize also that the subject of climate change must be on the forefront of our human capacity development agenda.

Therefore, young people

must become sufficiently aware of what climate change is and how they must develop around this new evil.

We need farmers, agri-processing experts, architectures and engineers as much as we need lawyers.

There exist the need also for the young to be engaged and trained in emergency response and disaster management and climate smart technologies in agriculture and other fields.

In essence, we need to become more resilient to these extreme weather patterns, the blatant truth is that the hurricanes will continue to come and we are right in its path.

As such it would be necessary to do so with the involvement of youth, our

parents once told us of the story of Hurricane David.

It's been thirty-eight years since its passage and now we will forever be reminded of Hurricane Maria, we should prepare the future generation for what is to come to ensure a more resilient Dominica

We at the National Youth Council of Dominica wants to spread a message of hope and reassurance to Dominica's youth that despite our current situation, Dominica still hold much potential for growth and can offer a meaningful life for all Dominicans.

With the efforts of the Secretariat and the Executive we will ensure that your views and concerns will be heard.

*[Dominica Vibes News]*

## ✓ JAMAICA: GOV'T INITIATES 'YOUTH CLUB CHARGE UP' TO PROMOTE PEACE

Kingston, 17 October 2017

- THE Government has initiated a youth-development programme to engage young people in the promotion of peace while building the capacity of youth clubs to steer community growth.

According to State Minister in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Floyd Green, under the youth club rebuilding initiative, dubbed 'Youth Club Charge Up', from which the groups are provided with grants, young persons are encouraged to foster conflict solving through joint club and community projects.

We are saying to young

people that where conflicts exist, come together, use the youth club as the umbrella to discuss the issues, and come up with a project that can build peace throughout the communities," the minister told JIS News in an interview.

Following the launch of the programme recently in St Thomas, the youth clubs are now able to grasp opportunities for financial support, training, mentorship and strengthening from the Youth Division in the ministry while also enabling young people to access programmes for their personal development.

It encourages youth to take charge and offer leadership

in their communities, and to actively get involved in community-development projects.

The state minister said the programme forms part of Jamaica 55 initiatives.

"Let us set a new paradigm; let us come together and look at joint projects across communities and clubs," he urged.

*[Jamaica Observer]*



### ✓ TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: 15TH NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Port of Spain, 30 October

2017 - THE issue of the radicalisation of youth will take center stage in the Parliament as young people take over the roles of Members of Parliament for one day to weigh in on this topic.

Tune in on Monday 30th October, 2017 at 10:00 AM as students from schools across our nation meet at the 15th National Youth Parliament to debate a Motion to "establish a Counter Radicalism Youth Policy that will identify the root causes of any attraction of radicalism and terrorism to young citizens and that will dissuade young citizens from becoming involved therein"

*[Trinidad Express  
Newspaper]*

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## ✓ BANGLADESH: 50 NOMINEES WERE SHORT-LISTED FROM 1,300 ORGANISATIONS

**Dhaka, 16 October 2017** - YOUNG Bangla, a youth platform of non-profit policy research organisation Centre for Research and Information (CRI), has selected top 50 youth-led organisations for Joy Bangla Youth Award 2017.

The CRI announced the

names of the 50 organisations, short-listed from 1,300 aspirants, on their Facebook page after a press briefing at a restaurant in Dhaka on Sunday.

Sabbir Bin Shams, executive director of CRI, said the Joy Bangla Award was not only a prize for

positive work, but also an initiative to encourage the youth to become entrepreneurs.

The authorities have short-listed sports organisations for the first time this year, he added. Joy Bangla Youth Award 2017 is scheduled to be held at

Sheikh Hasina National Youth Complex in Savar on October 20-21. Prime Minister's ICT Affairs Adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy will hand over the awards to 30 winners.

[Dhaka tribune]

## ✓ BRUNEI: BRUNEI CHEVENING YOUTH FORUM HELD AT UBD

**Bandar Seri Begawan, 15 October 2017** - TO provide a discussion platform for youth to venture into the emerging creative industry, the Chevening Brunei Association recently hosted the Brunei Chevening Youth Forum (BCYF) at the Core Residential College (The Core) of Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD).

Themed 'Unravelling the Creative Industry', the forum was attended by over 120 stakeholders from the local creative scene comprising the film, arts, performing arts, music, TV, design, handicrafts, publishing, advertising and architecture industries, among others to discuss the dynamics of and insights on

the local and regional creative industry and their impact on job creation and the economy.

"The goal of the forum is to open up discussions surrounding the creative industry ecosystem and bring about collective insights on what we need to do to shape and develop the industry progressively, driven by collaboration, community and passion," said Fatin Arifin, a 2013/2014 Chevening alumna and founder and convener of the Brunei Chevening Youth Forum.

Meanwhile, President of the Chevening Alumni Brunei and 2011/2012 Chevening alumnus, Matiin Kasim

commented, "The event aimed to showcase the emerging creative industry in Brunei and to provide a discussion platform for the youth who are interested to venture in the creative industry.

"The event will bring together established 'creativepreneurs', potential 'creativepreneurs' and relevant stakeholders who strive to develop the creative industry in Brunei."

Topics discussed during the forum include: unravelling the creative industry, commercialising creativity, and the creative industry ecosystem (with three areas being explored: industry collaboration, standards and

community development).

A total of 20 speakers representing over 17 organisations from the creative industry and organisations related to the creative industry participated in the forum.

Also present was Richard Lindsay, the British High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam.

The forum is funded by the Chevening Alumni Project Fund under the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and supported by the British High Commission and UBD Corporation Sdn Bhd.

[Borneo bulletin]

## ✓ CHINA: HOPE AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG

**Beijing, 12 October 2017** - CARRIE Lam called on the youth to participate in public affairs even as she vowed to address concerns about their future.

"Our community should understand more about their feelings and needs give them more support and create room for them to realize their potential," she said.

"In the next five years, we will strive to do our best in

youth development work by addressing their concerns about education, career pursuit and home ownership, and encourage their participation in politics, as well as public policy discussion and debate.

"In so doing, the younger generation will see hope and opportunities for upward mobility. This will, in turn, help address deep-rooted social conflicts."

Increase the overall ratio of youth members to 15 percent in various government committees within the current-term government.

The Youth Development Commission chaired by the chief secretary for administration will start its work in the first half of next year.

Plan the setting up of a commission on children in the middle of next year to gather relevant departments

and child-concern groups to address issues.

A HK\$12 billion hostel development fund to provide subsidies for universities to build dormitories faster.

Review the role and direction of self-financing post-secondary institutions and sub-degree programs by a task force led by former transport and housing chief Anthony Cheung Bing-leung.



To improve students' sense of national identity, Lam said Chinese history will become a compulsory subject in junior secondary starting next school year.

Naomi Ho Sze-wai, a Youth Policy Advocators member,

said Lam's youth policy does not respond to the real needs of the young generation.

"It's only a public relations tactic," she said, noting that youths have no real power as the committees are only

consultative. "Officials will also select pro-establishment and pro-Beijing elites as committee members," she said.

Education sector lawmaker Ip Kin-yuen said schools should be allowed to decide

how to teach the subject.

[The Standard]



### INDONESIA: MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS SUPPORT YOUNG GENERATION

**Jakarta, 13 October 2017** - THE demographic bonus with a high proportion of young generation which is predicted to happen in several years ahead will give many benefits to the national development.

However, the current condition shows there are many productive age people who are still less productive with the high number of unemployment up to 15.38% of the youth which totals 61.68 million people while many job opportunities are fulfilled by foreign workforce.

On the other hand, the capability of Indonesian youth is equivalent with that of the foreign workforce.

"There are 74,183 foreign workforce in Indonesia who have positions which are actually can be filled by Indonesian youth.

Truthfully, the capability of Indonesian youth is equivalent with that of the foreign workforce as shown by the high number of Indonesian youth that are admitted by foreign countries," said Acting Deputy for Youth Development Division, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Jonni Mardiza, on Thursday (12/10).

Those statements were delivered by Jonni during

the seminar entitled Indonesian Youth Socio-entrepreneur. This event is a part of series of competition entitled Indonesian Youth Socio-entrepreneur (SOPREMA) which was held by Youth Studies Centre (YOUSURE) Faculty of Social and Political Sciences UGM, collaborating with Ministry of Youth and Sports as well as Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI).

In the occasion, Jonni said in order to reduce the level of unemployment of the young generation, Ministry of Youth and Sports develops several entrepreneurship programs which include training and capital access support, such as 1,000 Capital Support, E-Commerce Training, Organic Farming Training and Manufacture Industry Programming Training.

"In addition, currently we strengthen the youth communities throughout Indonesia which have shown their commitment in socio-entrepreneurship, thus we give assistance and monitoring to their business sustainability," he added.

The cooperation with UGM through SOPREMA, according to Jonni, also encourages the goals of Ministry of Youth and Sports in filtering the

prospective young entrepreneurs who have high potential in establishing business and not only profit oriented but also can contribute to the society by providing job opportunities and other benefits.

Regarding the programs on manufacture industrial sector, UGM Vice-Rector of Research and Community Service Division, drg. Ika Dewi Ana, M.Kes., Ph.D. said as a socio-entrepreneur university, UGM has been developing entrepreneurship programs, including Innovative Academy, thus the students from various faculties can collaborate in developing products with assistance from Industry, such as Google.

Ika hopes this event can become one of the realizations of UGM's missions which is sustaining the national sovereignty. Aside from the main speech from Deputy of Ministry of Youth and Sports, this seminar also presented several keynote speakers, including Senior Vice President of BRI, Agus Rachmadi, and President Commissioner of Kumparan Media, Budiono Darsono, and President of 4.0 Komunitas Tangan di Atas, Mustofa Romdloni.

Agus Rachmadi said entrepreneurship can be done by anyone, even the uneducated people as long as they obtain supports from the right banking.

Meanwhile, Budiono Darsono reminds the Indonesian young generation to not easily give up in establishing their business, because successful business was born from a tough and creative entrepreneur.

On the other hand, Mustofa Romdloni emphasizes the importance of socio-entrepreneur to build a network with other entrepreneurs, thus they can learn from each other.

[The Jakarta Post]



## ✓ JORDAN: CROWN PRINCE URGES HOLISTIC YOUTH STRATEGY

**Amman, 19 October 2017** - HRH Crown Prince Hussein on Tuesday stressed the importance of developing a holistic strategy for youth to be implemented within a fixed timeframe, a Royal Court statement said.

During a visit to the Youth Ministry, the Crown Prince also stressed the need for “unconventional” training and development programmes at all youth centres across the Kingdom, as well as evaluating performance and achievement of such programmes every two months.

His Royal Highness highlighted the importance of partnership between the public and the private sectors to support youth initiatives, which, he said, contribute to the empowerment of youth, stimulate creativity and lead to better investment of young people’s potentials and the activation of their role in the comprehensive development process.

During the visit, Youth Minister Hadithah Khreisha briefed the Crown Prince on the progress made in the drafting of the National Strategy for Youth 2018-2025, expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Khreisha said that the ministry has formed consultative and technical committees with members from ministries, local community and relevant institutions.

The minister noted that young people were also involved in drawing up the

strategy, as 60,000 young men and women have responded to a questionnaire that targeted the age categories of 12-18 and 19-30.

The questionnaire focused on the needs and ambitions of young people, according to the minister.

Khreisha expressed the Jordanian youth’s pride of the prince’s recent speech that he delivered at the UN General Assembly meeting, which reflected the ambitions and concerns of youth.

The minister outlined the ministry’s programmes and activities concerning the youth centres it oversees across the Kingdom.

He also noted the ministry’s efforts to build youth potentials and pioneering skills.

The briefing also included the ministry’s programmes to protect young people from extreme ideologies and drugs.

*[The Star]*

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### ✓ BELGIUM: THIRD YOUTH AG SUMMIT

**Brussels, 9 October 2017** - THE third Youth Ag-Summit, October 9-13, 2017 in Brussels, Belgium, offered 100 bright young talents from around the world the opportunity to

tackle one of humanity's biggest challenges: how to feed a growing population in a more sustainable manner.

Organized by Bayer,

together with the two Belgian young farmers associations Groene Kring (GK) and Fédération des Jeunes Agriculteurs (FJA), the summit aims to address the UN Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs) to end hunger, achieve food security, and promote sustainable agriculture.

*[AgNewsWire]*

### ✓ DENMARK: YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN RURAL AREAS

**Copenhagen, 18 October 2017** - THE study visit to Egedal was organized by DYPALL Network in partnership with Ung Egedal (Municipality of Egedal).

This visit was the first implementation phase of the project "Youth Participation in Rural Areas" (YP Rural) that has the main goal of understanding the specific challenges to youth participation in rural and geographically remote areas, and exchange practices of involving youth in their communities.

The visit took place from the 9th to 12th October 2017 and brought to Egedal 18 participants from Latvia, Macedonia, Italy and Portugal. Those were intense working days where the realities of

the participating countries were shared, as well as got in touch with a programme called Musikstarter, that aims to support local musicians.

This programme is composed of music camps, where apart from a fee to cover some logistical costs, the youngsters can develop and practice their skills with participating artists.

It was developed in cooperation between youth schools, venues, music schools and primary schools.

The visit also allowed the participants to directly speak with young people that lead their own projects not only related with music, but also with advocacy messages to prevent bullying.

In order to provide a framework for these good examples, there was also a detailed presentation on the youth policy of Egedal, and the processes used to involve this demographic in its elaboration.

This presentation better inspired and allowed the participants to undertake a mapping exercise of the needs and challenges of youth participation in decision making in rural areas, in their own contexts.

There was also the opportunity to visit one of the 10 youth houses of Egedal, specifically focused on creative activities.

Specifically on the topic of ensuring the participation of rural youth in decision-making processes at the local level, there was

the opportunity to learn more about the role of equipped and capacitated youth houses in Denmark, which since the 1940s have had the history of assisting youth in the development of skills, and lately have been foster youth driven projects and assists in the development of their skills.

These are solid examples of community involvement and participation, as well as structures that help preventing social and economic exclusion, and problems that come from and because of it.

*[The Copenhagen Post]*

### ✓ LUXEMBOURG: JOHN MAXWELL TEAM GLOBAL YOUTH INITIATIVE TO SERVE 500,000

**Luxembourg City, 4 October 2017** - HALF a million young people will be served this coming October through The John Maxwell Team Global Youth Initiative.

The series of events are being held worldwide Monday, October 9 through Sunday, October 15, 2017, in large cities and small villages internationally. The John Maxwell Team Global Youth Initiative is an international movement

comprising hundreds of free community events with topics ranging from leadership development to anti-bullying, self-esteem and more to help the youth in communities around the world thrive.

This is targeted for youth in ages 8 to 18.

Here in Luxembourg, Annica Törneryd, of ACT2execed will host several events for youth during the week.

The events will be held at a time and location of your choice. You bring the youth to your venue,

I bring the teaching and a powerful and interactive workshop. Reach out to me TODAY to schedule your event. First come, first served, until my calendar is full!

Two events are open to the public, where you can register your teenager for a fun and interactive

workshop that will boost self-confidence and help build a strong personal character.

All details are found here: English workshop, and French workshop.



The events will be on the below-listed topics, and can be presentations and workshops from 30 minutes, up to a full day of interaction:

- Developing a Positive Self Image
- Learning to Fail Forward to Success
- Stand Up & Be Counted

(Stop Bullying)

- Developing Strong
  - Personal Character
- Through The John Maxwell Team Global Youth Initiative, we have the chance to influence tomorrow's leaders today and equip them well to do so. As my mentor, John Maxwell says, "leadership

develops daily, not in a day". Our goal is to spark an intentional and lifelong leadership interest in today's youth.

As certified members take to their communities to make a difference, events will be happening all around the world! Now is

your chance to participate in this wonderful event. Reach out to me and let's collaborate. You bring the youth to your venue, and I bring the workshop!

[Point24]

### ✓ TURKEY: YOUTH FOSTERED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN HALFETI YOUTH

**Şanlıurfa, 12 October 2017** - HALFETI Youth Camp in Halfeti, Şanlıurfa within the scope of the "Strengthening Social Stability in Southeast Anatolia" project, financed by the Government of Japan and carried out with the technical support of United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in collaboration with GAP Regional Development Administration has completed.

Through organizing two camps with the participation of about 130 Turkish and Syrian students, it was aimed to strengthening the social cohesion between youth and to develop ideas together for sustainable development goals.

The youth camp organized in Halfeti, where history and nature meet, stands out

as an important social activity supporting the exchange of experiences and ideas among university students from Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Kilis and Hatay, the regions mostly populated by Syrians.

GAP Regional Development Administration Vice President Mehmet Açıkgöz and UNDP Country Director Claudio Tomasi attended the closing ceremony held on the last day of camp. In his speech Tomasi said:

"Within our project, UNDP's response serves to both host communities and Syrians, noting the need of both population groups and aiming to enhance peaceful coexistence.

Yet competency

development programs like these social activities particularly for youth and women play key role in promoting social cohesion between Syrians and host community members. These activities remind us the need for host communities and Syrians to thrive, not just survive.

We will continue to work closely with the government, national and local partners to deliver on building resilience for the individuals, communities and institutions most affected by the Syria crisis."

The themes of workshops on camps where many activities such as concerts, boat trips, games and city trips took place were Sustainable Development Goals, otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a

universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

The young people participating the camps developed ideas through workshops in areas such as responsible consumption and production, accessible and clean energy, gender equality and partnerships for goals.

The project aims to provide economic and social stability in the Southeastern Anatolia Region stands out with its activities supporting social cohesion, cultural exchange and solidarity.

[Habertürk]

### ✓ UKRAINE: THE YOUTH INNOVATION FACTORY FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Kiev, 9 October 2017** - 100 youth from across Ukraine participated in U-Inn camp where they showed innovative solutions to solving local community issues, and promoting participation and human rights. They also took part in training in project management, project implementation, and worked with experts to help them develop their ideas.

[Kyiv Post]



## ✓ FIJI: YOUTH INITIATIVES DRIVE SOCIAL CHANGE: TUITUBOU

**Suva, 14 October 2017** - YOUTH initiatives are often seen as a driving force behind social change and an inspiration to others, says Fiji's Minister for Youth and Sports Laisenia Tuitubou.

Mr Tuitubou made this statement while participating in a two-day International Ministerial Meeting of Ministers,

Secretaries, and Head of Departments responsible for national youth policy that was held in Moscow, Russia, this week.

He said the ministry was committed to continuously empower youths to become agents of change and take a lead role in advocating for the issues faced worldwide and the recent impact and effects of climate change.

"The ministry continues to provide equal opportunities to youths in Fiji and assist them in finding solutions to the challenges they face," Mr Tuitubou said.

"Next month, Fiji takes up the chair of the 23rd Conference of Parties on Climate Change (COP 23), recognising the impact a small island developing State can have.

"We recognise the

importance of our marine environment being an important part of our culture, development, and progress as a nation. We reinforce the definition of the life that we lead hence the slogan 'Our Sea of Islands' as opposed to 'Our Island in the Sea'."

*[The Fiji Times Online]*

## ✓ GUAM: EMPOWERING THE YOUTH

**Hagåtña, 15 October 2017** - MORE than 20 students from Tiyan High School taking Eileen Meno's World Language 301 Planning and Organization class had an opportunity to expand their cultural horizons during a workshop featuring acclaimed indigenous dance troupe Dancing Earth.

Dancing Earth is a professional dance troupe based out of New Mexico, composed of collaborators from indigenous cultures around the world.

Led by founding artistic director Rulan Tangen, Dancing Earth has presented movement art pieces, theater, dance training intensives and workshops around the United States and the globe.

Last week, they toured Guam as part of a special presentation organized by Humanities Guahån, hosting workshops, performances and community speaking engagements all over the island.

At Tiyan High School, Meno's class learned

directly from the professional dancers, gaining firsthand experience of the contemporary Native American expression that has brought Dancing Earth fame.

The students learned choreography that had been passed down from generations of Native Americans, as well as the modern movements Dancing Earth created to honor Native American and indigenous traditions.

After teaching the students choreography based on grass circle dances that indigenous peoples did in the Great Plains, Tangen said the workshop was part of her approach to "indigenizing" the space students occupied.

The dance one of many the students learned mimicked the way Great Plains cultures gently flattened grass to make way for their camps.

"By using our memory, our imagination, our instinct and intuition we can transform what's around us.

How I move in that circle is an indigenized way rather than just doing what I'm told to do and thinking how I'm told to think and listening to history how it's told to me.

I can retain that from within myself and I can activate it and animate it and bring it to life through my movements."

Meno's students have been going through an indigenizing process of their own, learning about CHamoru culture and how it fits into the wider Micronesian region. For many of the students, last week's workshop was both fun and eye-opening.

Kimberly Perez said life was "dull" before her cultural awakening, but as a two-year member of local dance troupe Irensia Taotao Tano, she's found a positive outlet for her expression.

And it wouldn't have been possible without the things she learned in Meno's class.

"My feeling towards my culture went as far as me calling myself CHamoru,

but then as I learned it goes beyond that.

Just calling yourself CHamoru, that's not it, you have to learn and know how your people lived before, how they acted, what the roots were."

She likened her experience with Dancing Earth to a major cultural event on island that occurred in 2016.

Jacob Babauta, a senior, found out just how agile and strong professional movement artists have to be during the workshop.

His stamina was put to the test squatting, reaching and twisting in ways he was not used to.

*[The Guam Daily Post]*



## ✓ MICRONESIA: FSM YOUTH FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**Palikir, 15 October 2017** - THE Forum Lecture will provide insights onto the FSM Youth for SDGs Initiative, which seeks to recruit youth as future leaders and promote their

active participation and advocacy through a series of workshops and discussion groups focused on the 2030 Global Agenda and the United Nations Sustainable Development

Goals. Today's session is the first of a series of 5 sessions, and will focus on introducing the main goals and concepts of the FSM Youth for the

SDGs initiative.

[FSM Government News]

## ✓ NEW ZEALAND: YOUNG KIWI RESILIENCE CELEBRATED

**Wellington, 19 October 2017** - AN inspiring group of 15 extraordinary young New Zealanders, youth leaders, mentors and volunteers have been honoured for their courage, determination and community contribution, as part of the Graeme Dingle Foundation's 2017 Excellence Awards held at Auckland's Government House last night.

The evening acknowledged the significant accomplishments of these successful young Kiwis, many who have climbed big mountains to build resilience and self-belief in their lives.

It was also a celebration of

more than 24,000 students, their mentors, leaders and volunteers who have been involved in the Foundation's various youth development programmes over the previous 12 months including Kiwi Can, Stars, Career Navigator and Project K. The Foundation's namesake, mountaineer and outdoor education pioneer, Sir Graeme Dingle, says the Awards are an important opportunity to showcase inspiring young people who exemplify the goals and values of the Foundation.

"Our goal is to transform young lives forever, with a vision that all young people can be confident contributors to New

Zealand. By the year 2025, our mission is to have helped 50,000 young people in our programmes each year. It's nights like this which serve as a strong reminder that investing in our country's young people is the best investment New Zealand can make.

"The awards highlight not only some of the circumstances and harsh realities a lot of our Kiwi kids face, but most importantly, celebrates their courage and resilience to be able to come out the other side too.

"It's these young people who will serve as role

models to those in similar situations, helping us to challenge others to change their perceptions of what they think they can achieve.

And for that, they absolutely deserve recognition. We could not be more proud of each and every one of our winners," concludes Sir Graeme. For those who attended, the evening was an opportunity to hear, first-hand, the personal experiences of a number of graduates who had taken part in the Foundation's transformational journey, and the positive impact it has had on their lives.

[Scoop.co.nz]

## ✓ VANUATU: PACIFIC WEEK OF AGRICULTURE OPENS IN VANUATU

**Port Vila, 15 October 2017** - VANUATU is hosting the one-week event from October 16 to 20 in partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The intensive week of meetings will see international and regional participants explore innovations, discuss challenges and look for ways to protect and expand agriculture in the Pacific.

With support from the Technical Centre for

Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), over 30 participants from the Caribbean, Africa and other Pacific countries are expected to take part in the event.

Activities will conclude on Vanuatu's Iririki Island, with two major regional agriculture forums .

The Special Session of the Heads of Agriculture and Forestry (HOAFs) on October 19, and the Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry (MOAFs) meeting on October 20. At the MOAF meeting,

ministers are expected to endorse the new FAO five-year plan for its 14 Pacific Island member countries and territories.

At the same meeting, a landmark initiative for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) known as the Global Action Programme on Food Security and Nutrition for SIDS, will be introduced.

Vanuatu's Minister for Agriculture, Matai Seremaiah Nawalu has highlighted the Government of Vanuatu's goal for PWA 2017 of elevating the

awareness of agriculture to its rightful place as a major driver of Pacific economies. "I believe that PWA 2017 can provide the appropriate platform for regional collaboration, knowledge sharing and partnership," Minister Nawalu says.

"We certainly look forward to hearing from the experiences of other Pacific nations and from our Caribbean colleagues who face very similar challenges."



Minister Nawalu also acknowledged recent events in Ambae, which have resulted in the displacement of well over 10,000 people due to volcanic activity.

“Recent events perfectly demonstrate the challenges that face our peoples.

“The situation on Ambae is an example of our need to explore ideas and expand conversations beyond Vanuatu borders to ensure our country and our region remain global examples of resilient communities.”

Supporting the Minister’s sentiments, SPC’s Deputy Director General Dr Audrey Aumua says SPC is grateful to its valued member, the Government of Vanuatu and commends its leadership in the coordination of the first ever Pacific Week of Agriculture, particularly in the wake of recent events on Ambae.

“We are pleased to support this historic initiative given serious challenges faced by our member countries in the pursuit of food and nutrition security,” she says.

*[Vanuatu Times]*

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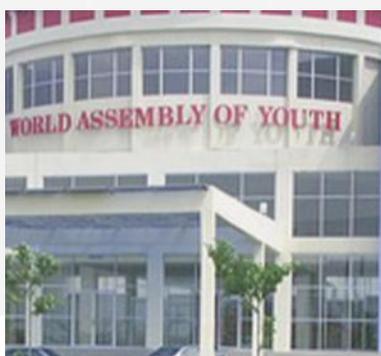
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