



**15<sup>TH</sup> MIYD**

**MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE**



**Youth & Armed Conflict:**  
To Express Without A Fear, To Progress Without A Threat

**22<sup>ND</sup> TO 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015**

**MELAKA, MALAYSIA**

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## BACKGROUND

The Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is an annual programme of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) which brings together young people, youth leaders and relevant stakeholders from around the world to discuss pertinent youth issues. Since 2001, the MIYD has convened on a wide range of tropical issues. The MIYD has witnessed an escalating number of youth participants over the years willing to participate in the decision making process. With the view of building a stronger partnership between the youth and the society, the MIYD produces a declaration which serves as a guideline for youth to address the selected issues.



## INTRODUCTION

*"Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die".*

*- Herbert Hoover, 1944 –*

For the past 14 years, MIYD has been focusing on several youth issues which directly or indirectly affect the daily lives of youth. This year the theme for the MIYD is on 'Youth and Armed Conflict: To Express Without A Fear, To Progress Without A Threat'. Armed conflict is defined as a contested incompatibility which concerns government and/or territory where the use of armed force between two parties, of which at least one is the government of a state.

Children and youth represent the majority of the population in most countries affected by armed conflicts and are thus disproportionately affected by war. Their suffering bears many faces - they are recruited as child soldiers, are killed and maimed, deprived of education and health care, and separated from their families. Sexual violence is increasingly a characteristic of conflict with detrimental long-term psychological effects on children and youth.

Where wars erupt, suffering and hardship invariably follow. Conflict is the breeding ground for mass violations of human rights including unlawful killings, torture, forced displacement and starvation. The fact that the issue of armed conflict has reached its epic point in recent days is the underlined reason of this year MIYD focusing on it taking into consideration that young people comprised half of the world population.

## THEME

Henceforth, we have made it a point to focus on **‘Youth and Armed Conflict: To Express Without A Fear, To Progress Without A Threat’** as our theme for this year MIYD. This theme has been realized to fulfill the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating armed conflict and promoting sustainable conflict free environment. This 15<sup>th</sup> MIYD will emphasize in the attainment of the sustainable conflict free generation in which youth will be given opportunity to express and progress themselves free from fear and threat.

An interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth in the different levels of society that they represent. Therefore, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, public and private sector officers, media persona and NGO / CSO representatives will gather to call for action and structure experience on the issue of Youth and Armed Conflict and chart a course towards its solution. The outcome document will also enhance youth contribution towards a better and sustainable future of a conflict free generation.

## OBJECTIVES

During the dialogue all participants will gather to address and call for action on the following objectives:

- To raise an informative generation on the current situation of youth and armed conflicts with anticipated behaviour adaptation and consequently admission to decision making amongst youth;
- To foster youth action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of the societies;
- To address the determinants and impact of armed conflicts amongst youth;
- To promote equality of opportunities and facilities between young men and women;
- To formulate the environmental, political, economic and cultural factors that are associated with peace building and disarmaments in ensuring young people’s right to live in harmony;
- To ascertain the obligations of society to respect, protect and fulfil the right of young people to live, express and improve themselves without fear and threat.
- To classify the role and the contribution of the national youth councils and other stakeholders towards improving and sustaining resourceful policies in combating armed conflict and promoting sustainable conflict free environment;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing youth and their right to live in peace for the present and future;
- To integrate networking, collaboration and cooperation between public and private sectors, civil societies and other stakeholders to address the issue of youth and armed conflict;

## ORGANISERS

The MIYD is organized by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in collaboration with the Melaka State Government, Asian Youth Council, Malaysian Youth Council and Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia).



## PARTICIPANTS

Expected participants should be between the ages of 18 and 35, gender balanced groups representing the respective National Youth Councils, Youth Organizations, Ministries of Youth, Ministries of Defense, Disarmaments and Peace Building related organisations, international organizations and other establishments. The total number of participants in this programme shall be 200 from at least 80 different countries.

## REGISTRATION

All willing participants must fill in the enclosed application form, which is also available in our website and submit the filled form to the organising committee via the email of [miyd@way.org.my](mailto:miyd@way.org.my). Deadline for submission of application is set for **Friday, 05<sup>th</sup> June 2015**. The admission of each application will be determined within 3 working days from the submission.

## PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The Dialogue will commence on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 until Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015. **The participants are expected to arrive on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015 and depart on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

The Dialogue agenda comprises of the following components:

- Plenary sessions compose of introductory speeches and papers, regional views today, and personal views of youth based on the mentioned theme;
- Workshops are brainstorming sessions for participants. In this session, emphasis is made

that there is no debate, no criticism, and no cross talk. Instead we call for suggestions and note them, all of them, and later prioritize the list of suggestions to come up with a long term based declaration. The "brainstorm" is very structured and focused and the participants must learn and practice the ground rules;

- Business meetings and networking dinners;
- Field trips and / or cultural tours.

## **REGISTRATION FEES**

The MIYD participation fee of USD 200.00 (Malaysian RM700.00) inclusive of registration fee, accommodation, food and local transportation shall be levied on all participants. Accommodation shall be based on twin sharing basis. The Dialogue organisers will **not** provide accommodation, meals or transportation **before or after the mentioned dates**. For any other preferences there shall be an additional fee therefore, kindly contact the Organising Committee.

For bank transfer, kindly remit the fee in advance to our bank account as follows and provide proof of payment of transfer;

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>World Assembly of Youth</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>5040-1282-8298</b>
<b>Bank Name:</b>	<b>Maybank</b>
<b>Branch Name:</b>	<b>Jalan Munshi Abdullah</b>
<b>City:</b>	<b>Melaka</b>
<b>Country:</b>	<b>Malaysia</b>
<b>Swift Code:</b>	<b>MBBEMYKL</b>

WAY accepts payments upon arrival. Payments by cash, kindly indicate on the application form for official acceptance on arrival. For other modes of payment kindly contact the Organizing Committee.

## PROGRAMME

The program for the MIYD shall be as below. Specific details on Speakers and Facilitators shall be provided in due course.

Date	Time	Agenda	Venue	Dress Code
21 <sup>st</sup> June	All Day	Arrival and Registration	KLIA/LCCT- Hotel	Casual
	1900HRS	<b>Ice Breaking Session</b>	Hotel	Casual
	2000HRS	Welcoming Dinner	Hotel	Casual
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>	Hotel	Formal
	1030HRS	VIP Press Conference	Hotel	Formal
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Casual
	1045HRS	<b>PLENARY SESSION 1: <i>Impact of armed conflict on young people!</i></b>	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Casual



	1400HRS	<b>PLENARY SESSION 2:</b> <i>Opportunities and Challenges Towards Attaining A Conflict Free Generation</i>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1530HRS	Refreshments	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	1545HRS	<b>PLENARY SESSION 3:</b> <i>The Significance Influence Of CSOs and NGOs in Combating Armed Conflict</i>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	1800HRS	<b>Cultural Performances</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual / Traditional Attire
	2000HRS	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	0800HRS	Breakfast	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	0900HRS	<b>Workshop:</b> <i>The role of public and private sector, NGOs, media, society and young people in achieving, a sustainable conflict free generation.</i>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	1045HRS	Workshop (Continues)	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	1400HRS	Workshop (Continues)	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual

	1530HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Casual
	1545HRS	Workshop: <b>Group Presentations</b>	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	2000HRS	Dinner	Hotel	Casual
	2200HRS	<b>Drafting Committee Meeting</b>	Hotel	Casual
<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	Presentation of 15 <sup>th</sup> MIYD Draft Declaration	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Casual
	1045HRS	<b>Adoption of 15<sup>th</sup> MIYD Declaration</b>	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Casual
	1400HRS	<b>Field Trips / Cultural Tours</b>	Melaka	Casual / MIYD T-shirt
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	2000HRS	<b>Farewell Gala Dinner and Closing Ceremony</b>	Hotel	Formal/Traditional Attire

<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	0800HRS	Breakfast	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	All Day	Departures	<b>Hotel - KLIA/LCCT</b>	Casual