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**YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN SUCCESSION:  
PAST AND FUTURE**

# **REPORT**

**XVI GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**‘YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION: PAST AND  
FUTURE’**

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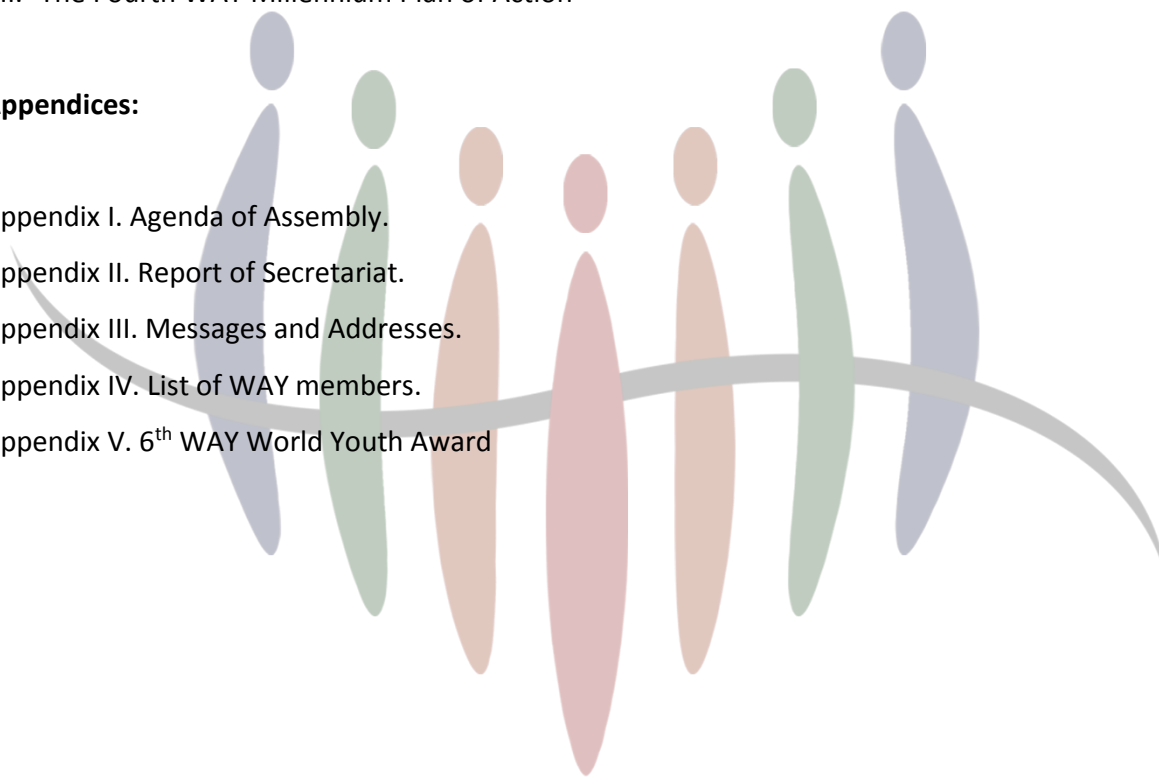
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## **I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW**

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), for the first time in history, held its 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Tirana, Albania from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The Assembly was attended by over 200 participants from over 50 different member countries and various international organisations.

The theme of this XVI General Assembly was “Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future”. This theme had been chosen to draw attention to the importance of youth leadership- possession taking into consideration the fact that youth, worldwide, amount for approximately 3 billion people, making up almost half of the global population.

Never has it been clearer that young people hold a critical role in leading initiatives and developing policies especially when they make up such substantial portion of the overall world population. In fact, inclusion of young people in the design, implementation and evaluation of youth related development and leadership programmes, policies and services can ultimately result in more effective and sustainable solutions.

Thus, it goes without doubt that many programmes and policies developed should continue to focus on developing leadership skills in young people and encouraging their contribution and participation. WAY shall continue to promote the importance of youth leadership through its members at all levels.

### **AGENDA 1: OPENING CEREMONY**

The **Prime Minister of Albania**, H. E. Edi Rama, inaugurated the 16<sup>th</sup> WAY General Assembly. He thanked WAY for inviting him to officially open the General Assembly and also thanked all delegates for attending 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of WAY and welcomed everyone to Tirana, Albania. He stated that: “It is also important to note that today being the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 is the National Youth Day of Albania, and it is a remarkable day for the youth to change the course of events and make history.”

He then, congratulated Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, WAY President for choosing Albania as the host country for this General Assembly. He went on saying that “This Assembly is an assembly of good citizens! The more good citizens we have, the more confident we become for a better and brighter future. The good citizens are the guarantee that we can make changes. They are also the guarantee that the government does not remain unobserved. They also help to criticize bad policies and they remain included in the fortunes of our community.”

**WAY President**, Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, welcomed all present to the 16<sup>th</sup> WAY General Assembly. In his speech he mentioned that "... today young people are our tomorrow leaders. WAY will continue to be a lighthouse for its member organizations and other youth organizations in serving to chart and navigate the path for the new generation".

He went on saying that "Leadership, my fellow WAY Members, is not a position; it is an action. While management is about doing things right, leadership is about doing the right things. The very essence of Leadership is that you have to have visions. Similarly, my friends, Succession is meaningless without vision, experience and decades-long of genuine and truthful conviction towards WAY before and in the future."

Furthermore, the next remark was given by the **Minister of Social Welfare and Youth**, Hon. Erion Veliaj who said that "... the issue of leadership begins when you are inspired by successful people and that serves them as a model to follow". He went on saying that "Leadership is not commanding, leadership is not management, leadership is not telling, and it is not yelling, leadership is leadership." He hoped that in this event, young people would find their inspirations.

Remarks were delivered by Mr. Andrew Rabens, **Special Adviser for Global Youth Issues, and Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs**, USA, who focused his speech on three main topics: The Moment We Are Living in, The Role of US in Creating Leadership and Youth Leadership.

Moreover, **WAY Goodwill Ambassador**, Miss Masiela Lusha also noted during her speech that since its conception, the World Assembly of Youth has stood as a united force to drive global change. In accordance with the theme of the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, she said: "To lead is also to re-imagine, to invent, and to create. To lead is to define the future, to establish a new reality that fits the betterment of society".

Welcoming remark were given by Ms. Ediola Pashollari, the **Secretary General** of WAY, who expressed her gratitude to all the participants, speakers and observers and welcomed them at the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and in Albania. She mentioned that "WAY has also provided many opportunities for youth leaders around the globe to exchange ideas and experiences, helping to coordinate international and regional programs and promote an understanding among them without any prejudices of race, gender, beliefs or socio-political national background."

Opening Ceremony of the World Assembly of Youth was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Tirana International Hotel in Tirana, Albania. The Assembly continued its working agenda with the presentation of some important topics pertaining to Youth Leadership. A special moment of the

event was the delivery of the statements of solidarity, messages from head of states, governments, UN Agencies and international organizations.

## **AGENDA 2: AMENDMENTS TO THE WAY CHARTER**

The Assembly adopted that there were no amendments made to the charter.

## **AGENDA 3: ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was adopted with no amendments.

## **AGENDA 4: ADOPTION OF RULES AND PROCEDURES AND BY-LAWS**

The Rules of Procedure and By-laws were adopted and the Assembly forwarded it to be further discussed and elaborated by the election and Credential Committee

## **AGENDA 5: ELECTION OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

The Credential Committee determined the status of each member countries and the Term of Reference was prepared. The Assembly elected the Credential Committee.

**Credential Committee: Chaired by Mr. Donald T. Charumbira, Former Secretary General of WAY**

- National Youth and Social Welfare Council, Bangladesh
- National Youth Council of Namibia, Namibia
- Malaysia Youth Council, Malaysia

## **AGENDA 6: FORMATION OF ELECTION COMMITTEE**

**Election Committee: Chaired by Rt. Hon. Tan Seri Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam, Former President of WAY**

- Malaysia Youth Council, Malaysia
- Moroccan Youth Workers, Morocco
- Rwanda National Youth Council, Rwanda

## **AGENDA 7:       FORMATION OF COMMISSIONS**

The Assembly formally agreed on the formation of Commission to discuss and deliberate on the various issues pertaining to WAY and its member countries. The Assembly elected the following:

**Development, Political and Administrative Commission: Chaired by Hon. Ole Lovig Simonsen, Former President of WAY**

- Albanian Youth Council, Albania
- National Youth and Social Welfare Council, Bangladesh
- Botswana National Youth Council, Botswana
- Mongolian Youth Federation, Mongolia
- Moroccan Youth Workers, Morocco
- National Youth Council of Nigerian, Nigeria
- General Sudanese Students Union, Sudan

## **AGENDA 8:       ADOPTION OF WAY REPORT**

The report listed the activities since year 2010-2014. Report was also presented by WAY President, Vice Presidents and Executive Committee Members. WAY Secretary General reported on the achievements of WAY and its Secretariat for the past 4 years.

## **AGENDA 9:       ADOPTION OF WAY FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Financial report was adopted.

## **AGENDA 10:      ELECTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2014-2018**

The assembly were briefed by the President that all details and eligibility on the nominations and management of the election to be discussed in the Credential Committee and the Election Committee. It was accepted and announced that election of a President (one post), Vice President (5 posts), and Executive Members (7 posts). The Assembly agreed on the appointment of members to the Election Committee.

## **AGENDA 11:      ADOPTION OF THE MILLENNIUM PLAN OF ACTION**

The Fourth Millennium Plan of Action was adopted.



## **II. THE COMMISSIONS AND ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS**

The Assembly organization was based on the work of the Commissions, formed to discuss relevant issues and resolutions while suggesting special actions programmes before being proposed, discussed and considered by the Assembly. The following recommendations of the Commissions and Committee appear as they were adopted by the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.



# 16<sup>th</sup> WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY) GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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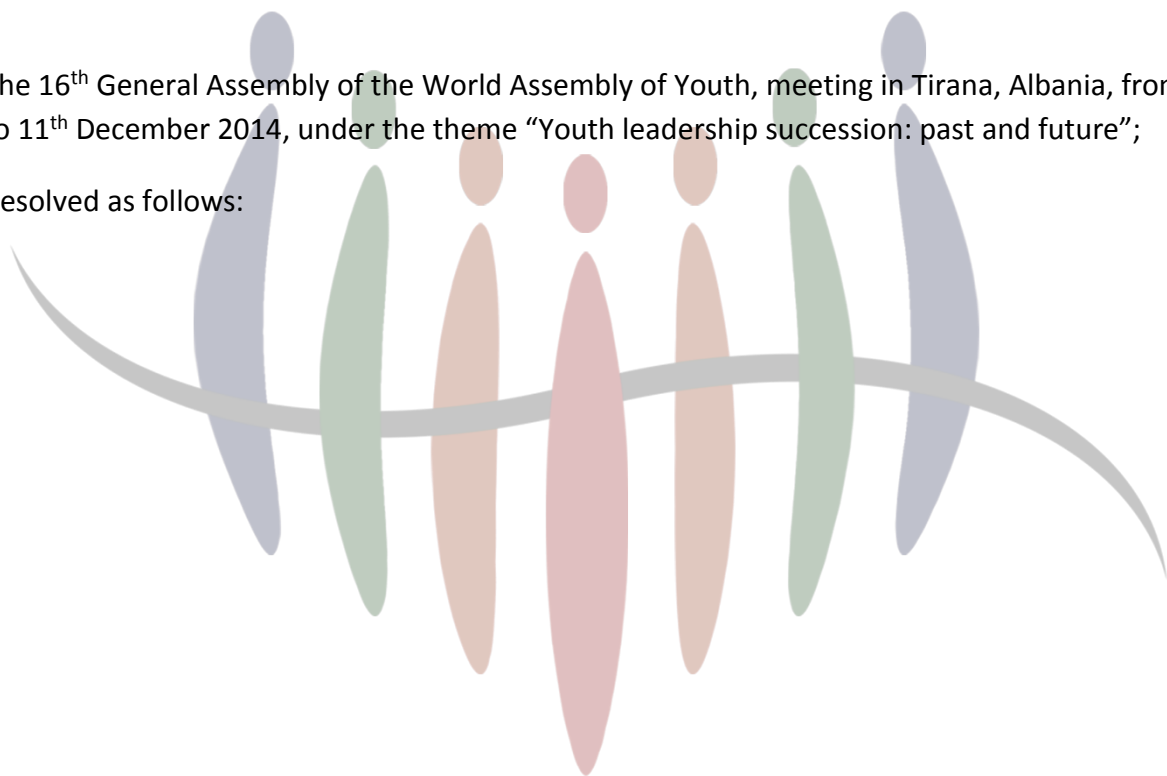
December 07<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## **‘YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION: PAST AND FUTURE’**

### **DECLARATION OF THE XVI WAY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth, meeting in Tirana, Albania, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014, under the theme “Youth leadership succession: past and future”;

Resolved as follows:





### III. RESOLUTIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

#### CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. Encourage youth to advocate on climate change including governments and civil society to undertake reforestation activities, such as the *One Youth – One Tree* campaign;
2. Advocate for environmental protection and mediation consistent with international environmental standards including relevant global and regional authorities;
3. Advocate and encourage the protection of global water resources ;
4. Advocate for governments and civil society to address air pollution issues globally through implementing public awareness campaigns;
5. Establish monitoring programs which assess and make government and civil society accountable for their environmental activities and their implications;
6. Encourage governments to allocate appropriate budget resources to environmental activities and protection;
7. Encourage youth to promote and advocate for low carbon emission policies in their respective countries;
8. Advocate and campaign for the implementation of 'green policies' for their respective nations, such as the promotion of clear and effective policies for recycling, bio-production and similar issues.

#### EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. Encourage youth skill development through initiatives and projects aimed at business, home management, technical and soft skills development;
2. Promote and advocate for member countries governments to implement national employment policies and action plans which are supportive of youth needs;
3. Promote and support the creation of social enterprises while facilitating the creation of conducive environments for their success;
4. Facilitate linkage between youth and government agencies, financial institutions, private sector, trade unions;

5. Encourage and advocate for the development and support of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including addressing the issues of;
  - a. Access to opportunities and leverage on resource opportunities;
  - b. Capacity building.
6. Facilitate opportunities for the development and distribution of SME products to local, regional and international markets.

## **LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. Assist countries to establish youth leadership training and development programs;
2. Encourage mentorship, coaching and youth exchange programs;
3. Identify, encourage and reward youth workers;
4. Recommend active involvement and youth participation in their country governance;
5. Adopt gender sensitive policies and campaigns to support women leadership internally and within WAY member countries;
6. Create a sustainable environment for active youth participation in leadership and decision-making roles.

## **HEALTH**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. Involve youth in advocacy for the prevention and dealing with diseases and illnesses such as HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Ebola and others;
2. Conduct health training and capacity building based on the local needs;
3. Advocate for better response mechanisms by relevant health agencies;
4. Advocate for the greater allocation of national budgets for health sector;
5. Advocate for greater accountability and transparency in the expenditure of national health budget;
6. Advocate for greater expenditure on the research and development of vaccines and cures for high impact diseases;
7. Promote healthy living and productive lifestyles campaigns and projects for implementation in their respective countries.

## **AGRICULTURE**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. Encourage youth participation in agriculture as source of livelihood and employment;
2. Empower the youth through access to land for family farming;
3. Assist on the establishment of agricultural support groups, including land reform and resettlement;
4. Promote the development of social services and networks which support regional and rural development to address internal migration issues;
5. Promote the development of skills and allocation of funding on activities which support youth participation in agricultural activities;
6. Advocate for the reduction of pesticides and chemical agricultural production through the promotion of 'green farming practices' including bio and organic production, no-GMO.

## **EDUCATION**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. Promote the realignment of educational system to meet the contemporary needs of the youth;
2. Advocate for the promotion and recognition of international standards relating to alternative, vocational education and volunteerism;
3. Promote the establishment of efficient data collection and statistical information on social economic indicators for youth development ;
4. Promote the establishment of educational infrastructure which enables education access by minority and vulnerable groups;
5. Promote the establishment of public/private partnerships to implement practical skills and human value based training.

## **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Recommendations:

WAY should

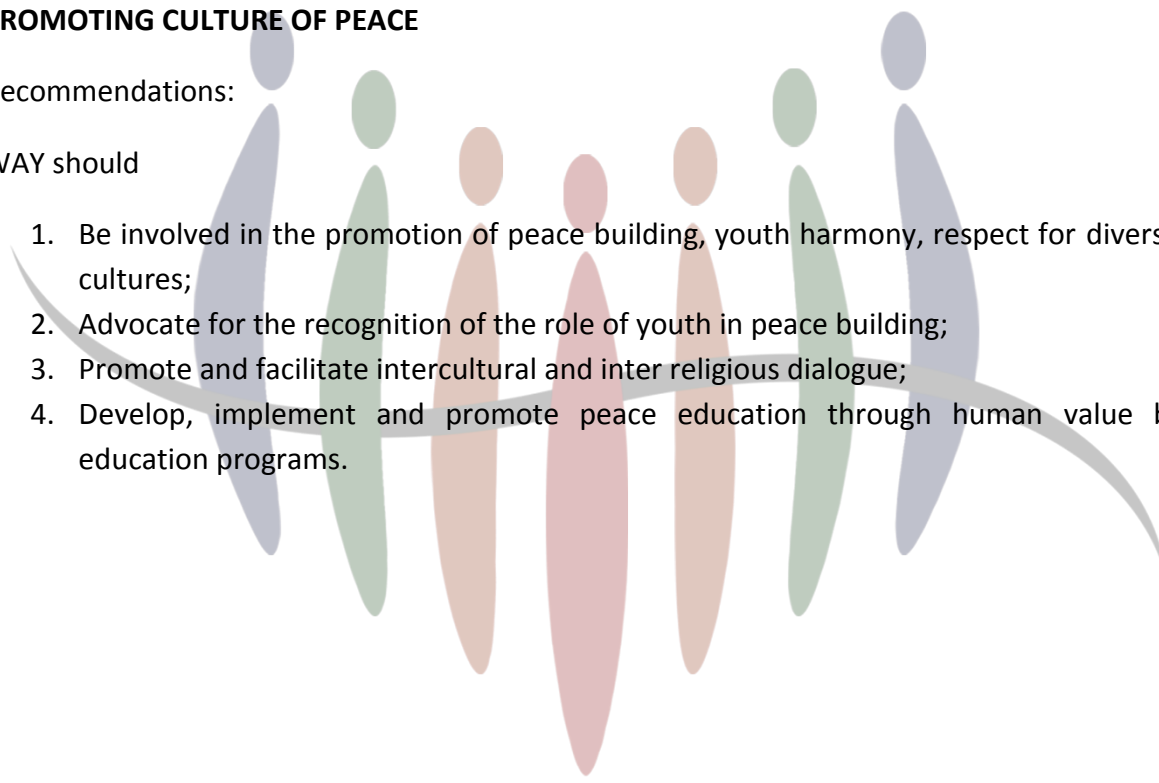
1. Encourage their local government to be accountable for the people;
2. Promote and advocate for transparency and accountability in governmental and non-governmental activities in their respective countries;
3. Promote youth participation in the budgeting and policy implementation for governmental activities

## **PROMOTING CULTURE OF PEACE**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. Be involved in the promotion of peace building, youth harmony, respect for diversity of cultures;
2. Advocate for the recognition of the role of youth in peace building;
3. Promote and facilitate intercultural and inter religious dialogue;
4. Develop, implement and promote peace education through human value based education programs.



#### IV. RESOLUTIONS OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION

THE XVI WAY General Assembly declares as follows:

1. We call for the acceleration in the implementation of national action plans to address climate change;
2. We are concerned with the emergence of ideological extremism and condemned the use of violence as a mean towards ideological ends;
3. We urge for more youth participation in policy and decision-making, in particular in parliament;
4. We appeal for governments and civil society to undertake peaceful conflict resolution in times of crisis in a consensual political approach;
5. We emphasize the sanctity of territorial integrity and national sovereignty as enshrined in the UN charter;
6. We are concerned with violent conflicts, civil strife and human rights abuses in conflict countries and we encourage their peaceful resolution;
7. We call for the removal of economic sanctions which are not endorsed by the United Nations;
8. Support the establishment of democratic practices and principles;
9. We call for the immediate international disarmament of weapons of mass destruction and the control against proliferation of light arms and ammunition;
10. We condemn from illegal child labor practices, trafficking and child marriage;
11. We call for action against unfair labor practice and modern day slavery;
12. We reiterate our full support for the letter and spirit of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

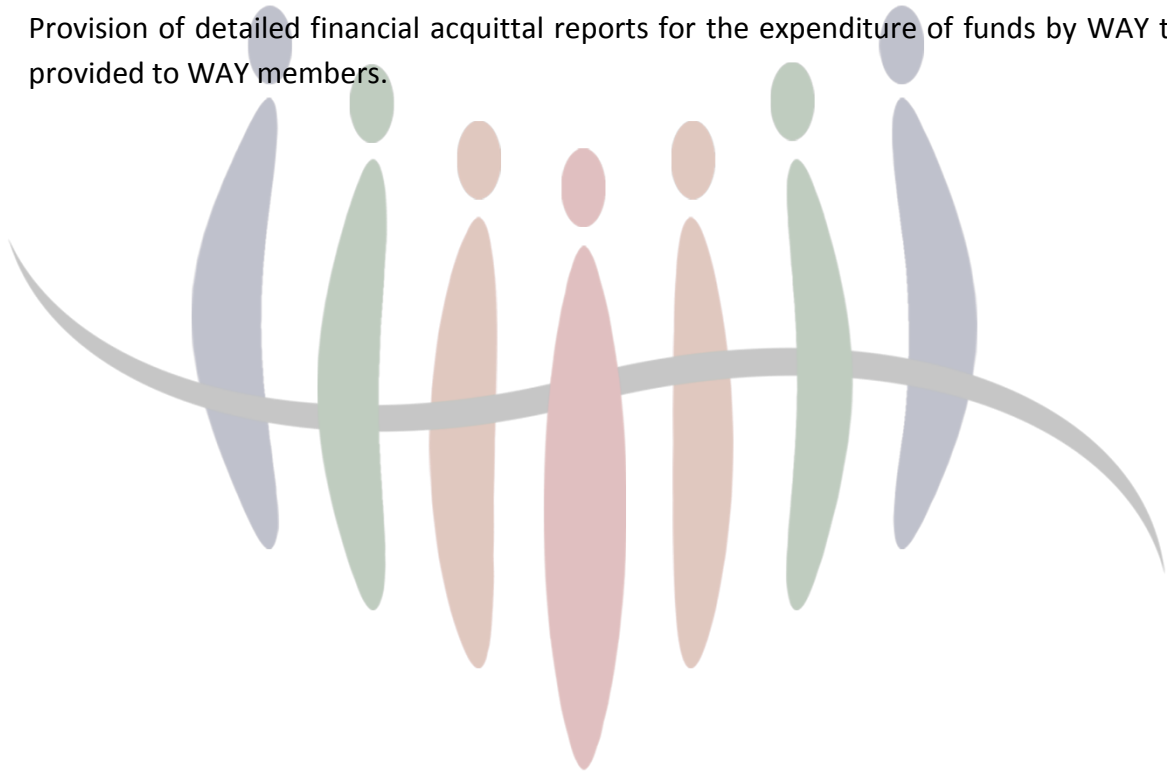
## V. RESOLUTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

THE XVI WAY General Assembly decides that:

- Full grievance on existing provisions.

Additional recommendation to be included:

- We decide that WAY should create a pool of experts and trainers to advise on specific thematic areas which are identifiable through the establishment of a WAY database tool;
- Establishment of a pass force to identify potential funding sources;
- Provision of detailed financial acquittal reports for the expenditure of funds by WAY to be provided to WAY members.



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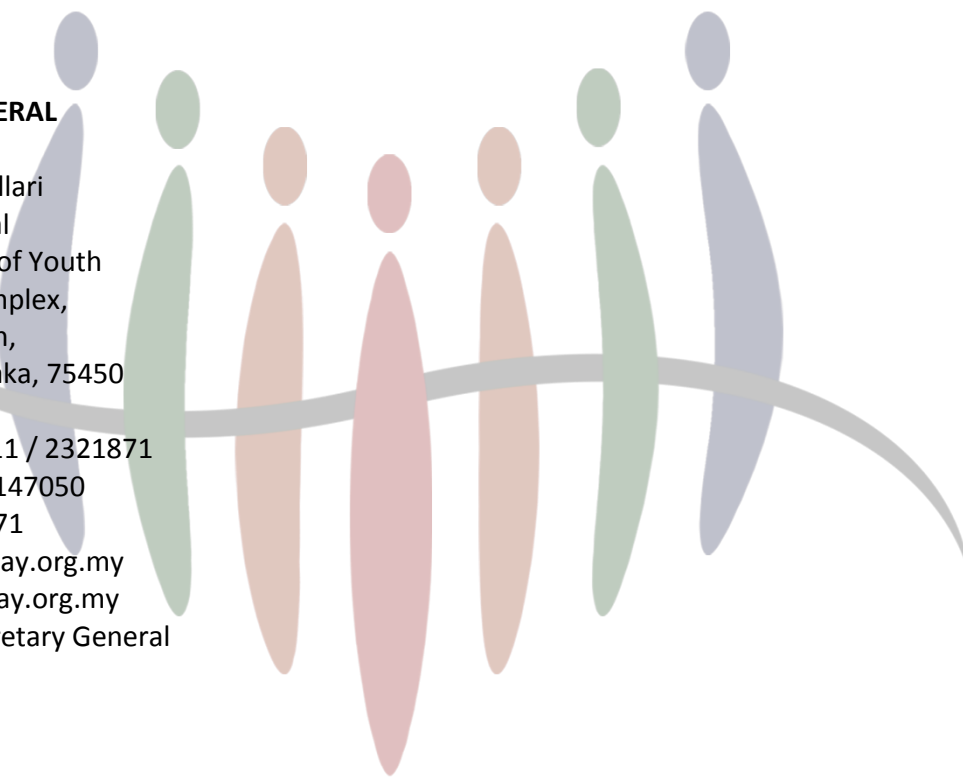
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**VII. THE FOURTH WAY MILLENNIUM PLAN OF ACTION**

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**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
FOURTH MILLENNIUM PLAN OF ACTION**

**(MPAC-4)**

**2015-2019**

**“THE ROLE OF YOUTH ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”**



## 1. BACKGROUND

As the slogan states “In the service of youth since 1949”, the journey of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) has been significantly profound in the empowerment, advancement and transformation of youth worldwide. In the past 65 years, WAY has tackled and discussed pertinent youth issues and assisted in the establishment of youth related policies through the organised programmes, activities and events at different levels. These milestone accomplishments were made possible by the collaboration and partnership with various WAY Member Organisations, UN Agencies, Civil Societies, International Organisations and Institutions, Ministries responsible for youth, Governmental Organizations and many more.

The expedition for the Millennium Plan of Action (MPA) was inaugurated in the year 2000, with the broad theme: “*Towards A Global Community*”. Over the years, many action plans have been enacted followed by very many success stories for the equal unification of youth around the world. The theme for the Third Millennium Plan of Action was “*The Catalyst for Transformation and Improvement*” which saw various action plans listed to catalyse transformation and bring about improvement in various factors affecting the youth.

WAY has been using The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), as a guideline to address and tackle youth issues. As the international community strives to achieve MDGs, its progress is certainly far from meeting the set goals. Despite all the past achievements, there is still much to be desired, as the issues of sustainability hangs on a balance. Due to the fluctuating inadequacy of socioeconomic factors, the young people live in a very different and challenging world. Therefore, realising the challenges that lies ahead, it is essential to formulate a substantial Post-2015 Development Agenda including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasising on the role that youth should play in order to achieve a sustainable world.

In this peculiar time, WAY sees a greater need for sustainability even as the drive, to develop and empower the community, continues. With that in mind, WAY has chosen “**The Role of Youth on Sustainable Development**” as the theme for the Fourth Millennium Plan of Action and is designed to be consistent with the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Its focus will be on the current issues that affect young people around the world. Youth role on sustainable development is very crucial. Youth and youth leaders should be pivotal players in tackling global development issues and play a key role in the decision making processes, at all levels.

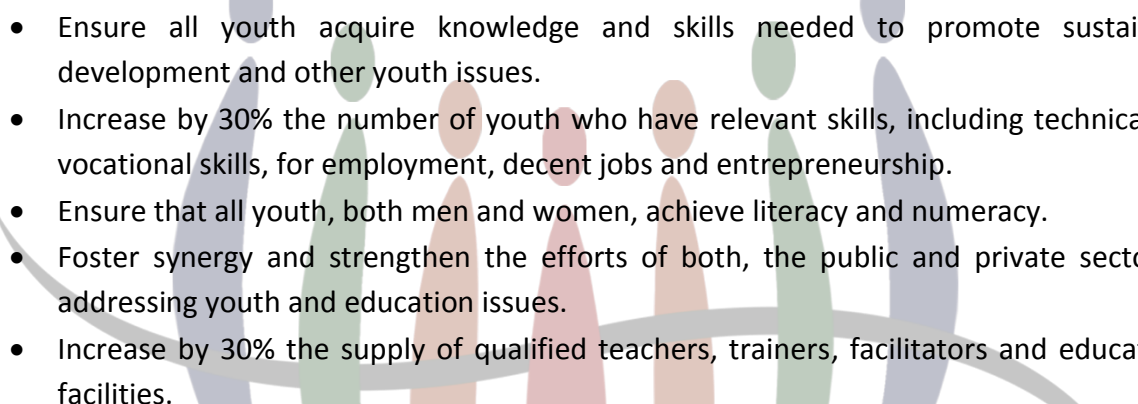
At the present, various stakeholders across the globe are developing and revising youth strategies and policies, hence there is a need for the youth and relevant stakeholders to work together and make the necessary changes in the following issues: Equitable Quality Education; Environmental Sustainability; Sustainable Economic Growth and Employment; Health and Well-being; Hunger, Food and Nutrition Security; Gender Equality; Peace and Inclusive Society; Poverty Eradication; Global Partnership; and Youth Participation in Decision Making Process.

This Fourth Millennium Plan of Action would act as a guideline for both youth and youth leaders to be decision makers and agents of change towards a better and sustainable world.

## **2. THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

The following are the 10 (ten) areas set by the World Assembly of Youth for the Fourth Millennium Plan of Action:

### **GOAL 1: ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION**

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- Ensure all youth acquire knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development and other youth issues.
  - Increase by 30% the number of youth who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.
  - Ensure that all youth, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy.
  - Foster synergy and strengthen the efforts of both, the public and private sectors in addressing youth and education issues.
  - Increase by 30% the supply of qualified teachers, trainers, facilitators and educational facilities.

#### **In our world today:**

- 11% of the world's youth (15-24 years old) are non-literate.
- By 2015, youth non-literacy rates are projected to fall to 8% for the world and to 9% in developing countries as a whole. However, youth non-literacy rates in sub-Saharan Africa are projected to decline only slightly, lingering at 24%.
- Between 1994 and 2008, the number of non-literate youth (15-24 years) declined from almost 170 million to 130 million, and is projected to fall to 99 million by 2015.

### **GOAL 2: ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

- Ensure youth involvement in conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems.
- Encourage all members to promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, wetlands, mountains and dry lands.
- Encourage young people to recycle and avoid unsustainable consumptions, including overconsumption.



- Request all members to implement environmental and sustainability curriculum at all levels of educations.
- Request all youth and youth leaders to be proactive in the development, implementation and evaluation of environment and sustainability policies.

**In our world today:**

- 48% of developing countries are on track to hit the drinkable water target.
- 58% increase in the number of protected areas since 1990.
- 2.5billion people still lack access to improved sanitation.

**GOAL 3: PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT**

- Ensure full and productive employment and decent work for all young men and women.
- Decrease by 15 % the unemployment rates among youth, globally.
- Encourage all members to promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, apprenticeship, creativity and innovation.
- Decrease by 30% the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET).
- Promote labour rights and safe and secure working environments of all workers, including refugees, migrants, minorities, people with disabilities, and those in precarious employment.

**In our world today:**

- There are currently 190 million people unemployed and more than 500 million will be looking for jobs over the next 10 years.
- In Sub-Saharan Africa, paid employment opportunities are scarce and the vulnerable employment rate, at 77.4 % in 2013, remained the highest of all regions.
- In South-East Asia and the Pacific, employment expanded by 1.6 % in 2013 and is projected to outpace growth in the working age population in the coming years.

**GOAL 4: ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELLBEING FOR ALL**

- Ensure the rights to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and wellbeing among youth.
- Decrease by 20% of the death rate resulting from HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, malaria, tuberculosis, tropical and water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases.

- Encourage all members to organise health promoting programmes in their communities.
- Decrease by 30% pre-mature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment, and promote mental health and wellbeing among youth.
- Encourage all members to strengthen the capacity of their countries for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks.

**In our world today:**

- More than 75% of all deaths are caused by one of four chronic diseases: cancer, heart disease, diabetes and respiratory disease.
- Poor nutrition causes nearly half (45%) of deaths in children under five - 3.1 million children each year. That is 8,500 children per day.
- Around 20% of the world's children and adolescents have mental disorders or problems.

**GOAL 5: ERADICATE HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION**

- Decrease hunger by 30% and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situation including, youth, to safe nutritious and sufficient food.
- Eradicate all forms of malnutrition and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women.
- Ensure that youth and youth leaders play their role in combating hunger and promoting healthy lifestyle.
- Encourage members to educate young people with the right skills to implement resilient agricultural practices to eradicate hunger in their communities.

**In our world today:**

- Every 10 seconds, a child dies from hunger-related diseases.
- 50 % of hungry people are farming families.
- Poor people spend between 50 - 80 % of their income on food.

**GOAL 6: ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

- Encourage all stakeholders to adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all young women, at all levels.
- Enhance the use of enabling technologies, in particular ICT, to empower young women.
- Encourage all members to undertake reforms to give young women equal rights to economic resources, as well as to ownership and control over the other forms of property, financial services, inheritance, and natural resources.

- Decrease by 20% gender disparity in the work force and educational institutions.
- Eliminate all forms of violence against all young women in public and private spheres, including human and drug trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.

**In our world today:**

- Girls' primary school completion rates are below 50 % in most poor countries.
- 64% of illiterate adults are women.
- Women work 2/3 of the world's hours yet earn 1/10 of the world's income.

**GOAL 7: PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES**

- Decrease by 50% all forms of violence and related death rates among young people everywhere.
- Eradicate abuse exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture against young people.
- Encourage all members to promote the rule of law at their countries and ensure equal access to justice for all.
- Create awareness programmes, conferences and publications on dangers faced by young people in conflict zone areas.
- Ensure that youth and youth leaders play their role to avoid being coerced in conflicts.

**In our world today:**

- 1.5 billion people live in countries affected by violent conflict.
- 1/4 of people in the world, more than 1.5 billion, live in fragile and conflict-affected areas.
- By 2015, 1/2 of the world's people living on less than USD 1.25 a day, will be in fragile states.

**GOAL 8: ERADICATE POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS**

- Decrease by 30% the number of young people living in extreme poverty conditions.
- Ensure that young men and women have equal rights to economic resources as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over properties and financial services.
- Encourage all members to organise programmes that shall equip young people with the right skills and knowledge to eradicate poverty at their communities.

- Decrease by 50% the proportion of young men and women living in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure to economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.
- Ensure the engagement of those living in marginalised areas with institutional shift and new partnership that secure increase representation of young people living in poverty to plan, implement and monitor development programmes that affect their lives.

**In our world today:**

- 22,000 children die each day due to conditions of poverty.
- At least 80% of humanity live on less than USD 10.00 per day.
- The poorest 40% of the world's population accounts for 5 % of global income. The richest 20 % accounts for 3/4 of world income.

**GOAL 9: STRENGTHEN GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT**

- Encourage all members to form partnership, share resources and knowledge with all stakeholders in order to foster their approach in tackling youth issues.
- Provide opportunities for young people involvement on the decision making process to matters pertaining to global partnership for development.
- Encourage all members, in developed countries, to create decent and productive jobs for youth everywhere.
- Encourage all stakeholders to strengthen domestic resource mobilisation, including through international support to developing member countries to improve domestic capacity, for tax and other revenue collection.
- Encourage all members to deploy financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources.

**In our world today:**

- In all regions, by the age of 24, young women's labour force participation trails young men's.
- A total of 83 % of least developed country exports penetrate into developed countries duty-free.
- 30 % of the world's youth are digital novices, active online for at least five years.

**GOAL 10: ENCOURAGE YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING PROCESS**

- Achieve the inclusive, participatory and representative decision making at all levels and proactively improve the legal enabling environment for all young people.

- Request all members to value and accommodate the inputs and ideas brought forward by the young people.
- Encourage all stakeholders to involve young people in the decision making processes and also allow them to be part of the planning, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of national policies.
- Encourage all members to organise innovative programmes that would enhance the right knowledge and skills acquired by youth for developing policies on youth related issues.
- Increase participation of young people in community services and encourage voluntary work in the community development.

**In our world today:**

- 1.65% of parliamentarians around the world are in their 20s and 11.87 % are in their 30s.
- In the area of political participation, in 1/3 of countries, eligibility for national parliament starts at 25 years old or older.
- Young people between the ages of 15 and 25, constitute 1/5 of the world's population, and yet they have limited influence in national political institutions.



### **3. IMPLEMENTATION OF WAY'S FOURTH MILLENNIUM PLAN OF ACTION**

WAY believes that youth and youth leaders have a voice and their contributions towards programmes and policies, both locally and globally, are meaningful. As an international coordinating body of national youth councils and youth organisations, WAY takes into consideration the challenges and difficulties that young people, throughout the world, faces every day. Hence, the need for proper organisation, communication, hard work, group effort and commitment are the substantial required components to address young people issues and make WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action to succeed.

All programmes, activities, projects, campaigns, conferences, seminars, dialogues and trainings would require the involvement of all WAY members and ensure that the Fourth Millennium Plan of Action meets its desired goals by 2019.

The following programmes and activities would be organised by WAY between 2015 and 2019.

#### **NATIONAL LEVEL:**

- Create national partnerships between national youth councils and local governments, private sectors, media, and UN Agencies.
- Publish the annual National Youth Reports on the progress of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Involve the Ministries responsible for youth in the implementation of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Set up national youth committees to monitor the progress and the implementation of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Organise events to bring awareness among young people concerning WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Organise annual national dialogues between youth and policymakers on the implementation of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.

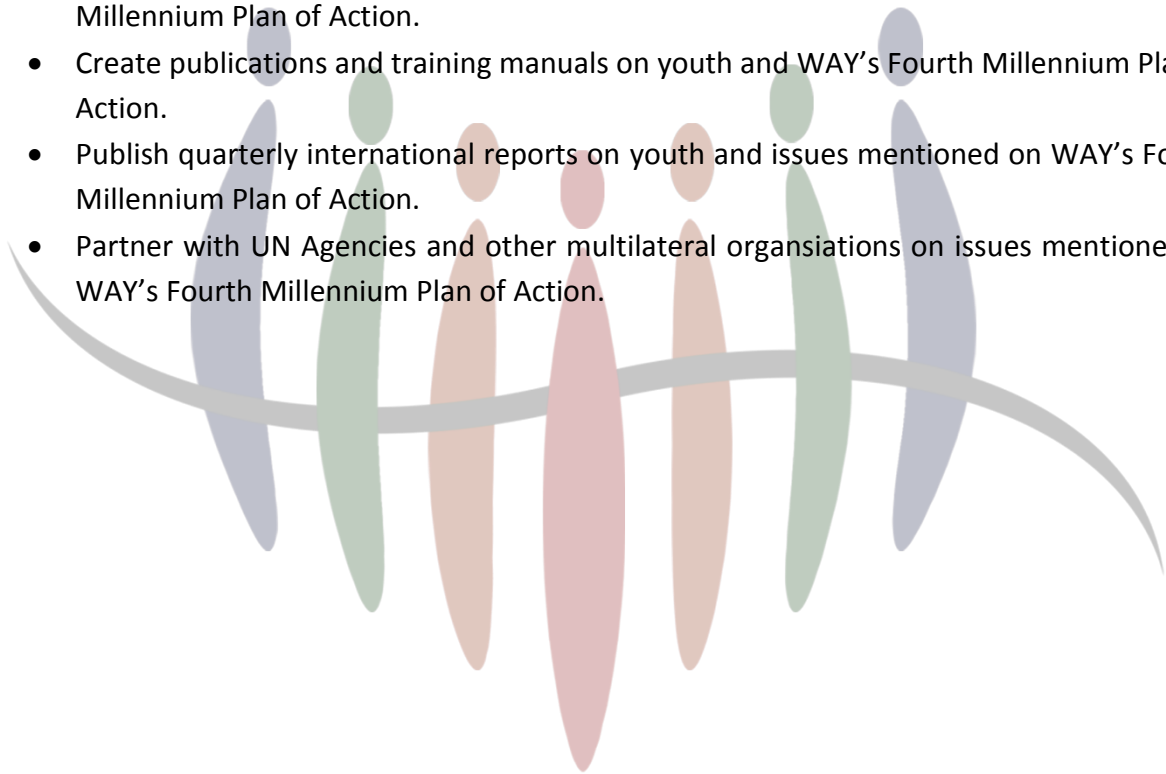
#### **REGIONAL LEVEL:**

- Create partnership between national youth councils at the same region on implementation of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Initiate regional partnership with UN Agencies and other multilateral organisations.
- Coordinate regional responses to challenges posed by WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.

- Organise regional joint events with regional organisations based on the issues mentioned on WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Create publications on the progress of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action in the region.
- Develop peer support network among the member countries in each region.

#### **INTERNATIONAL LEVEL:**

- Organise annual events for the national youth councils and other stakeholders on the issues mentioned on WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Participate in UN and international meetings on the issues mentioned on WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Create publications and training manuals on youth and WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Publish quarterly international reports on youth and issues mentioned on WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Partner with UN Agencies and other multilateral organisations on issues mentioned on WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.





**APPENDICES:**



Appendix I. Agenda of the Assembly:

**PROGRAMME FOR THE 16<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**TIRANA INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, TIRANA, ALBANIA**

**7-11 DECEMBER 2014**

**THEME: “YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN SUCCESSION: PAST AND FUTURE”**

DATE	TIME	AGENDA	VENUE
<b>Sunday 7Dec</b>	All Day	Arrival, Accreditation and Registration	Tirana International Airport
	2000 hrs	Welcome Dinner	Xibraku Restaurant, Tirana
<b>Monday 8Dec</b>	0600 hrs – 0730 hrs	Breakfast	Tirana International Hotel
	0800 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	Tirana International Hotel
	0830 hrs	Arrival of VIPs	Tirana International Hotel
	0900 hrs	<p><b>Opening Ceremony:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Address by <b>Ms. Ediola Pashollari</b>, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth</li> <li>• Address by <b>Ms. Masiela Lusha</b>, WAY Goodwill Ambassador</li> <li>• Address by <b>Mr. Andrew Rabens</b>, Special Advisor for Global Youth Issues, Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, USA</li> <li>• Address by <b>Hon. Erion Veliaj</b>, Minister of Social Welfare and Youth, Albania</li> <li>• Address by <b>Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron</b>, President of the World Assembly of Youth</li> <li>• Opening Address by <b>Rt. Hon. Edi Rama</b>, Prime Minister of Albania</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel

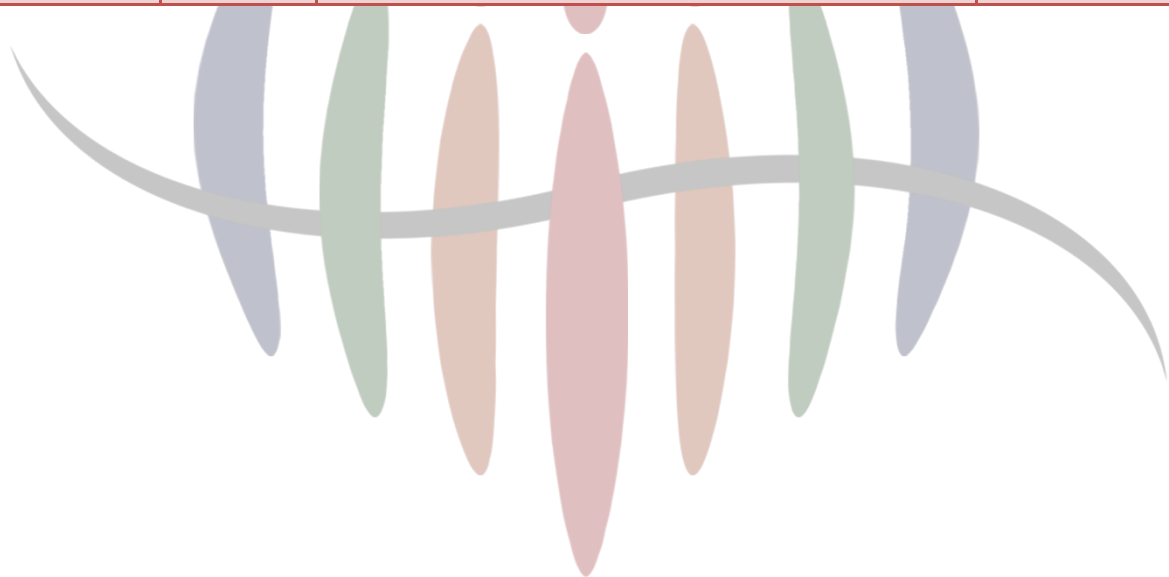
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of Souvenirs</li> <li>• Photo Session</li> </ul>	
1100 hrs	Tea Break	Tirana International Hotel
1115 hrs	<p><b>Leadership Session I :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Building Practical Youth Leadership For Tomorrow’s Leaders, Today</b>, by Mr. Patrick Louis Sciarrata, Executive Director of the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, USA</li> <li>➤ <b>Gender Intelligence Leadership</b>, by Dr. Pauline Teresa Crawford, President World Association of Visioneers and Entreprenologists (WAVA), USA</li> <li>➤ <b>Empowerment Of Youth As Economic Citizens Towards More Empowered Youth Leadership</b>, by Ms. Kimberly de Rose, Youth Coordinator, Child and Youth Finance International, Netherlands</li> <li>➤ <b>Cyber Pandemic : A Proposed Response By The Global Youth</b>, by Mr. Sanjay Bavisi, President of EC-Council, USA</li> <li>➤ <b>Importance Of Colour Vibrations And Numerology In Leadership</b>, by Dr. Rusidah Mohd Tahir, Founder, Ahrisaa Health and Beauty Centre, Singapore</li> <li>➤ <b>Youth Transforming Communities And Leading Change</b>, by Mr. Antonio Palazuelos Prieto, International Adviser, Cabo Verde Youth Federation, Cape Verde</li> </ul> <p><b>Chairperson:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Argyrina Jubani</b>, President of Albanian Youth Council</p>	Tirana International Hotel
1330 hrs	Lunch Break	Tirana International Hotel

	1430 hrs	<b>General Assembly Session I : Messages, Agenda, Reports &amp; Committee Formation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Delivery of Statements of Solidarity, Messages from Head of State and Governments and from friendly Organisations</li> <li>➤ Adoption of the General Assembly Agenda</li> <li>➤ Report of Activities 2010-2014</li> <li>➤ Formation of the Credentials Committee</li> <li>➤ Formation of the Election Committee</li> <li>➤ Formation of Political, Administrative and Development Commissions</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
	1800 hrs	Break (Credentials Committee Meeting)	Tirana International Hotel
	2000 hrs	Dinner	Bujtina e Peshkut, Tirana
Tuesday 9 Dec	0600 hrs – 0730 hrs	Breakfast	Tirana International Hotel
	0830 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	Tirana International Hotel
	0900 hrs	<b>Leadership Session II :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>The Role Of Student Organizations In The Society</b>, by Mr. Edison Jakurti, President, Student Union, American University in Kosovo, Kosovo</li> <li>➤ <b>Youth And Trendy World</b>, by Mr. Mohd Zefri Ariff Mohd Zain Ariff, Secretary General, Brunei Youth Council, Brunei</li> <li>➤ <b>Youth Toward Future Or Future Towards Youth?</b> by Ms. Anisa Hysesani, Lecturer, University of Tirana, Albania</li> <li>➤ <b>Youth Leadership: Bringing Minorities To The Equation</b>, by Mr. Esmael Muhammad Shabbir, Founder, African Neighbourhood Initiative, Mauritius</li> <li>➤ <b>Are Leaders Only People Who Are</b></li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel

	<p><b>Nominated So?</b> by Ms. Ena Peeva, Project Leader, Tiverija Solar Systems, Macedonia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>The Legacy Youth Must Leave Behind For Next Generation</b>, by Mr. Sunil Hasmukharay, Managing Director, Human Capital Consultants Group, Malaysia</li> </ul> <p><b>Chairperson:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Chet W. Sisk</b>, Founder of Leadership Development Specialist (LEAD)</p>	
1100 hrs	Tea Break	Tirana International Hotel
1115 hrs	<p><b>General Assembly Session II: Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Receive and Adopt the Report of the Credentials Committee</li> <li>➤ Receive and Adopt Reports by Vice Presidents, Executive Committee Members, Secretary General and President</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
1330 hrs	Lunch	Tirana International Hotel
1430 hrs	<b>Leadership Session III : Workshops</b>	Tirana International Hotel
1530 hrs	Tea Break	Tirana International Hotel
1545 hrs	<p><b>General Assembly Session III : Commission Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Political Commission</li> <li>➤ Administrative Commission</li> <li>➤ Development Commission</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
1700 hrs	<p><b>General Assembly Session IV : Commission Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Receive and Adopt Reports from Political, Administrative and Development Commissions</li> <li>➤ Formation of Drafting Committee</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel

	2000 hrs	Dinner	Bujtina e Peshkut, Tirana
Wednesday 10 Dec	0600 hrs – 0730 hrs	Breakfast	Tirana International Hotel
	0830 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	Tirana International Hotel
	0900 hrs	<b>General Assembly Session V : Elections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Receive and Adopt Report of the Elections Committee</li> <li>➤ Elections of Office Bearers for 2014-2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President</li> <li>- Vice – Presidents</li> <li>- Executive Committee Members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
	1100 hrs	Tea Break	Tirana International Hotel
	1115 hrs	<b>General Assembly Session VI: Plan of Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation of Millennium Plan of Action IV by the Secretary General</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
	1330 hrs	Lunch	Tirana International Hotel
	1430 hrs	<b>General Assembly Session VII: Closing Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Adoption of 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Declaration</li> <li>➤ Address by the Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth</li> <li>➤ Address by the President of the World Assembly of Youth</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
	1700 hrs	Break	Tirana
	2000 hrs	<b>Closing Ceremony / Gala Dinner:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome Address by the newly appointed Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth, <b>Ms. Ediola Pashollari,</b></li> <li>- Closing Address by the newly elected President of the World Assembly of</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel

		<p>Youth, <b>Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Youth Award</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up: <b>General Union of Yemeni Youth</b></li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up: <b>National Youth Committee of Indonesia</b></li> <li>• Winner: <b>General Sudanese Students Union</b></li> <li>- Certificate and Award Presentation</li> <li>- Souvenir Presentation</li> <li>- Photo Session</li> </ul>	
<b>Thursday 11 Dec</b>	All Day	Departures	Tirana International Hotel - Tirana International Airport





## Appendices II. Report of Secretariat:

### REPORT BY WAY SECRETARY GENERAL, MS. EDIOLA PASHOLLARI

This report highlights a number of significant milestones, achievements and developments that have taken place over the past four (4) years (since the XV General Assembly) in the work of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) as the international coordinating body of national youth councils and organisations. The report highlights on collaborations, partnerships and achievement attained by the organisation at the international, regional and local levels of its operation. This has mainly be achieved through events, conferences, seminars and workshops.

#### 1. Post-XV General Assembly

The previous WAY General Assembly took place in 2010 in Melaka, Malaysia and brought together over 200 delegates from various National Youth Councils and Youth Organisations; and observes that comprise mostly representatives from UN Agencies and Government officials from over 40 countries.

The culmination of the event was the election of new office bearers, the Executive Committee Members of WAY, and the adoption of the Third Millennium Plan of Action (MPAC-3): **“The Catalyst for Transformation and Improvement”**. MPAC 3 was based on the core Millennium Development Goals adopted by the United Nations and focused on reinvigorating WAY and re-establishing the organisation to play the required key role in the contribution to youth development around the world. The selected theme also allowed WAY to work closely with a wide range of partners and youth communities in countries around the world.

Upon coming into office as the Secretary General of WAY, I was given the torch to carry through the vision that was created in 1949 “In Service of Youth Since 1949”. In this report, you will see the advancements and progress that has taken place in the past 4 years. During this period WAY has organised various international and regional events and also was represented in numerous events organised by UN Agencies, WAY members and International Organisations.

## **1.1. International, Regional and Local Collaborations**

As an organisation that advances issues that affect young people, WAY continues to strive to develop its collaborations at the international, regional and local level, so as to function effectively and efficiently. To this end, partnerships and collaborations at these levels is of strategic importance as they complement the long term objectives and aims of WAY. Over the past four years WAY has been able to initiate new collaborations while renewing old partnerships. Below I shall highlight some of the key collaborations and partnerships that we have developed over the past four years.

### **1.1.1. International Collaborations:**

The period from 2010-2012, WAY initiated and developed significant partnerships with various international youth organisations and bodies to further its programmes and activities. During this period WAY was able to partner with NCYOK, KNPI and GSSU to organise events that addressed issues of ICT, climate change, and peace, in Seoul, Korea; Jakarta, Indonesia; and Sudan respectively. During the same period, collaborations with the World Youth Bank Network (WYBN), IIEP-UNESCO, UNFPA and UNESCO Youth Forum were initiated. It was further suggested by the WYBN that the first Youth Bank would be established in Malaysia with subsequent branches opened in WAY member countries.

At the UNESCO youth forum, I discussed with the Director General of UNESCO on future collaboration between the two organisations. In addition, future partnership plans were also discussed with the UN Programme for Youth. Notwithstanding this, over the same period, WAY was able to take part in various forums and be part of organising committee of key international events. In 2011, SG and other international organisations initiated the coalition of Road to Rio+20, whereas in 2012 , I was part of the consultative meeting organised by IIEP-UNESCO , in preparation for the Policy Forum and in May 2012, the SG was part of the international steering committee, initiated by UNFPA, that was organising the Global Youth Forum.

From 2012-2014, the SG continued to develop significant partnerships/collaborations. Some of the highlights include:

- i. WAY was consulted and took part in the preparation of the World Youth Report 2013
- ii. SG took part in the preparation and subsequent follow up of the ICPD review by UNFPA
- iii. WAY was involved in the draft and development of the Post 2015 Agenda

In 2010, and in collaboration with KNPI, WAY co-organised the International Youth Forum on Climate change that took place in Jakarta, Indonesia. WAY was represented by the SG and EXCO Members, at this event where she presented several messages. In 2013, WAY signed an MOU with Great Silk Way International Youth Union (GSW), for future collaboration and corporation at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Young Business Congress (IYBC) that took place in Istanbul, Turkey.

In addition, the same period saw the collaboration of WAY with NCYOK (Korea) in the organisation of the annual International Youth Forum held in Seoul and Goesen, Korea. The same period also saw the submission of documents for WAYs consultative statues to UN ECOSOC and the recognition of WAY by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Malaysia.

#### **1.1.2. Regional and Local Partnerships**

At the regional and local level, WAY continued to develop partnerships with its members and various organisations so as to organise events and various activities. In 2012, WAY partnered with Malaysian Innovation Foundation to organise and take part in WIFKL 2013. At this event WAY organised a one day event, called WAY Youth Satellite event that focused on youth and innovation.

Notwithstanding its obligation at the local level, WAY continued to have its impact felt through various partnerships with local organisations. The 2010-2014 periods witnessed several collaborations developed with the key aim of addressing key youth issues. Some of the significant collaborations and events that culminated over the period include:

- i. Collaboration with Gleanreagh S/B to organise the Tomorrows Leaders' Summit in Sarawak, Malaysia

- ii. Collaboration between WAY and the International Youth Center to organise the Seminar on Youth NGOs in Kuala Lumpur, International Symposium on Volunteerism as catalyst for Nation Building and the Workshop on Youth Leadership in the New Millennium.
- iii. Partnership with Malaysian Innovation Foundation to co-organise the ASEAN International Youth Forum.

## **1.2. International, Regional and Local Events**

The importance of partnerships developed is usually due to a need to act on the issues that are common or of significance to the parties concerned. With the various partnerships developed by WAY President and activities of the SG, the outcome has been, the organisation of events, programmes with the intention of addressing key youth issues. Likewise the 2010-2014 period has seen WAY, being represented by the President and SG, in events organised by partner organisations, members of WAY, National Youth Councils and United Nations agencies. These events have been on an international, regional and local level.

### **1.2.1. International Events**

As summary of international events, for the 2010-2012 periods, attended by the SG are as shown below:

- i. On July 2011, SG attended a Forum addressing drug issue in Mombasa, Kenya and met with the representatives of Colombo Plan.
- ii. On August 2011, SG attended the 22nd International Youth Forum held in Seoul, Korea and, co-organized by WAY and NCYOK.
- iii. On February 2012, SG attended the first consultative meeting of Youth Movements in New York, USA. This event created opportunities for networking, information sharing, sponsorship, collaboration, etc.
- iv. On May 2012, SG attended the 68th Session of UN ESCAP in Bangkok, Thailand.

In addition to the above events, the SG was able to attend various UN organised events. These events include:

- i. The Sixty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at UNESCAP headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ii. UNESCO Policy Youth Forum at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France.
- iii. A consultative workshop held at the UNV Headquarters, Bonn, Germany to develop the blueprint of UNV's Youth Volunteerism Strategy.
- iv. The sixth meeting of UNESCO's Collective Consultation of NGOs on Education for All (CCNGO/EFA) at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France.
- v. On November 2012, SG was involved on the preparation of the Action Plan for IIEP-UNESCO Policy Forum.
- vi. The Global Youth Forum organised by UNFPA as part of the organizing committee. During this event, she facilitated few workshops, on health, leadership and education
- vii. The World Youth Leadership Group of UNFPA in New York, USA, where WAY is a member represented by SG and PO.
- viii. The High Level Interactive Debate on the ICPD Beyond 2014 and Human Progress and Sustainability, held at UN HQ in New York, USA ;
- ix. The 47th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) UN-DESA at UN HQ in New York, USA

### **1.2.2. Regional and Local Events**

At a regional and local level, WAY continues to provide a platform through which young people with the region can express their views and opinions. To this end, WAY in partnership with regional and local youth organisations has continued to organise events that address various youth issues. In 2013, WAY was proud to organise the MA-CHN-DO (Malaysia-China-Indonesia) youth event that was officially opened by the WAY President. Delegates of the event also paid a courtesy call at the WAY headquarters. The MA-CHN-DO was initiated by WAY and formed by delegates from Malaysia, China and Indonesia at the 1st Asia-Pacific World Heritage Regional Forum of Site Managers and Youth NGOs: Linking Networks in Seoul, Korea.

In addition to the above, other regional and local events that were attended by the SG as a representative of WAY include:

- i. The 4th International Young Businessmen Congress (IYBC) event in Istanbul, Turkey.
- ii. The 9th Allied Health Scientific Conference which was then held on September in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- iii. At the 13th International Convention of Melaka Twin Cities organised on Health and Safety in Melaka, Malaysia.
- iv. The FRS International Symposium 2012 organised by United Nations University – International Institute of Global Health and WAY in Melaka, Malaysia

Despite the busy schedule of the President and SG, WAY was proud to host delegates from various youth organisations at its headquarters. In 2012, over 100 youth and youth leaders from All China Youth Federation paid a courtesy visit to WAY Headquarters and met with WAY President and SG. In addition WAY hosted the official delegation from the Mongolia Youth Federation. They conducted an official visit for 2 days, consisting of visit to WAY HQ, meeting with SG and President and an official visit to President's residence.

Likewise, a delegations from National Youth Committee of Indonesia (KNPI), International Youth Center, University Technology Malaysia (UTM) and Palestinian youth from various organisations. SG also hosted Ministers of Youth from Albania, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Namibia and others.

### **1.3. Achievements**

Overall, the past four years have seen WAY as an organization progress in its journey of advancing young people's agenda. This journey has on its own seen several achievements that have been attained. Some of these achievements can be summed up as follows:

- i. On November 2012, WAY Secretariat open an accounts via social media, such as Twitter, Facebook for WAY and Volunteers Programme.
- ii. On February 2013, WAY was made partner of the My World Initiative.
- iii. On June 2013, WAY appointed its very first Ambassador, Ms. Masiela Lusha.
- iv. On July 2013, SG was included on the committee for the Melaka State Government, Post – EXCO meeting on Youth Development and Heritage.
- v. On August 2013, WAY launched a new website.
- vi. On February 2011, the electronic group of WAY, [worldyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:worldyouth@yahoo.com), has reached the 11,000 membership mark.
- vii. The UN Programme for Youth published the MIYD 2011 report the International Year of Youth Report.
- viii. On August 2011, SG witnessed the signage of the cooperation agreement between WAY President and WYBN for future projects amongst both organisations

Other significant developments of WAY of the past four year period include:

The **WAY Volunteer Program** was established to seek and develop a dedicated corps of young people who will be willing to assist in WAY programmes and activities around the world. The number of volunteers has reached over 800 young people, in the age of 20-35, from different parts of the world. They have assisted WAY Secretariat in organizing events, research, publications, translations, ICT, and also in reliefprogrammesthat we carried out.

Due to the necessity of close communication and educating its members, WAY headquarters has revived **WAY Publishing House**. WAY has published various books, e-news, monthly bulletins, press releases, reports, event programme books, etc.

The **membership fees** for WAY have been reduced to make it easier for members to pay their membership subscription fees, but sad to say that majority of WAY members still continued to

default in this area. As a result, we have had to depend on UN, governmental and private donations to carry on the work of the secretariat and the many events that are held.

WAY celebrated its **65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and with the coming of age, and with it a wealth of information, documentation, pictures and data has been collected and shared via social media to all members, UN Agencies and others. With that important heritage that WAY has, an **archive** is now put into action so that all types of media and data are well kept from the past to the present. This will greatly help WAY and its members to ensure that the historical lifelines of WAY are accurately archived and achieved.

WAY has been instrumental in offering assistance in times of need to young people in various countries, such as Palestine, Indonesia, Philippines, Syria and others.

## **2. The Road Ahead**

At the WAY headquarters, plans are underway to set up the **WAY Library**. Being the provider of resources to its members, is another necessary element that WAY wants to grow in its development. The existence of this resource center or library is to make available to all young people in their pursuit of answers, assistance, information and data for them. This will help to empower them as they approach to a place of leadership globally.

To conclude, WAY Secretariat will continue to pursue the challenges and obstacles that hinder the development of young people and as they strive to have an impact in the global arena. This can only be achieved through teamwork, collaboration and partnership at local, regional and international level with support from WAY members, UN Agencies, International Organisations and Youth related Ministries. We remain in the service of youth and stand for the development and empowerment of them.



## Appendix A

### MAJOR WAY PROGRAMMES 2010-2014

#### 2011

##### **February**

- 23 February – 1 March, **International Youth Forum on Climate Change** “Listen to us, Sense our worries”, Jakarta, South Sulawesi, Central Kalimantan and Komodo Island, Indonesia.

##### **March**

- 8 March, **International Women’s Day** “Equal Access to Education, Training and Science and Technology: Pathway to decent work for women”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 13-20 March, **International Workshop on Ensuring Youth Programmes and Youth Association as Enablers for Crime Free Generation**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 18-20 March, **Tomorrow’s Leaders Summit**, “Developing High Income Youth”, Sarawak, Malaysia.
- 21 March, **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** "Relations between boys and girls: Towards equality or affirming differences?", Melaka, Malaysia.

##### **April**

- 17-20 April, **ASEAN Youth Forum on Innovation & Creativity (AYFIC)** “Youth and Innovation as Agent for Change”, Labuan, Malaysia.
- 21 April, **Earth Day** “A billion acts of Green”, Melaka, Malaysia.

##### **May**

- 3 May, **World Press Freedom Day** “21<sup>st</sup> Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 21 May, **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**, Melaka, Malaysia.

##### **June**

- 5 June, **World Environment Day** “Our Place... Our Planet... Our Responsibility”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 26 June, **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**, Melaka, Malaysia.

- 27-29 June, **11<sup>th</sup> Melaka International Youth Dialogue** “Shaping the Next Generations of Entrepreneurs”, Melaka, Malaysia.

## July

- 11 July, **World Population Day** “7 Billion Actions”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 18 July, **Nelson Mandela International Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.

## August

- 12 August, **International Youth Day** “Change our World”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 19 August, **World Humanitarian Day**, Melaka, Malaysia..
- 17-24 August, **22<sup>nd</sup> International Youth Forum**, “Technological Advancement and Future Society”, Seoul, Korea.
- 24 August, **WAY 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**, Seoul, Korea

## September

- 15 September, **International Day of Democracy**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 21 September, **International Day of Peace**, Melaka, Malaysia.

## October

- 1-5 October, **International Conference for Peace and Sustainable Development** “Peace for All”, Khartoum, Sudan.
- 30 September – 5 October, **World Youth Forum on Peace and Harmony**, Ambon and Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2 October, **International Day of Non-Violence**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 17 October, **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, Melaka, Malaysia.

## November

- 16 November, **International Day for Tolerance**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 25 November, **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 27-30 November, **International Symposium on Volunteerism as Catalyst for Nation Building** “Volunteers as Enablers for Nation Building”, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

## December

- 1 December, **World AIDS Day** “Getting to Zero”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 5 December, **International Volunteers Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 10 December, **Human Rights Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.

2012

### March

- 8 March, **International Women's Day** "Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 19- 23 March, **Workshop on Youth Leadership on the New Millennium**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 21 March, **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 22 March, **World Water Day** "Water and Food Security", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 23-25 March, **Exhibition and CSR Program** "A Better Tomorrow Starts With Us", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 25 March, **Seminar Focus on International Women's Day** "Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures", Melaka, Malaysia.

### April

- 7 April, **World Health Day** "Aging and Health: Good Health Adds Life to Years", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 22 April, **Rio+20 Youth**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 21 April, **Earth Day** "Mobilize the Earth", Melaka, Malaysia
- 25 April, **World Malaria Day** 'Sustain Gains, Saves Lives: Invest in Malaria', Melaka, Malaysia

### May

- 3 May, **World Press Freedom Day**, "New Voices: Media Freedom Helping to Transform Societies", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 21 May, **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**, "Do One Thing for Diversity and Inclusion", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 21-23 May, **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Postgraduate Forum on Health Systems and Policies 2012**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 25 May, **Africa Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.

### June

- 5 June, **World Environment Day**, "Green Economy: Does It Include You?", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 19 June, **World Refugee Day**, "Refugees Have No Choice. You Do.", Melaka, Malaysia.

- 26 June, **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** “Global Action for Healthy Communities without Drug”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 28-30 June, **12<sup>th</sup> Melaka International Youth Dialogue** “Health, It’s my Right”, Puteri Resort, Melaka, Malaysia.

## July

- 11 July, **World Population Day**, “ Universal Access to Reproductive Health Services”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 18 July, **Nelson Mandela Day** “67 Minutes of Time”, Melaka, Malaysia.

## August

- 12 August, **International Youth Day**, "Building a Better World: Partnering with Youth", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 19 August, **World Humanitarian Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 22-28 August, **23<sup>rd</sup> International Youth Forum** “Youth and New Media”, Seoul and Goesan, Republic of Korea.
- 24 August, **WAY 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**, Melaka, Malaysia.

## September

- 10-11 September, **9<sup>th</sup> Allied Health Scientific Conference 2012**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 15 September, **International Day of Democracy** “Democracy Education”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 21 September, **International Day of Peace**, "Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future", Melaka, Malaysia.

## October

- 2 October, **International Day of Non-Violence**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 16-18 October, **Policy Forum** “Engaging Youth in Planning Education for Social Transformation”, IIEP- UNESCO, Paris, France.
- 17 October, **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, ‘Ending the Violence of Extreme Poverty: Promoting Empowerment and Building Peace’, Melaka, Malaysia.

## November

- 16 November, **International Day for Tolerance**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 25 November, **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**, Melaka, Malaysia.

## December

- 1 December, **World AIDS Day**, "Getting to zero: zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS related deaths", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 2-5 December, **International Conference on Youth Volunteers as Enablers for Conflict Prevention**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 4-6 December, **ICPD Global Youth Forum** "Youth Rights Placed at the Heart of Development", Bali, Indonesia
- 5 December, **International Volunteers Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 10 December, **Human Rights Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.

## 2013

### February

- 1 February, **Seminar** on "The Untold Story of Gaza by Harry Fear", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 20 February, **World Day of Social Justice** "It Starts from Yourself", Melaka, Malaysia
- 21 February, **International Mother Language Day** "Mother Tongue Instruction and Inclusive Education", Melaka, Malaysia

### March

- 8 March, **International Women's Day** "Call to end Gender Based Violence", Melaka, Malaysia
- 21 March, **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** "A beauty of Differences", Melaka, Malaysia
- 22 March, **World Water Day** "Water Cooperation", Melaka, Malaysia.

### April

- 7 April, **World Health Day** "Embrace a Healthy Lifestyle", Melaka, Malaysia.
- 22 April, **Earth Day** "The Face of Climate Change", Melaka, Malaysia
- 21 April – 4 May, **10 km in Their Shoes: Pledge of Peace** "World Leaders of Tomorrow, Peace Leaders of Today", Seoul, Korea
- 23 April, **World Book and Copyright Day**, Melaka, Malaysia

### May

- 15 May, **International Day of Families** "Advancing Social Integration and Intergenerational Solidarity" Melaka, Malaysia
- 17 May, **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day** "ICTS and Improving Road Safety", Melaka, Malaysia

- 21 May, **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development** “Do One Thing for Diversity and Inclusion”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 31 May, **World No-Tobacco Day** “Ban Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship”, Melaka, Malaysia

## June

- 5 June, **World Environment Day** “Think, Eat, Save!”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 20 June, **World Refugee Day** “Real People, Real Needs”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 21 June, **World Music Day** “Be A Musician for A Day!”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 26 June, **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** “Make Health Your 'New High' in Life, Not Drugs”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 26 June, **International Day in Support of Victims of Torture** “Rehabilitation, A Key to Re-Integration”, Melaka, Malaysia.

## July

- 11 July, **World Population Day** ‘Halt to Unsafe Adolescent Pregnancy’, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 18 July, **Nelson Mandela International Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.

## August

- 9 August, **International Day of the World’s Indigenous People**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 12 August, **International Youth Day** “Youth Migration: Moving Development Forward”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 7-14 August, **24<sup>th</sup> International Youth Forum** “21<sup>st</sup> Century Youth Volunteerism”, Seoul and Goesan, Republic of Korea.
- 16-29 August, **1<sup>st</sup> Ma-Chn-Do World Heritage Youth Volunteers Work Camp**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 19 August, **World Humanitarian Day** “The World Needs More”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 24 August, **WAY 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** “Unlocking Youth Potential”, Melaka, Malaysia.

## September

- 8 September, **International Literacy Day** “ Literacies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, Melaka, Malaysia
- 12-14 September, **13th Melaka International Youth Dialogue** “Youth Migration: A Step from Haven”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 15 September, **International Day of Democracy** “Strengthening Voices for Democracy: To Understand, To Embrace and To Influence”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 21 September, **International Day of Peace** “Education for Peace”, Melaka, Malaysia.

## October

- 2 October, **International Day of Non-Violence**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 13 October, **International Day for Disaster Reduction** “Living with Disability and Disaster”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 16 October, **World Food Day** “Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 17 October, **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** “Working Together Towards A World without Discrimination: Building on the Experience and Knowledge of People in Extreme Poverty”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 24 October, **United Nations Day** “Partnerships for Global Progress”, Melaka, Malaysia
- 27 October – 2 November, **African Youth Development Summit** “Youth Empowerment, Sustainable Development and Environmental Conservation”, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

## November

- 6 November, **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict** “Environmental Governance”, Melaka, Malaysia
- 12 November, **Youth Satellite Event** “Ideas of Today, Realities of Tomorrow”, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 17 November, **International Students Day** “Be Inspired to Take A Step Further Toward Improvisation!”, Melaka, Malaysia
- 25 November, **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women** “Ending Violence Against Women: United Action Speaks Louder than Words!”, Melaka, Malaysia.

## December

- 1 December, **World AIDS Day** “Getting to Zero: Zero New HIV Infections. Zero Discrimination. Zero AIDS-Related Deaths”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 3 December, **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** “Break Barriers, Open Doors: for An Inclusive Society and Development for All”, Melaka, Malaysia
- 5 December, **International Volunteers Day for Economic and Social Development** “Young. Global. Active”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 10 December, **Human Rights Day** “20 Years: Working for Your Rights”, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 18 December, **International Migrants Day**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 20 December, **International Human Solidarity Day** “Bridging the Gaps to Reach the Millennium Development Goals”, Melaka, Malaysia

2014

## February

- 20 February, **World Day of Social Justice**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 21 February, **International Mother Language Day**, Melaka, Malaysia

## March

- 8 March, **International Women's Day: 'Equality for Women is Progress for All'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 18-19 March, **The Conscience of Europe International Conference**, Helsinki, Finland
- 21 March, **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: 'Racism and Conflict: Racism is Thought, Not Born!'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 22 March, **World Water Day: 'Water and Energy'**, Melaka, Malaysia

## April

- 6 April, **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 7 April, **World Health Day: 'Vector-Borne Diseases'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 22 April, **International Mother Earth Day: 'Green Cities'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 23 April, **World Book and Copyright Day**, Melaka, Malaysia

## May

- 3 May, **World Press Freedom Day: 'Media Freedom for A Better Future: Shaping the Post-2015 Development Agenda'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 15 May, **International Day of Families: 'Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 17 May, **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day: 'Broadband for Sustainable Development'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 21 May, **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development: 'Do One Thing for Diversity and Inclusion'**, Melaka, Malaysia

## June

- 5 June, **World Environment Day: 'International Year of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 20 June, **World Refugee Day: '1 Family Torn Apart by War is too Many'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 26 June, **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 23-25 June, **14<sup>th</sup> Melaka International Youth Dialogue 'Youth and Education: Taking Action, Getting Results'**, Melaka, Malaysia



## July

- 11 July, **World Population Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 18 July, **Nelson Mandela International Day**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 30 July, **International Day of Friendship**, Melaka, Malaysia

## August

- 9 August, **International Day of the World's Indigenous People: 'Bridging the Gap: Implementing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 8-15 August, **2<sup>nd</sup> MA-CHN-DO World Heritage Youth Volunteers Work Camp**, Qufu, China
- 12 August, **International Youth Day: 'Mental Health Matters!'**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 19 August, **World Humanitarian Day**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 20-27 August, **25<sup>th</sup> International Youth Forum 'Youth and World Peace'**, Seoul and Muju, Republic of Korea
- 24 August, **WAY 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, Melaka, Malaysia

## September

- 5 September, **International Day of Charity**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 8 September, **International Literacy Day**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 15 September, **International Day of Democracy**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 21 September, **International Day of Peace**, Melaka, Malaysia

## October

- 2 October, **International Day of Non-Violence**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 13 October, **International Day for Disaster Reduction**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 16 October, **World Food Day**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 17 October, **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 24 October, **United Nations Day**, Melaka, Malaysia

## November

- 10 November, **World Science Day for Peace and Development**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 16 November, **International Day for Tolerance**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 25 November, **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**, Melaka, Malaysia

## December

- 1 December, **World AIDS Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 3 December, **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**, Melaka, Malaysia

- 5 December, **International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 7- 11 December, **16<sup>th</sup> WAY General Assembly** “Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future”, Tirana, Albania.
- 10 December, **Human Rights Day**, Melaka, Malaysia.
- 18 December, **International Migrants Day**, Melaka, Malaysia
- 20 December, **International Human Solidarity Day**, Melaka, Malaysia



### **Appendix III. Messages and Addresses:**

#### **OPENING SPEECH BY H.E. EDI RAMA, PRIME MINISTER OF ALBANIA – OPENING CEREMONY**

Honourable Ministers here present,  
Honourable Members of Parliament here present,  
Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,  
Government Officials,  
WAY Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Executive Committee Members,  
WAY members,  
Invited Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen....

Preshendetje! Greetings!

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the opening ceremony of the 16th General Assembly of World Assembly of Youth which is organized in Tirana, Albania. It is also important to note that today being the 8th of December 2014 is the National Youth day of Albania, and it is a remarkable day for the youth to change the course of events and make history.

Looking back at the world history, we would discover many youth movements that have shaken the foundations of systems, which were previously considered to be immutable and indestructible. Such brave movements have raised hopes and have created new possibilities. This was the movement of December 1990 that gave a voice to the people to live in freedom and democracy, where freedom and democracy for the generation born and raised in a dictatorship could have been nothing but just a mere imagination.

Today is a new era for Albania. Twenty-four years ago no one could have imagined that Albania, a country where the only foreigners that could visit it then were the Marxist-Leninists followers. Even these followers needed approval from the Central Committee of the party. Today Albania has become a country that could host an important international event such as the WAY 16th General Assembly.

The fall of the iron curtain for Albania, as stated by Vaclav Havel caught both the East and the West by surprise. In fact it was this unimaginable demolition that liberated forever the human political systems that were built by the people, for the people and with the people. This is only one side of the coin because what came next reflected the aspirations of a movement that brought down dictatorships and oppressive systems. On the other hand not everyone sees the prospect to realize their dreams and hopes through these events.

The Albanian transition is an experience that we can never forget. Just look at the Arab Spring, a democratic uprisings that arose independently and spread across the Arab world, which was featured on the global stage as a transformative force and where youth participation where exceptional. In more than one occasion, this uprising didn't look like an indicator of freedom. These appropriations and transformations is as result of the driving force by these heroes, who have appeared in history as able to acquire and transform something. And the world won't forget these tremendous moments in history.

For this reason, I believe that politics today in the four corners of the world have been seen unfairly as a discredited power. In fact politics is an indispensable force that gives life to the dreams and aspirations of the people. This is because politics is a force that enable people to work together and give them the opportunity to find a common ground. Also in politics you can voice out your idea and concern. In addition, politics enables people to come together in order to change the government and governance.

Today we live in a very different environment from that of the first quarter of the century, and despite everything else being far from what we dreamt of earlier on, we are luckier today that we have the opportunity to change things with our votes. Today, we have the opportunity to vote and create prospects, to build bridges and build communication processes which are irreplaceable by politics.

Young people often say “I do not want to deal with politics”, “I do not want to hear about politics because it is something low and dirty and that is not for me”. In fact, it is a great illusion to think that if you do not deal with politics, that politics will not deal with you. This is because we are the everyday object and subject of politics and the lesser we deal with politics, the more we risk to be a victim of its wrong decisions. The more ordinary people deal with politics, the more they have the power to make a change. Being involved in politics does not mean that you have to become a politician or abandon your daily activities but it is merely your passion and ambitions to establish the right environment and conditions in your profession.

A student cannot change the situation in his university by himself, but all the students together can change the situation in their universities, if they feel their university needed a change. A student of a university cannot change a university system that requires changes, but all the students together can become the voice and power of this change. Similar thing can also happen through politics.

I feel very happy whenever I have the opportunity to be among young people who see politics as an opportunity and understands that through politics we can do things that seems impossible. Just as politics has done some damages to people, we should never forget that good things have been born through politics. Thanks to the admirable projects that humanity has put in place.

One of these admirable projects is the European Union (EU). This is a political project created by politicians with foresight and courage, which seems impossible at that time. Today, Albania is trying to become part of EU, together with other countries of this region. Thanks to politics. EU overcame a century of wars, conflicts, fratricide and rapidly made the blood streams whole. Before the idea of a united Europe, France and Germany were the greatest enemies in this continent, but now they are two heavy stones of the foundation in European Union.

I wish you the very best and I respect your commitment in this Assembly. I want to conclude with the wise words of President Reagan, who said: “A good citizen is more than a good man”. Therefore, it is not sufficient to be a good person, we all should become good citizens. A good person does not harm the community where he lives, while a good citizen

is one who together with others, creates new opportunities and brings changes to the community where he lives.

This Assembly is an assembly of good citizens! The more good citizens we have, the more confident we become for a better and brighter future. The good citizens are the guarantee that we can make changes. They are also the guarantee that the government does not remain unobserved. They also help to criticize bad policies and they remain included in the fortunes of our community.

Congratulations and success!



## **SPEECH BY RT. HON. DATUK SERI IR. IDRIS HARON, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH – OPENING CEREMONY**

Honourable Ministers here present,  
Honourable Members of Parliament here present,  
Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,  
Government Officials,  
WAY Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Executive Committee Members,  
WAY members,  
Invited Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen....

Miremengjes or Good Morning!

I would like to offer my highest appreciation and utmost gratitude to the Albanian Government for consenting and assisting our World Assembly of Youth (WAY) to convene this 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly gracefully. A big thank you also to the organising committee, the Albanian youth and especially all the friendly people of Tirana for making us feel very much welcomed. All these goodwill is 'an icing on the Birthday Cake' for WAY 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, after challenging but fruitful journey since 1949.

Dear Fellow WAY Members and Delegates,

It is indeed a profound honor for me Today, to be closely associated with so many distinguished guests, speakers with extensive expertise and experience, observers with enormous interest and bursting ideas, and of course, my fellow WAY Members and Delegates from all over the World. I would like to also welcome one of our newest additions of Member Countries, the Albania Youth Council.

Brothers and Sisters of WAY Members and Delegates,

It was during a WAY EXCO Meeting in London in November last year, that I proposed this 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly should be held in Albania, the home country of our Secretary General, Miss Ediola and the themed as 'Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future'.

Leadership, my fellow WAY Members, is not a position; it is an action. While management is about doing things right, leadership is about doing the right things. The very essence of Leadership is that you have to have visions. Similarly, my friends, Succession is meaningless without vision, experience and decades-long of genuine and truthful conviction towards WAY before and in the future.

This meeting of great minds of leaders, speakers, members and observers will discuss about the pressing problems, needs and aspirations of youth in the world. Youth now make up

nearly half of the total seven (7) billions of the world population and as I speak, the numbers are increasing, yes, it is unstoppable!

Hence, we have a gigantic task to lead and assist them to become a better group of future mankind. Youth must secure a vital role at the very beginning stage of any planning, design, implementation and evaluation of future developments, policies, and leadership to ensure the right environment to live in for future generations.

As a big family of WAY, we shall be the provider of knowledge and experience to youth fraternity throughout the world. We must also be their source of encouragement and strength to handle the present and future problems and opportunities alike. In order to achieve this, we must work hand in hand, locally and globally, listening intently to the voice of youth and attend to all issues faced by them. We need to organize more programmes, events, trainings, seminars and dialogues for youth world-wide either in persons or virtually on-line and in real-time through video conferencing and so forth.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I sincerely hoped that all of us will have a productive deliberation, precise plan of actions and timely solutions throughout this five days of gathering.

Diten e mire! (Have a nice day!) And Gjithe te mirat! (All the best!)

Thank you so much for your attendance and attention!



## **SPEECH BY HON. ERION VELIAJ, MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND YOUTH, ALBANIA – OPENING CEREMONY**

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Honourable Members of Parliament here present,  
Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,  
Government Officials,  
WAY Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Executive Committee Members,  
WAY members,  
Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen....

It is a pleasure and honor to officially welcome so many youth activists, future leaders and youth policy innovators from all over the world in the same room, here, today in Tirana. There are two main reasons why I am particularly happy and proud to welcome you on behalf of the Albanian Government and the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth:

Firstly, you must know those 24 years ago to this date, young Albanian students gathered for the first time in an organized manner to courageously, fight against something that is way bigger than them. They overthrown one of the harshest dictatorships of all times, to fight for a free new world and show that there is nothing that the power of young people cannot beat.

Secondly, the XVI General Assembly with a theme on Youth Leadership takes place in Tirana, Albania which is currently one of the countries that have youngster-consisted governments with more than one fourth of the Ministers are in their early 30s. What better way to illustrate the message of this whole endeavour and meaning of youth leadership.

But beyond today's particular enthusiasm, coming from a similar background, as most of you, youth activists, today, I feel like sharing a few lessons about leadership with you all.

Leadership is not commanding, leadership is not management, leadership is not telling, and it is not yelling, leadership is leadership. As such it will be defined in endless ways. In fact, it is the most voluminous and theoretical research topic in academia. To date there has been no consensus or agreement on a universal meaning. So my recommendation would be not to depend much on the jargon but to get moving and find your own definition.

However, there are a few things or matters in which none of those definitions of leadership could ignore and the first one is having to DEAL WITH PEOPLE. If you think to DEAL WITH PEOPLE is your biggest problem, you are not alone. President Clinton once said running a country is a lot like running a cemetery; you have a lot of people under you but nobody is actually listening to you. However on a more serious note, if you hope your people to listen to you maybe it's time you start being more interesting (or funny).



The second matter which leadership definitions cannot ignore is action and that does not appear to be as simple as shooting a movie. Sometimes, you will have to push people instead of pulling crowds or switching fonts instead of changing the sentence. Sometimes it is about taking care of those little details everyone else seems to ignore. The key point is to be the best in whatever you do and whatever you are. That is the true meaning of being a leader.

And thirdly there is no magic formula and pre-destined leaders. Nobody is born as a leader and there are no underlying characteristics or undisputable character traits that predict good leadership and deliver good leaders. All of you, in this room today, are those who have the roles to inspire and motivate other people to follow you through your example of your footsteps, hard work and dedication. 24 years ago to this date, Prime Minister H. E. Edi Rama, present his capability as a leader of Albania. He was one of the student leaders of the Academy of Arts that has successfully dismantled the communist regime in this country. In accordance of the theme of XVI General Assembly, 'Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future', it collectively reminds us that through leadership; all of those small things that you do today may lead to huge and bigger opportunities in the future.

Lastly, let me close my remarks with a good wish for all of you, the future leaders who are here today. I wish you to have an open mind, a strong passion and positive attitude to get you through the hard times of today complexity. It does take lots and lots of hard work to be a great leader.

I wish you a success and great time in Tirana, Albania!

## **SPEECH BY MISS MASIELA LUSHA, GOODWILL AMBASSADOR OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH – OPENING CEREMONY**

Honourable Ministers here present,  
Honourable Members of Parliament here present,  
Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,  
Government Officials,  
WAY Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Executive Committee Members,  
WAY members,  
Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the World Assembly of Youth, I welcome all participants to the exciting milestone of the 16th General Assembly. Our theme this year is "Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future."

Since its conception, the World Assembly of Youth has stood as a united force to drive global change through the individual efforts of members like you. And, as the Goodwill Ambassador of the World Assembly of Youth, I am pleased to witness this year in Tirana such a dynamic gathering of backgrounds, races and countries all uniting to discuss issues pertaining to the youth in our global society. Together we've changed laws, exposed injustice, and reoriented for the better the course of disadvantaged youth across the globe.

Our theme this year, "Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future," is multi-faceted. To lead is to carry a dream, a story that transcends years. To lead is also to reimagine. To invent. To create. To lead is to define the future, to establish a new reality that fits the betterment of society.

It is our duty to foster this leadership in our youth, to nurture their dreams and provide the mentorship and support necessary to achieve. By promoting the values and skills of leadership to our youth, their success can exponentially expand even beyond the support of the World Assembly. The dreams and goals that our youth and respected speakers discuss and promote during this event can broaden into a mass global movement.

I would like to extend my appreciation for the tireless work and dedication towards the success of this event.

Thank you to the World Assembly of Youth for organizing.

Thank you to our World Assembly of Youth president, the honorable Datuk Seri Idris Haron for consistently believing in our dream.

A special thank you to our Secretary General. Ediola Pashollari who is the epitome of grace and leadership.

I would also like to thank the dedicated sponsors, staff and volunteers involved in every aspect of this event. Your passion and enthusiasm has utterly inspired us.

I look forward to the days to come, as we learn from one another and unite in one mission on behalf of the world assembly of youth.

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## **SPEECH BY MISS EDIOLA PASHOLLARI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH – OPENING CEREMONY**

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Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I welcome all participants, speakers and observers to the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth here in Tirana, Albania. The General Assembly is convened every 4 years and through it the election of new leaders, development and adoption of new policies, action plan, major international events and charting of the way forward for the functions of WAY are discussed and agreed upon by members. This 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly theme, **“Youth Leadership in Succession; Past and Future”** reflects our journey from 1949 to the present. Through this time various youth leaders have had the pleasure of serving WAY in different capacities.

Being the SG of WAY, a youth leader and an Albanian, my journey for the past 9 years has been filled with both joy and excitement, as WAY continues to grow. It is beyond doubt that I believe all youth and young people deserve a voice and platform to address their issues. WAY for the past 65 years has played that role and will continue to do so. As we gather to select a new team, I do hope that we shall all participate actively in this process.

WAY has achieved and done a lot of work with the help and support of youth and youth organizations from around the world. Many leaders were raised, many pertinent issues being addressed at the different forums and dialogues globally. It is at events such as this that we have the opportunity to reflect on the importance of WAY and its astonishing work with youth and discuss how we will proceed, further.

In addition, it is without a doubt that WAY has played a noteworthy role in various capacities and levels in societies around the world throughout its existence. Today, as we gather to appoint new leaders and assist in the succession of youth leadership, we reflect the impact WAY has had on youth work. From its very inception WAY not only acknowledge but recognized the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the basis of its action and services.

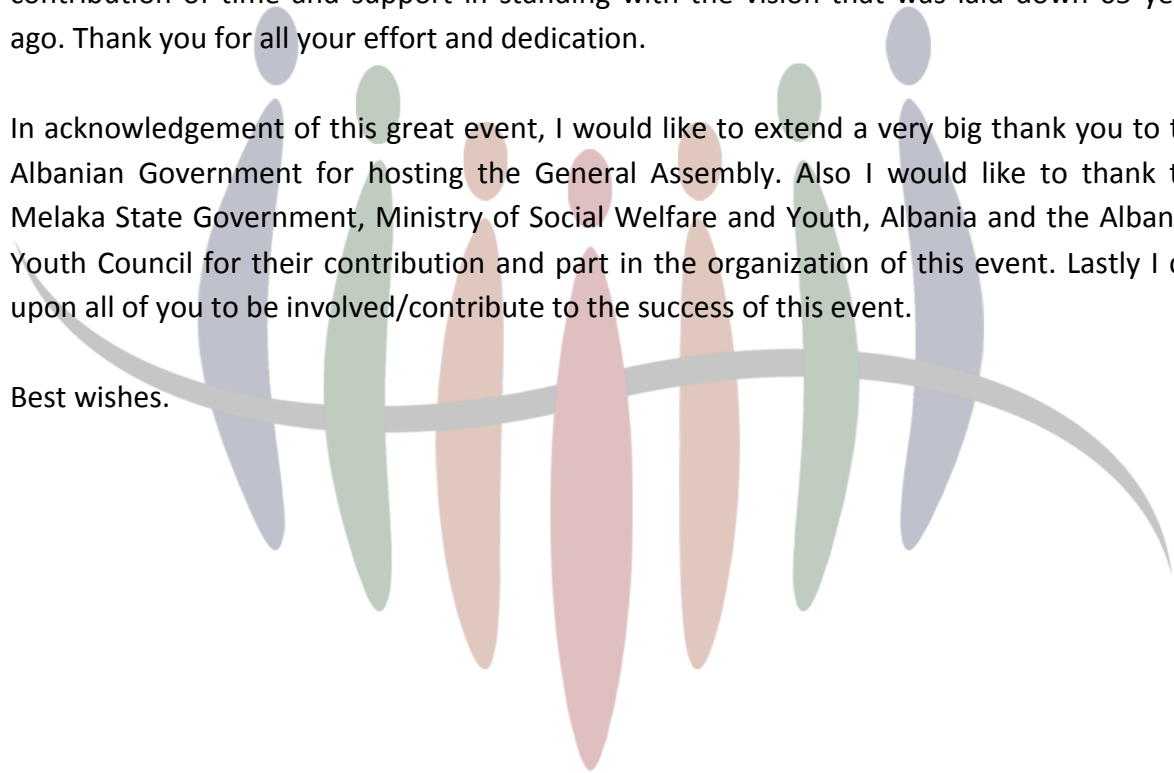
We are very proud to be part of WAY and its global position, as it allows the promotion of youth and youth organization to educate, train leaders and develop programs to be done.

WAY has also provided many opportunities for youth leaders around the globe to exchange ideas and experiences, helping to coordinate international and regional programs and promote an understanding among them without any prejudices of race, gender, beliefs or socio-political national background.

We also want to thank the different Executive Committee Members, the WAY staff that have worked with WAY from its inception. Their importance and dedication is very essential in shaping this organization which strives for excellence and change. More so, our volunteers are important and essential because they have made WAY a success in their contribution of time and support in standing with the vision that was laid down 65 years ago. Thank you for all your effort and dedication.

In acknowledgement of this great event, I would like to extend a very big thank you to the Albanian Government for hosting the General Assembly. Also I would like to thank the Melaka State Government, Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, Albania and the Albanian Youth Council for their contribution and part in the organization of this event. Lastly I call upon all of you to be involved/contribute to the success of this event.

Best wishes.



## **CLOSING SPEECH BY RT. HON. DATUK SERI IR. IDRIS HARON, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH – CLOSING CEREMONY**

Honourable Ministers here present,  
Honourable Members of Parliament here present,  
Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,  
Government Officials,  
WAY Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Executive Committee Members,  
WAY members,  
Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen....

Good Evening to All of You!

We have just completed a fruitful and rich discussion on one of the most urgent issues of our time: 'Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future'. I would like to thank you for your constructive and substantive interactive discussions, undertaken in a spirit of cooperation and true commitment.

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for sharing their valuable, wise and open thoughts. It is really an honor for me to be a part and leader of WAY for the exciting times ahead.

I would like to thank all the delegates, observers and participants and representatives from different countries who offered a diversity of well-thought out constructive views.

Nevertheless, despite some differences, there was a strong willingness to listen to each other and a determination to work together and create a platform to elevate all challenges related to Youth Leadership, its development and advancement.

I am pleased to have so many esteemed youth leaders today and I would like to congratulate each and every one of you for your work and effort in preparing the young people today for facing what lies ahead of them.

This event gathering will be remembered in the history of Albania as well as the history of WAY. It is amazing that through this event, we have both great privilege and opportunity to make such life changing decisions. Our gathering today is a solid indicator that projects and reflects WAY's growth and all of its efforts that have benefited and continue in bringing betterment for the youth, worldwide.

In the past years, we have experienced one of the most brisk changes in the world's history, events such as financial crisis, natural disaster, famine in parts of the world, threat of

terrorism, an energy crisis that almost drove the world into bankruptcy, climate change occurring at an extraordinary level, spread of new viruses and diseases.

The youth of our generation play many substantial roles at different levels of society. They are the major segment of the population and the human resources that we rely on to serve the economy by growing food, creating jobs and raising the living standards. They are the most significant element for the nations' economic growth and attainment of sustainable development.

In order to assist youth in releasing their potential and realizing their roles, we must all join hands together to tackle the issues that appear as the obstacles of the growth and betterment of the youth.

In past four years of my leadership period as president of WAY, I have witnessed tremendous input from the organization in the efforts to tackle these issues from the annual dialogue hosted to the several other external activities. Yet, we do not rely on our victories; we must continually press on as there is always room for improvement.

As we proceed into another tenure or regime of WAY, let us put our strength to the maximum and write a new history, one that we would be proud of! So, let us all go with freshened ideas be zeal to tackle whatever challenges that we could face!

As the president, I would dedicate my maximum efforts in ensuring that youth issues are tackled in appropriate action for making the globe that we inherit together not just safer but sustainable for the next generation.

Once again, thank you for the support and I hope to continue with this task to the best of my capacity and I look forward to working with you all. I believe that together we will march another term of productive 4 years ahead!

Thank You!

## **SPEECH BY MISS EDIOLA PASHOLLARI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH – CLOSING CEREMONY**

Honourable Ministers here present,  
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Ladies and Gentlemen

I am delighted and honored to be with you today at this closing ceremony of the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of World Assembly of Youth. It is indeed an honor and a historic occasion for Albania to host this internationally renowned and important event of the World Assembly of Youth.

I would wholeheartedly and warmly like to welcome all the delegates to this closing ceremony for the 16th General Assembly. In particular, I hope all the delegates from abroad have had a pleasant and enjoyable stay. It was a pleasure to have you here.

This 16th General Assembly themed “Youth Succession in Leadership: Past and Future” and select effective ways and means of addressing one of the greatest challenges of our time, youth leadership. As you are aware, it is the young people who mostly bear the brunt. Thus, it is fitting that a chosen theme that relates to young people and their awareness in respect to take initiative of taking the lead in all endeavors.

Indeed, youth leadership is a serious and pressing challenge that young people throughout the world are facing. Current statistics indicate that most of the world leaders are above the average age declared by the United Nations as youth. This occurrence is in every sphere from bottom to top leadership positions. As young people, you must take personal responsibility of ensuring that your voice and opinions are well expressed. You must remember that you are the future leaders and your generation must exercise responsible behaviour to be able to lead our common home, the global village to greater social justice, equity and economic prosperity for all humanity.

The world is integrating economically, socially and culturally but it is disintegrating politically. However, this disintegration can be contained and rooted out if you as young people who are the future leaders continue to come together and work together in unity like you are gathered here to deliberate on issues of mutual concern.



Therefore, I would like to urge you to become proponents of a just socio-economic development order in your respective countries, regions and the world at large. As leaders, it is now the time for you to look at and ponder the current and future challenges, especially in the fields of science and technology which are the backbone of economic growth and industrial development.

I believe that the youth can only effectively contribute to economic development when they have acquired the necessary knowledge and skills.

I view this assembly as a beacon of progress and the basis upon which the youth can position themselves as active and dedicated citizens of the world. It is also pleasing to note that the World Assembly of Youth has been mobilizing young people to participate in nation-building efforts in their respective countries.

The World Assembly of Youth has also been harnessing the energies and potential of the youth to overcome the social and economic challenges. These efforts must be welcomed and encouraged, as a way of empowering the youth and making them active participants in the process of socio-economic development and the establishment of a just and humane world order.

Thus, as you embark on another leadership term, in important discussions and dialogues in this Assembly, you must espouse a vision of a brighter future and work on new methods that will enable you to tackle the challenges that you will face along the way.

The youth have a responsibility to demand from their leaders to bring an end to the damaging and unnecessary wars which are taking place in some parts of the world. They must take a leading role and impress it upon their leaders to always advance and pursue peaceful solutions to conflicts. In fact, I urge you to always aim to create a world free from armed conflicts and civil wars so that humankind can live in total peace and harmony without the threat of war. You are the future leaders and the onus is on your shoulders to find ways and means of preventing conflicts so that countries can live at peace with their neighbours and within themselves.

I therefore would like to thank the Melaka State of Government, Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, Albania, Albanian Youth Council, and everyone who has been with us from the first day. Hope you all had productive and fruitful deliberations as you have tackled the important and difficult issues placed before you during this 16th General Assembly of the Youth.

I thank you.

### Appendix III. Messages from Head of States and Others:



#### **MESSAGE FROM THE RIGHT HONOURABLE DATO' SRI MOHD NAJIB TUN ABDUL RAZAK, PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA**

It is with honour that I pen down a few words for the World Assembly of Youth XVI General Assembly to be held in Tirana, Albania this December 7-11. It is also a pleasure to note that this event is being hosted in collaboration with the Melaka State Government of Malaysia, of which the State's Chief Minister is also the President of WAY, the Albanian Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth as well as the Albanian Youth Council.

Taking cue from the previous general assembly's stance on the important role that peace plays for the young people today, this year's theme of "Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future" will no doubt take a step further to shape the ability of youth to lead by promoting programmes such as community development and leadership training.

Although youth today, who make up for more than half of the world population, are considered to be more advanced and at better advantage to be more effective and capable leaders, they nevertheless must reflect on past stories and take cognisance of lessons learned over time from their predecessors.

There are many traits that aspiring youth leaders need to master such as communication and critical thinking skills. However, these must be accompanied with the right attitude to engage and the intention to serve, be it just a targeted group or community at large. This will definitely go a long way to ensure the best and appropriate end result a leader can deliver.

Congratulations to WAY for once again organising this general assembly. May you all have productive sessions that will guide our future leaders to brainstorm better ideas, build necessary networks and come out with practical solutions to address issues concerning youths today.

Thank you.



**MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY HIFIKEPUNYE POHAMBWA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and people of Namibia and, indeed, on my own behalf, I would like to extend to Your Excellency, and through you, to the Government and people of the Republic of Albania, our warmest congratulations for hosting the World Assembly of Youth XVI General Assembly, which is scheduled to take place in your Capital City, Tirana, from 7 to 11 December 2014.

I am also pleased to commend the President of the World Assembly of Youth, Honourable Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron and the entire leadership of the Organization, for the successful organization of the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

Namibia is proud to be associated with this great gathering where young people from all over the world assemble, as a very important sector of the universe, to discuss pertinent issues related to their development. The Theme of this General Assembly is precise and timely, emphasizing leadership which is at the core of the advancement of the youth and humanity at large.

The Government of Namibia, through the Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture, looks forward to the resolutions that will be adopted at this global forum, while pledging its support for efforts geared towards youth emancipation.

I take this opportunity to wish Your Excellency continued personal good health, as you lead the Albanian people to greater heights of economic development and social advancement.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest esteem.



**MESSAGE FROM DR. BABATUNDE OSOTIMEHIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA)**

Dear Members of the Organizing Committee,

Thank you for your letter of 28 January 2014 inviting me to provide a message of congratulations on the occasion of the XVI General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth under the theme "*Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future*" to be held in Tirana, Albania from 7 to 11 December 2014. I am pleased to extend the following message of congratulations that you may read out to the delegates of the XVI General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth:

"As the international body that brings together over national youth councils and youth-led organizations, the World Assembly of Youth has the unique opportunity to put forward a common vision for the future of global development. The post-2015 agenda must unleash the contributions and enormous potential of young people.

With half the world being under 25 years of age, adolescents and youth must be the driving force behind the new development agenda. While investments in adolescents and youth should be addressed in all aspects of the post-2015 agenda, only a standalone goal will provide visibility and focus attention on this pivotal new generation. I congratulate you on your leadership and invite the General Assembly of the World Youth Assembly to join the call for a goal on adolescents and youth in the post-2015 agenda.

Let us show that this generation can end poverty, gender inequality, ensure universal access to education, livelihood and health, including sexual and reproductive health, and fulfill human rights for a peaceful and sustainable future, particularly for the most marginalized. You have an unprecedented opportunity to shape our common future.

I count on you to make your voices heard"

Yours sincerely,



**MESSAGE FROM MS. IRENA BOKOVA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)**

I am delighted to send this message of support to all participants at the *World Assembly of Youth*, on the occasion of its 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, taking place in Tirana, Albania, from 7 to 11 December 2014. I wish to thank the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth of Albania and the Albanian Youth Council as well as the Melaka State Government of Malaysia for hosting this meeting.

The *World Assembly of Youth* performs outstanding work to promote the voices of young women and men, to ensure their concerns and goals stand at the heart of international decision-making. As the global coordinating body that unites national youth councils from around the world, the *World Assembly of Youth* plays a vital role in connecting young people at a grassroots level and representing them within the UN system.

These same goals cut across all of UNESCO's action, embodied in the *UNESCO Operational Strategy on Youth for 2014-2021*. At UNESCO, we see young people not as agents of change in the future but here and now. Youth must not be seen as beneficiaries but as active partners and actors in leading social change for lasting peace and sustainable development. Across the world, young women and men are acting leaders, innovators, thinkers, problem-solvers and catalysts for positive change – we must nurture and harness this power for the benefit of all societies.

I see this spirit reflected in the theme of the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly – “Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future.” We must redouble efforts to ensure that all young people benefit from enabling environments and a vast horizon of opportunities, especially through education and training – to allow them to deepen their role in society and engage fully as citizens in the development of their communities. This is essential for human rights and dignity, as well as for inclusive, sustainable development – this is why I believe the concerns of young people must stand at the heart of the new global sustainable development agenda that States are shaping to follow 2015.

To these ends, I wish you a very fruitful General Assembly in Tirana. I look forward to continuing our work to promote the voice of young women and men as leaders and innovators in societies throughout the world.

Yours Sincerely,

**MESSAGE FROM MR. YURY FEDOTOV, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)**

Distinguished participants at the 2014 WAY General Assembly,

Allow me to convey my best wishes to all of you gathered for this important meeting on youth leadership.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime works with young leaders like yourselves to promote the rights, health and safety of people and communities around the world.

Young people are particularly vulnerable to the threats posed by illicit drugs, and young people are instrumental in helping to find solutions.

The UNODC Youth Initiative has helped to empower young people to become active in promoting healthy, safe lifestyles in their communities, schools, workplaces and homes, including through evidence-based substance abuse prevention.

Your governments will be meeting at a special session of the UN General Assembly in 2016 to look at the world drug problem, and to find ways in which the global community can address these challenges more effectively. We need your ideas and your visions for the future, and we welcome your recommendations for how we can advance our joint efforts.

I commend you for your engagement. I wish you a fruitful conference, and every success in your future endeavours.

Thank you,



**MESSAGE FROM MR. JOSÉ GRAZIANO DA SILVA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)**

I would like to extend my warm greetings to the organizers and participants of the XVI World Assembly of Youth (WAY) General Assembly.

I would also like to commend the Government of Albania and the Albanian Youth Council for hosting and preparing the General Assembly this year as well as the Melaka State Government, in Malaysia, where the WAY Headquarters is based, for supporting this important event.

FAO attaches great importance to the prominent role that young people play today in ensuring a sustainable and prosperous world, in particular in the areas of FAO's global mandate such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries, food security and nutrition.

Acknowledging the significant role of young people in leading new initiatives and developing new policies for agriculture and food security globally, FAO is engaged in inter-governmental dialogue to promote the role of youth in rural development and a younger and innovative agricultural sector.

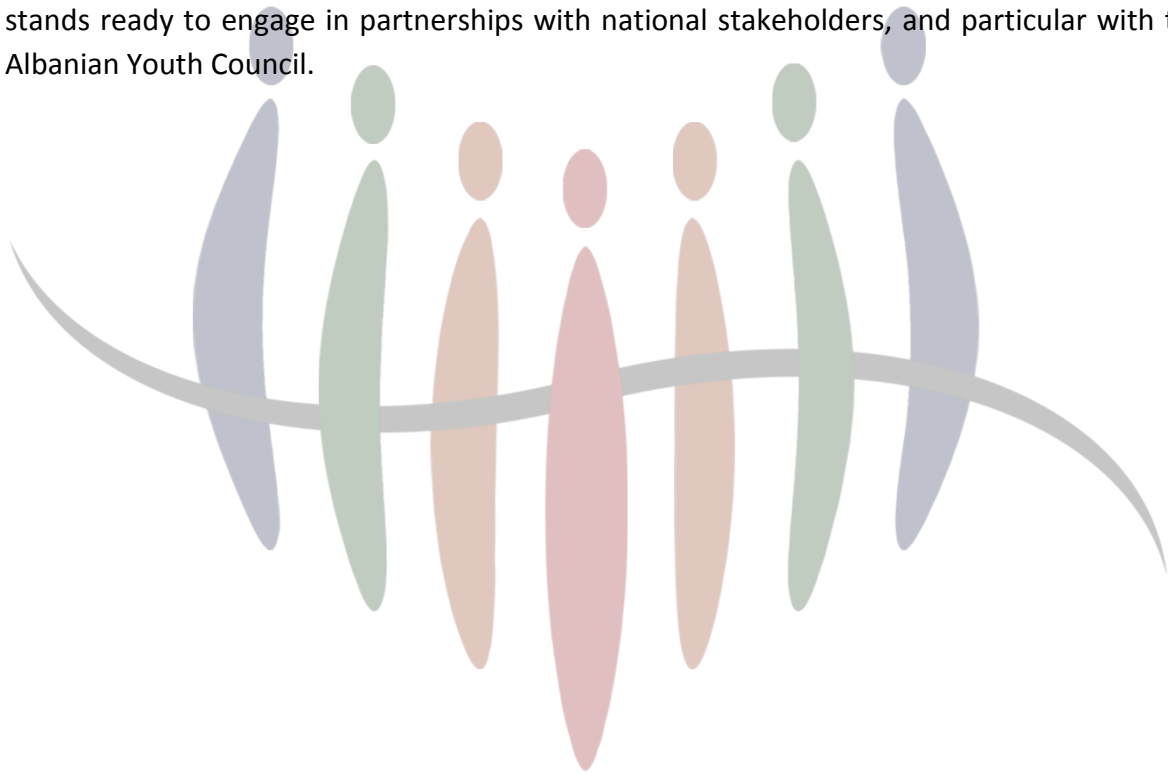
The importance of youth is recognized in the celebration of the 2014 International Year of Family Farming. The upcoming 2015 International Year of Soils will present another excellent opportunity for promoting the role of young farmers in the context of access to land and soils and therefore offering sound solutions for the youth.

FAO is fully committed to supporting young farmers, who are the key for the future of agriculture. In cooperation with international and regional organizations, producer organizations and cooperatives, FAO is undertaking efforts to make agriculture more attractive for youth and to overcome the key challenges they face when engaging in agriculture, including access to knowledge, education, financial services and markets.

Earlier this month, for example, FAO and the African Union's New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) signed an agreement to invest a four million US dollar in the creation of jobs for young people and women in the continent's rural areas. These initiatives are important because, throughout the world, we are seeing how many young farmers are forced to leave their communities, fleeing from conflict or searching for better opportunities. We need to work to make sure they have these opportunities in their communities.

These findings and recommendations are presented in the recent publication “Youth in Agriculture: key challenges and concrete solutions”, prepared jointly by FAO, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), a joint institution of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the European Union, and published in August 2014. This publication was prepared in close collaboration with the European Council of Young Farmers.

FAO looks forward to working closely with the Albanian Government and professional organizations in the country in promoting the role of the youth in agriculture and rural development. After 42 years of Albania’s membership in FAO, the Organization has finally established its permanent presence in the country, following the signature of the Host Country Agreement on 1 December 2014. The newly established FAO Office in Albania stands ready to engage in partnerships with national stakeholders, and particular with the Albanian Youth Council.







## **MESSAGE FROM MR. PETER TOMKA, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ)**

I write in response to your message of 12 August 2014, in which you kindly informed me about the upcoming World Assembly of Youth XVI General Assembly, which will take place on 7-11 December 2014 in Tirana, Albania.

I am most pleased to send a message of support and encouragement on the occasion of the World Assembly of Youth XVI General Assembly, which will take place in Tirana, Albania on 7-11 December 2014.

I take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt welcome to all delegates, observers and organizers, as you embark upon another edition of this highly valuable General Assembly. I have no doubt that your distinguished General Assembly will play a particularly important role not only in shaping future actors on the international scene, but also in providing a forum for better understanding the role of youth leadership in tackling global crises and the challenges brought on by our interconnected and interdependent world. In many ways, the pathway to a better world, a peaceful global community and a safer environment starts at home, in our communities, at the grass roots level. Which group is better situated to lead the charge towards more peaceful avenues of resolution and a more prosperous future than the world's youth, which accounts for almost half of the global population?

The organization of this General Assembly must be commended heartily, as it undoubtedly also provides a platform for developing common strategies, friendships and bonds of harmony with your fellow delegates and General Assembly participants and organizers. It is to be hoped that you will cultivate these bonds in the years to come, and that you will all remain commonly invested in the quest for international peace and security, equality for all, justice and social and economic development. In many ways, the beginning of that journey is today, and the road to the destination is our shared path towards more just and equitable societies. Youth leadership undeniably plays an integral role in ensuring our transition to a better future.

I invite you all to cherish this opportunity not only to discuss and study the impact of youth leadership in shaping today's and tomorrow's policies, but also to acquire deeper insight into your peer's cultural backgrounds. Acquiring a better understanding of this year's General Assembly theme also requires developing a sense of intercultural sensitivity, acceptance of different worldviews and beliefs, while remaining committed to the core values that bind us as human beings striving towards a better and safer world. It requires active engagement with real-world issues, which goes hand-in-hand with consensus-building and teamwork when identifying current challenges and finding ways to address them.

I invite you to fully immerse yourselves and participate in this edition of the World Assembly of Youth General Assembly, which will enable you to meet people from all over the world, make new friends, and gain better insight into present-day challenges. What is more, you will have the unique

opportunity of shifting your own perspective during the General Assembly, as you engage in thought-provoking and mutually enriching dialogue.

I am confident that this General Assembly will offer you the opportunity to refine your understanding and appreciation of the timely issues falling under this year's theme. More importantly, it will provide you with a locus to ponder potential solutions – be they legal, institutional, economic or diplomatic – to the new challenges we face as a globalised world, all with a view to addressing the role of youth leadership in that framework. After all, the world's youth form part of the next generation of leaders, thinkers, governmental representatives, scholars, activists and actors on the international scene and, as a consequence of their situation on the international plane, they will have to explore and ultimately identify ways forward when confronted with contemporary challenges.

Indeed, today's youth and tomorrow's leaders will be called upon to grapple with modern challenges that have cropped up on the international scene, be it from a political, institutional, policy, legal, or conceptual standpoint. Thus, it is imperative to encourage youth in our respective communities to reflect on challenges arising in the fields of human rights, international justice, transnational cooperation, sustainable development, trans boundary pollution, new technology, global governance, all which sometimes result from the ever-important role of non-State actors in the modern world and from the political realities prevalent therein.

I invite you to take up the challenge now before you and to make the most of the World Assembly of Youth XVI General Assembly. Surely, the vitality and prosperity of the international society will largely depend upon a well-informed, socially and environmentally conscious future generation of stakeholders; creative and "outside-the-box" solutions will sometimes have to be found in addressing present-day challenges, so as to create a safer and more just world. In fact, this year's General Assembly theme, namely "Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future", clearly evidences this state of things, along with the willingness on the international plane to address new challenges creatively, but squarely. One of the first steps in fulfilling that future generation's promise will be your full engagement in this General Assembly.

I wish the General Assembly participants, delegates, observers and organizers all the success they deserve so well. I have no doubt that this event will offer wonderful and enriching moments to all involved parties, both from personal and teambuilding standpoints. Please also accept my warmest wishes of camaraderie and fellowship, as you embark upon what promises to be an intellectually stimulating and pedagogically valuable exercise. May the exchanges that will follow carry the full promise and potential of the peaceful resolution of any conflict – be it political, cultural, legal or economical – and signal the triumph of peace, justice and the rule of law.

I wish you a productive and memorable General Assembly.

## **MESSAGE FROM MR. KOJI SEKIMIZU, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)**

To watch the news on TV in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is to look through a window on the problems that beset the world today. Poverty and hunger; the education deficit; gender equality; health issues; environmental sustainability; sustainable economic growth; climate change and global warming; racial and religious conflict – these are themes we hear with daunting regularity.

It is you, the young people of the world, who will lead mankind to find the solutions to these problems. It is you who have the tenacity, the imagination and the creativity to see these challenges for what they really are: opportunities to make our world a better, fairer and more prosperous place for all its citizens.

It is often said that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. But, in a world where technology advances at an unprecedented pace and where the power of engaged citizenship can literally bring down walls that divide cities and topple dictators, you are, in many ways, already the leaders of today.

The organization I represent, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), is part of the system of global governance established for international shipping; a system that provides the bedrock for the sustainable future of an industry which is vital to our global society. Shipping is responsible for delivering more than 90% of global trade, bringing food, fuel, commodities, raw materials and goods to billions of people all over the world. Over many decades, IMO has succeeded in making it safer, more secure, more efficient while, at the same time, reducing its negative impact on the environment.

But what fuel that system is people. So we, too, are looking for our new leaders: the people who will build the mechanisms and infrastructures necessary to sustain and develop shipping into the future, building on and extending its credentials as the most efficient and environment-friendly component of the global transportation system. We, too, are looking for the talented and inspirational new generation who will go on to become the leaders of the shipping world, both in their own countries and internationally.

Perhaps some of you meeting here this week in Albania will become part of the shipping or maritime world. We certainly need people with your vision, your drive and your ambition.

Whatever your personal aspirations may be, your focus this week will, quite rightly, be firmly on the future. But I would urge you not to ignore the wisdom to be found in a landmark document from the past. The Charter that founded the United Nations was signed

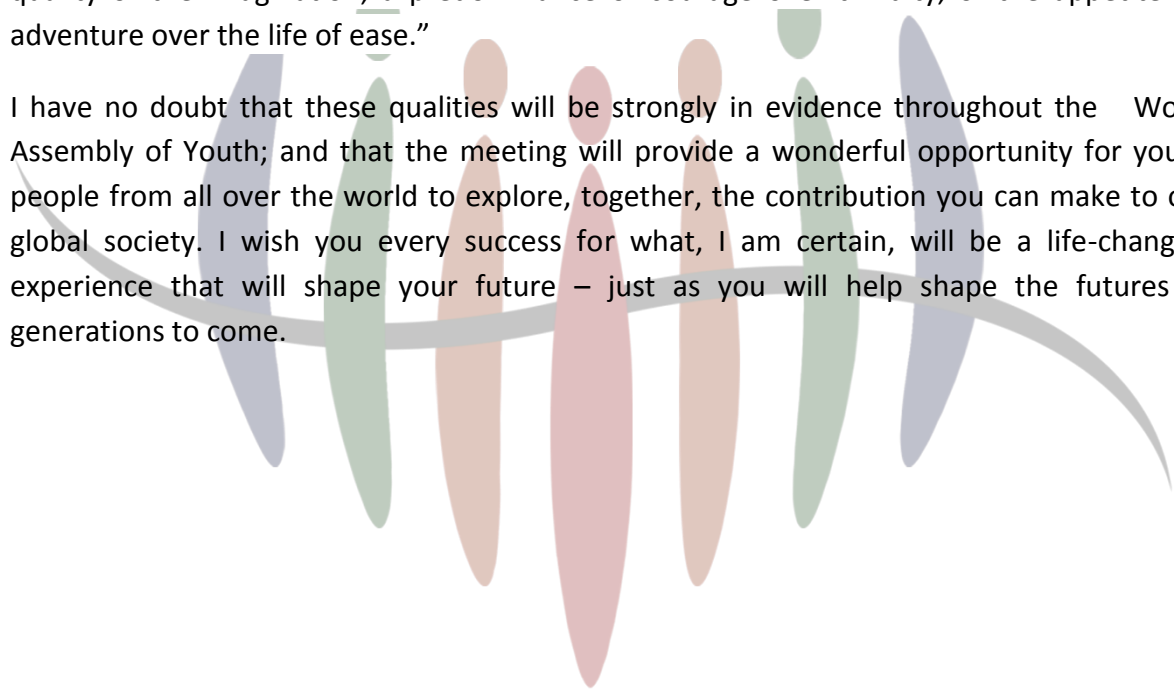
in June 1945; and, today, nearly 60 years later, the values enshrined in its provisions still provide a relevant and credible blueprint for a better world.

Its preamble speaks of the need to save future generations from the scourge of war; but it also speaks of human rights, human dignity, gender equality, equality between nations, justice and international law, tolerance, freedom, respect, security and social advancement. It is a document for our time – it is a document for all time.

So, as you look ahead, let yours be a lexicon of positivity and optimism. Let art, sport, music, science and technology, exploration, learning, discovery, renewal and regeneration be the themes that inspire you and upon which you draw throughout your life.

And remember that the term ‘youth’ is not necessarily linked to your age, but to your outlook on life. In the words of the American statesman Robert F. Kennedy: “This world demands the qualities of youth; not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the life of ease.”

I have no doubt that these qualities will be strongly in evidence throughout the World Assembly of Youth; and that the meeting will provide a wonderful opportunity for young people from all over the world to explore, together, the contribution you can make to our global society. I wish you every success for what, I am certain, will be a life-changing experience that will shape your future – just as you will help shape the futures of generations to come.



**MESSAGE FROM MR. LASSINA ZERBO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY ORGANISATION (CTBTO)**

As Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) it is my pleasure to congratulate the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) on the occasion of its 16th General Assembly. Gathering the global youth community to explore how our world can be shaped for the better is indeed a very important task. I fully share WAY's conviction that the world's youth has not only the opportunity, but indeed the responsibility to find sustainable solutions for the challenges our world is facing.

The CTBT itself is providing a solution for one of the most pressing challenges today. The Treaty acts as an indispensable instrument in helping to rid the world of the danger posed by nuclear weapons by banning all nuclear test explosions by anyone, anywhere. It prevents proliferation of nuclear weapons to new States and hinders development of more advanced nuclear weapons. The CTBT's technically highly advanced global International Monitoring System (IMS) guarantees that no nuclear test in the world can go undetected.

The CTBT has been highly successful in that only a handful of States have conducted nuclear tests since it opened for signature in 1996. Adherence to it is almost universal with 183 Member States but the Treaty has not yet become binding international law. In order for the CTBT to enter into force, eight specific states still need to ratify it, namely China, India, Pakistan, the DPRK, Egypt, Iran, the USA and Israel.

I am aware that for many of the young leaders gathered at the Assembly, the horrors of nuclear weapons may not seem as imminent as they were for the past generations, but I urge you to recognize the dangers these weapons and the threat of continued nuclear testing pose for your generation.

The issue of nuclear weapons remains one that needs to be addressed by current and future leaders. In order to enhance awareness of this fact, the Commission engages the next generation of global citizens through educational outreach. For instance, in the context for the integrated capacity building approach, we provide public access to the CTBT education portal with vast resources on the Treaty and wider non-proliferation and disarmament regime, encourage the inclusion of the CTBT in relevant academic curricula, and hold regular courses to educate young leaders about political and scientific aspects of the Treaty.

At the Commission we believe that the sustainability of the Treaty into the future, and with it the promise of a world without nuclear weapons, rests with the leaders of the next

generation, some of whom are attending this Assembly. We count on you to ensure that this Treaty becomes law, helping to create a safer and more sustainable world. I wish you the best of luck with your deliberations.



**MESSAGE FROM MR. THAPELO OLOPENG, MINISTER OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURE, BOTSWANA**

Warm greetings from the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture head office in Gaborone, Botswana.

Let me start by acknowledging the significance and importance of the World Assembly of Youth office as critical stakeholder in advancing the youth agenda. We believe that the organisation plays a pivotal role in providing a platform where young people representing various governments can meet to discuss issues affecting young people around the globe. This is a worth noting undertaking from your office.

Let me further take this opportunity on behalf of the Government of Botswana to congratulate the WAY for successfully mobilising young people from all over the continent to attend the forth coming WAY General Assembly that is to take place in Tiran, Albania under the theme *'Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future'*.

The theme is appealing as it draws attention to one of the most important facets of youth development. Thus, it goes without doubt that our youth will immensely benefit from the forum. We strongly believe that, the discussion at the forum will help us to drive our priority area of creating a sustained and enabling environment that will empower young people to take leadership role in the society.

It is for these reasons that we send through the BNYC, a delegation of young people to represent Botswana at the forthcoming General Assembly.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Thank you.



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**MESSAGE FROM MS. CHRISTINE ANTORINI, MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DENMARK**

Dear Members of the Organizing Committee,

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the XVI WAY General Assembly of Youth to be held 7-11th December 2014 in Tirana.

I am sorry that I shall not be able to participate in the Assembly, due to a tight schedule at home.

I fully sympathize with the idea of having a world youth policy perspective as a guiding principle for our nations when designing and implementing youth policies at national level. The increased mobility of young people, their access to their rights and their autonomy should be of mutual interest to us all.

I am confident, therefore, that the discussions at the Assembly will touch upon these issues important for the development of innovative strategies in the field of youth policies throughout the world.

Wishing you all a fruitful and prosperous event!

Thank you,





## **MESSAGE FROM HON. MAHAMA AYARIGA, MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

Chairman and Distinguished Delegates,

Permit me first of all, to convey to you and the XVI General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) the warm compliments of H. E. the President, John Dramani Mahama and the good people of the Republic of Ghana.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let me also seize this opportunity to express our warm greetings and felicitations to the Melaka State Government of Malaysia, as well as the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth of Albania and the Albanian Youth Council, for the splendid efforts you have put into the staging of this event.

Mr. Chairman, the chosen theme for the 16<sup>TH</sup> General Assembly of WAY, “Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future” could not have been more appropriate for this session. This is against the backdrop of the current global development challenges confronting the youth and thereby militating against the socio-economic and political development processes of our various countries.

There is no gainsaying that young people need to engage themselves in productive discussions and consensus building processes which are targeted at instituting very effective and efficient youth leadership succession strategies, geared towards forging lasting peace as well as sustainable socio-economic and political development of our countries.

Young people must be allowed to play a central role in evolving policies and measures that would create an enabling environment for the realization of the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

It is also important to emphasize the need to rally member governments together in championing the course of an empowered youth in our various countries in order to contribute to the re-engineering process of producing globally competitive leaders in government, academia, science and technology and all other facets of human development. Mr. Chairman, in recognition of the crucial role of the youth, Ghana has kick started this process by instituting the National Youth Policy and its accompanying Action Plan, which focuses on facilitating youth development as well as empowering young people to be

drivers of their own destiny. In this regard, we have put in place structures to expedite the youth development process including the upgrading of our National Youth Council into an Authority.

We have also constituted the:

- Youth Enterprise Support Program (YES) and
- Ghana Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Development Agency; to economically empower the youth

Mr. Chairman, let me assure you and all delegates here present that, Ghana will continue to pursue the path of a developed and empowered youth as part of our national development agenda.

We wish to re-affirm our government's commitment and support for the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) and further congratulate you for a very wonderful work done.

Finally Mr. Chairman, I wish to assure you that the government of Ghana through the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and the National Youth Authority of Ghana, are ever ready for any form of partnership that is targeted at impacting and empowering young people towards achieving the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

Thank you and may you have successful deliberations.



## Appendix IV. List of WAY Members:

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## LIST OF RATIFIED WAY MEMBER ORGANISATIONS AS OF THE XVI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

F = FULL MEMBER, O = OBSERVER MEMBER, A = ASSOCIATE MEMBER  
C = CONSULTATIVE MEMBER

### AFRICA

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANISATION	STATUS
1	Algeria	National Youth Organisation (Algeria)	O
2	Angola	National Youth Council of Angola (CNJ)	F
3	Benin	Benin Association For Youth Development	O
4	Botswana	Botswana National Youth Council (BNYC)	F
5	Burkina Faso	National Youth Council of Burkina Faso	F
6	Burundi	National Youth Council of Burundi	F
7	Cameroon	Cameroon National Youth Council (CNJC)	F
8	Cape Verde	Cape Verde Youth Federation (FCJ)	F
9	Central Africa	New Escape for Partnership in Development for Central African Republic (NEPADCA)	O
10	Comoros	National Union of Youth of Comoros	F
11	Congo	Forum for Youth Development	O
12	Congo, DR	Congolese Association for Youth Development	O
13	Cote D'Ivoire	Cote D'Ivoire Federation for Movements and Associations of Youth and Children (FEMAJECl)	F
14	Ethiopia	Ethiopian Youth League (EYL)	O
15	Gabon	National Youth Council of Gabon (CNJG)	F
16	Gambia	National Youth Council of Gambia (NYC)	F
17	Ghana	National Youth Council of Ghana (NYC)	F
18	Guinea Bissau	National Youth Council of Guinea Bissau (CNJ)	F
19	Kenya	Kenya Association of Youth Organisations	F

20	Lesotho	Lesotho Youth Federation (LYFE)	F
21	Libya	National Organisation of Libyan Youth (NOLY)	F
22	Madagascar	Madagascar Ecumenical Network of Youth and Students (ROMJE)	O
23	Mali	Malian Movement for Youth Promotion (MMPJ)	F
24	Mauritius	National Youth Council of Mauritius (NYC)	F
25	Morocco	Youth Workers of Morocco	O
26	Mozambique	Organisation of Mozambican Youth (OJM)	A
27	Namibia	National Youth Council of Namibia (NYC)	F
28	Nigeria	National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN)	F
29	Rwanda	Rwanda National Youth Council (NYC)	F
30	Sao Tome and Principe	National Youth Council of Sao Tome and Principe	F
31	Senegal	National Youth Council of Senegal (CNJS)	F
32	Seychelles	Seychelles People's Progressive Front Youth League (SPPF)	O
33	Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone Federation of Youth Organisations (SLFYO)	F
34	Somalia	Somalia Youth Council (SYC)	F
35	South Africa	South Africa Youth Council (SAYC)	O
36	Sudan	General Sudanese Students Union (GSSU)	F
37	South Sudan	South Sudan National Union	F
38	Swaziland	Swaziland National Youth Council (SNYC)	F
39	Tanzania	Youth Council of Tanzania	A
40	Tunisia	National Union of Youth Organisations	A
41	Uganda	Uganda National Youth Council (NYC)	F
42	Western Sahara	Sahrawi Youth Union (UJSARIO)	O
43	Zambia	National Youth Development Council of Zambia (NYDC)	F
44	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Youth Council (ZYC)	F

## ASIA

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANISATION	STATUS
1	Bangladesh	National Youth and Social Welfare Council (JTS)	F
2	Bhutan	Bhutan Youth Development Association (BYDA)	A
3	Brunei	Brunei Youth Council (BYC)	F
4	Cambodia	Cambodia Youth Development Center (CYDC)	A
5	China	All China Youth Federation (ACYF)	O
6	East Timor	East Timor National Youth Council (CNJTL)	F
7	India	Indian Committee of Youth Organisations (ICYO)	F
8	Indonesia	National Youth Committee of Indonesia (KNPI)	F
9	Iraq	General Federation of Iraqi Youth (GFIY)	F
10	Jordan	The National Union of Jordanian Youth (NUJY)	F
11	Korea	National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea (NCYOK)	F
12	Kuwait	Public Authority for Youth and Sports (PAYS)	O
13	Malaysia	Malaysian Youth Council (MBM)	F
14	Mongolia	Mongolian Youth Federation (MYF)	F
15	Nepal	National Youth Federation of Nepal (NYFN)	F
16	Pakistan	All Pakistan Youth Federation (APYF)	F
17	Philippines	National Youth Commission (NYC)	O
18	Singapore	Peoples Association Youth Movement (PAYM)	O
19	Sri Lanka	National Youth Services Council of Sri Lanka (NYSC)	F
20	Syria	Syrian Youth Union	O
21	Thailand	Thailand National Council of Youth and Child Development (NCYD)	F
22	Vietnam	Vietnam Youth Federation (VYF)	O
23	Yemen	General Union of Yemeni Youth (YYGU)	F
24	United Arab Emirates	Emirates National Students Union	O

## CARIBBEAN

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANISATION	STATUS
1	Anguilla	Anguilla National Youth Council (ANYC)	F
2	Bahamas	Bahamas National Youth Council (BYNC)	F
3	Barbados	Barbados Youth Development Council (BYDC)	F
4	Belize	Belize National Youth Council (BNYC)	F
5	Dominica	National Youth Council of Dominica (NYC)	F
6	Guyana	Georgetown Youth Leaders Council (GYLC)	A
7	Jamaica	Jamaica National Youth Council (NCYJ)	F
8	Montserrat	Montserrat National Youth Council (NYC)	F
9	Puerto Rico	Youth Organisation Council of Puerto Rico	F
10	St. Kitts	St. Kitts Youth Council	F
11	Saint Lucia	National Youth Council of Saint Lucia	F
12	Suriname	Suriname National Youth Assembly (SNJA)	F
13	Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago Youth Councils (TYC)	F

## EUROPE

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANISATION	STATUS
1	Albania	Albanian Youth Council (KRSH)	F
2	Armenia	National Youth Council of Armenia (NCYA)	F
3	Azerbaijan	National Assembly of Youth Organisations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NAYORA)	F
4	Czech Republic	National Youth Council of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia	F
5	Croatia	Croatia National Youth Council (NSMH)	F
6	Germany	German National Committee For International Youth Work (DNK)	F
7	Greece	National Council of Hellenic Youth Organisations (ESYN)	F
8	Latvia	National Youth Council of Latvia (LIP)	F

9	Luxembourg	National Youth Council of Luxembourg (CGJL)	F
10	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	National Youth Council of Macedonia (NMSM)	F
11	Moldova	National Youth Council of Moldova (CNTM)	F
12	Norway	Norwegian Youth Council (LNU)	F
13	Poland	Polish National Youth Council (PRM)	F
14	Portugal	Youth Institute of Portugal (IPJ)	O
15	Romania	Romania Youth Council (CTR)	F
16	Russia	National Youth Council of Russia (NYCR)	F
17	Slovakia	Youth Council of Slovakia (RMS)	F
18	Turkey	Youth Activities Services	O
19	United Kingdom	British Youth Council (BYC)	F

## LATIN AMERICA

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANISATION	STATUS
1	Argentina	National Youth Council of Argentina	F
2	Bolivia	National Council of Bolivian Youth (CNJB)	F
3	Brazil	AMP	O
4	Chile	National Youth Council of Chile (CONAJU)	F
5	Colombia	National Youth Committee of Colombia	F
6	Cuba	Union of the Young Communist League (UJC)	O
7	El Salvador	National Youth Council of El Salvador (CONJUVE)	F
8	Ecuador	International Youth House of Ecuador	O
9	Guatemala	Guatemala Youth Development Committee	A
10	Mexico	Mexican Institute of Youth (IMJUVE)	O
11	Nicaragua	National Youth Council of Nicaragua (CJN)	F
12	Paraguay	Paraguay Youth and Students Hostel Association	O
13	Peru	National Council of the Peruvian Youth (NCPY)	F

## PACIFIC

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANISATION	STATUS
1	Australia	Australia Youth Policy and Action Coalition (AYPAC)	F
2	Cook Islands	Cook Islands National Youth Council (CINYC)	F
3	Fiji	Fiji National Youth Council (FNYC)	F
4	Niue Islands	Niue National Youth Council (NYC)	F
5	Papua New Guinea	National Youth Service	F
6	Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands National Youth Congress (SINYC)	F
7	Tonga	Tongan National Youth Congress (TNYC)	F
8	Vanuatu	Vanuatu National Youth Council (VNYC)	F
9	Western Samoa	Western Samoa National Youth Council	F

## NORTH AMERICA

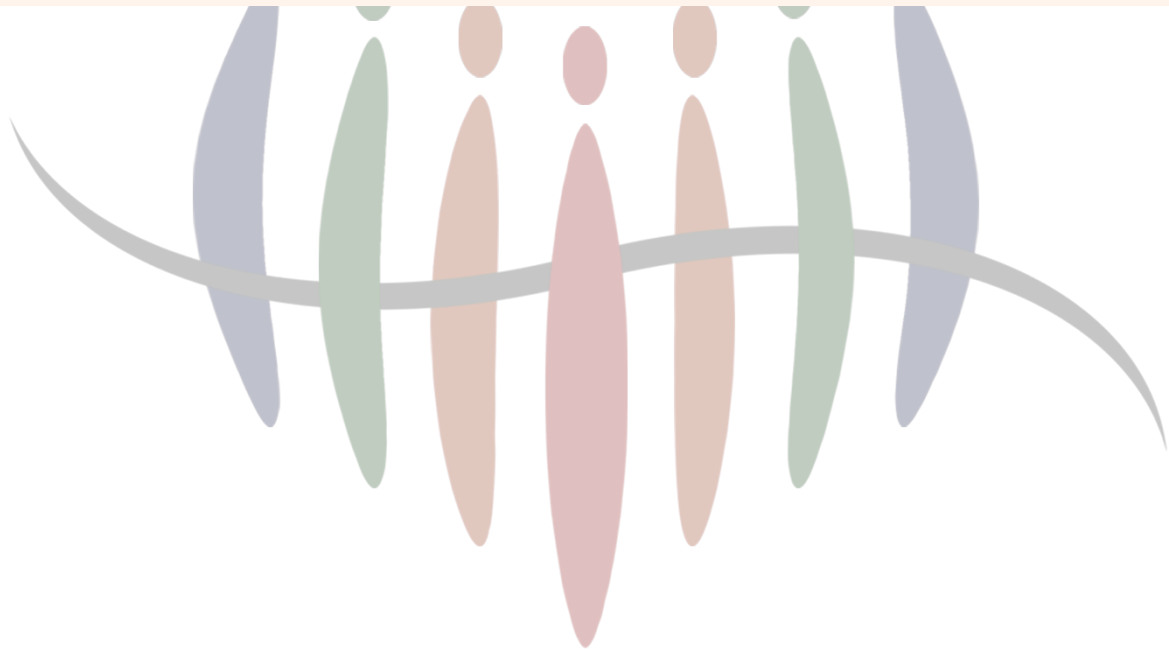
	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANISATION	STATUS
1	Canada	Canada World Youth (CWY-JCM)	F
2	United States of America	Youth Network Council (ICOY-YNC)	F

## CONSULTATIVE

	COUNTRY	NAME OF ORGANISATION	STATUS
1	Sudan	African-Arab Youth Council (AAYC)	C
2	United States of America	A Better Community for All (ABC4ALL)	C
3	Syria	Arab Youth Union (AYU)	C
4	Malaysia	Asian Youth Council (AYC)	C
5	Burkina Faso	Association for Community Development (ACD)	C
6	Brazil	Caribbean Youth Forum	C



7	Netherlands	Child and Youth Finance International (CYFI)	C
8	United Kingdom	Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC)	C
9	Belgium	European Youth Forum (EYF)	C
10	Brazil	Forum for the Integration of Andean Youth	C
11	United States of America	Global Youth Innovation Network (GYIN)	C
12	Azerbaijan	Great Silk WAY International Youth Union	C
13	Fiji	Pacific Youth Council (PYC)	C
14	Sudan	Pan-African Youth Union (PYU)	C
15	South Africa	Southern African Community Youth Movement (SADC YM)	C
16	United States of America	Worldview Mission	C





***THE VI WAY***  
**WORLD YOUTH AWARD**

**10 December 2014**

**Tirana, Albania**

## **1. BACKGROUND**

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) on its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary instituted the World Youth Award to encourage National Youth Councils to become central agents in nation building and to commit themselves to addressing social and economic development of young people in their countries. The World Youth Award honors outstanding national youth council movements and illustrates the examples and models that they set for the world.

The then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, became the sponsor and patron of the award and supported all the past four ceremonies.

The World Youth Award is awarded to the youth organization at the national level that has made excellent, noteworthy and effective contributions in national youth development. The Award is also presented to outstanding individuals who have contributed to the advancement of the cause of young people and inspire them.

## **2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the World Youth Award are:

1. To evaluate the success of national youth movements in promoting social and economic development;
2. To provide incentives to youth organizations to work harder in achieving greater success in their youth development agendas;
3. To inculcate the spirit of self-reliance amongst national youth movements;
4. To encourage youth movements to play major roles in highlighting challenges of youths and in attempting to solve as many of them as possible.
5. To accelerate the involvement of youth in nation building;
6. To honor outstanding individuals who are exemplary and inspirational to young people worldwide.

## **3. CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD**

The award is open to all national youth councils. The panel of judges considers the following criteria for the evaluation of each participating organization:

- Leadership Effectiveness

- Organizational Structures
- Management Systems
- Utilization of Resources
- Quality of Membership
- Effectiveness and Impact of Programmes

#### **4. THE AWARD CEREMONY**

The Award Ceremony of the 6<sup>th</sup> WAY World Youth Award was held in Tirana, Albania during the 65<sup>th</sup> WAY Anniversary in conjunction with 16<sup>th</sup> WAY General Assembly. This took place on December 10, 2014. The ceremony was attended by national youth councils and government officials from all member countries and affiliated organizations of the World Assembly of Youth.

#### **5. ORGANISERS**

The 6<sup>th</sup> WAY - World Youth Award was jointly organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, Albania and Albanian Youth Council.

#### **7. PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS**

**The first WAY - World Youth Award** were presented in 1990 in a ceremony attended by representatives of youth organizations from more than 35 countries as well as UN representatives. It was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The winners were:

- Winner: Malaysian Youth Council
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner – up: Peruvian National Youth Council
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner –up: Pakistan Crescent Youth Organization

**The second WAY - World Youth Award** were presented in 1993. That took place in conjunction with the 12<sup>th</sup> WAY General Assembly and during the WAY International Workshop on Adolescent Health in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The awards ceremony was attended by representatives of youth organizations from more than 55 countries and by UN representatives. The winners were:

- Winner: Slovakia Youth Council
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner – up: Zimbabwe Youth Council
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner –up: Indian Committee of Youth Organization

**The third WAY- World Youth Award** was held during the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen, Denmark on March 10, 1995, while 120 government leaders were attending. The winners were:

- Winner: Norwegian Youth Council
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner – up: Mongolian Youth Federation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner –up: Nigerian Youth Council

**The fourth WAY - World Youth Award** were presented in 2005. They took place in conjunction with the 14<sup>th</sup> WAY General Assembly in Windhoek, Namibia. The awards ceremony was attended by representatives of youth organizations from more than 50 countries and by UN representatives. The winners were:

- Winner: Gambia National Youth Council
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner – up: Mauritius Youth Council
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner –up: Croatian National Youth Council
- Outstanding Individual Award: His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma,  
Former President of the Republic of Namibia

**The Fifth WAY - World Youth Award** was held at Dewan Seri Negeri, on 12 December 2009 in conjunction with the WAY 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, in Melaka, Malaysia . The awards ceremony was attended by former WAY Executive Committee Members, youth leaders, representatives of youth organizations from more than 56 countries and by UN representatives.

- Winner National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up National Youth Council of Namibia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up National Organsiation of Libyan Youth

The winner of the Outstanding Individual Award was **Mr. Ole Lovig Simonsen**, former President of the World Assembly of Youth, who was conferred the **World Youth Award for Exemplary and Visionary Leadership during his time in WAY**. This was presented to Mr. Ole by Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia, Hon. Dato' Ahmad Shabery bin Cheek , during the Gala Dinner of the WAY 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

During this round of awards, a special award for individuals was introduced. There were 20 youth leaders that got awarded during this ceremony for their contribution in WAY and in their representative countries or areas of expertise for the development of youth. The winners were as follows:

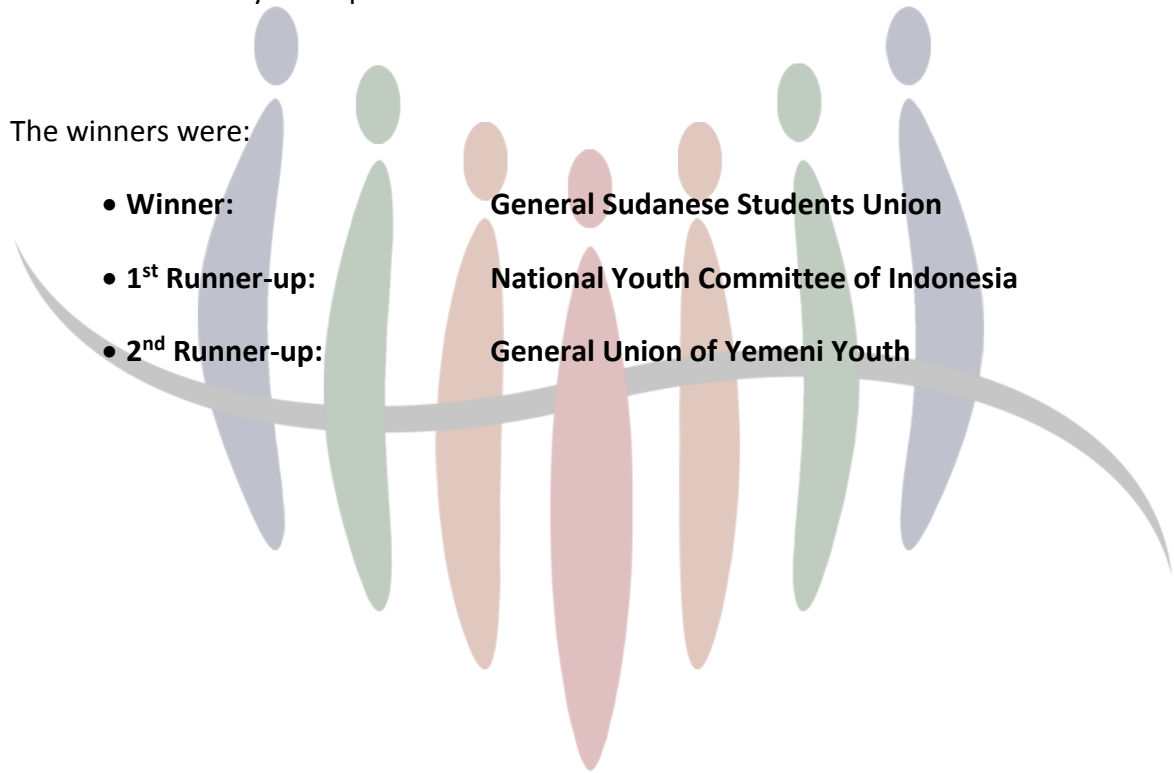
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| 1.  | Mr. Arthur Gillette                      | USA       |
| 2.  | Hon. Tolorunjuwon Joseph Faniyi          | Nigeria   |
| 3.  | Mr. TS. Zorigtbaatar                     | Mongolia  |
| 4.  | Dr. Kwang-Sun Cha                        | Korea     |
| 5.  | Hon. Moammar Mutahar Mohamed Al-Eryani   | Yemen     |
| 6.  | Prof Ranganathan J                       | India     |
| 7.  | Mr. Khalid M. Farouk                     | Sri Lanka |
| 8.  | Mr. Shiv Khare                           | India     |
| 9.  | Dato' Hj Hasan bin Malek                 | Malaysia  |
| 10. | Datuk Seri Panglima Hj Lajim bin Hj Ukin | Malaysia  |
| 11. | Dato' Fuad hj Hassan                     | Malaysia  |
| 12. | Dato' Seri Mohd Tajol Rosli Mohd Ghazali | Malaysia  |
| 13. | Datuk Drs. Hj Jamaludin Abd. Rahim       | Malaysia  |
| 14. | Mr. Ronald Waarde                        | Suriname  |

15.	Revd. N N Nanyak	Nigeria
16.	Mr. Stig Fog Jensen	Denmark
17.	Mr. Joyti Shankar Singh	India
18.	Mr. James Chui	China
19.	Mr. Amir Gharib	Egypt
20.	Mr. Albert Otruba	Slovakia

**The Sixth WAY - World Youth Award** was held at Tirana International Hotel, on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 in conjunction with the 65<sup>th</sup> WAY Anniversary and 16<sup>th</sup> WAY General Assembly, in Tirana, Albania. The awards ceremony was attended by former WAY Executive Committee Members, youth leaders, representatives of youth organizations from more than 50 countries and by UN representatives.

The winners were:

- **Winner:** **General Sudanese Students Union**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up:** **National Youth Committee of Indonesia**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up:** **General Union of Yemeni Youth**



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