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PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY)

Appreciating every second of this great leadership opportunity as WAY President, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all members of the Secretariat, Executive Committee, member organisations, and all participative parties for their determined effort and innumerable support. Without the solid collaboration from all parties involved, all of those achievements in year 2017 would have not been possible.

The annual report elaborates a whole year journey of 2017 given the accomplishments, challenges, efforts, and step-by-step ride towards attainment of our major aims of serving young people worldwide, including our determined effort of tackling youth issues and striving for their betterment. I am confident that this annual report shall provide all information that is required by our members, partners, and other interested parties on WAY's progress for the complete course of year 2017.

This annual report contains particulars on all the programmes WAY organised and those that were jointly organised in the recognition and attainment of our forth Millennium Plan of Actions 2015 – 2018 as well as the objectives stipulated in the WAY Charter. Looking back at all of those, I am glad that the World Assembly of Youth was able to strongly carry out its role in maintaining partnership with various United Nations agencies, member organisations, and other international organisations. It is, indeed, my privilege as the President of the World Assembly of Youth to witness and be a part of this beautiful yet challenging journey of the year 2017, establishing many new partnerships while sustaining the existing ones.

Last but not least, I hereby, once again, invite all stakeholders to join hands with us in hailing another great and fruitful year ahead!

Together, we could make sustainable world, a reality!

Thank you!



MISS EDIOLA PASHOLLARI

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY)

It is my pleasure, as the Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), to present our 2017 Annual Report on behalf of WAY Secretariat and Executive Committee. This annual report houses all specifics concerning our undertakings, commendable publications, and other pertinent information. With the procedural notes aside, this report obliges as a substantiation of the hard work contributed by all elaborate parties in ensuring 2017 as yet another productive year.

With utmost gratitude, I would like to pay compliment to our brilliant volunteers, and members of Secretariat; without whose fortitude, keenness and cooperation, our attainments may have been unreachable. My gratitude goes to all of our distinguished colleagues on the Executive Committee and also to our member organisations for their inestimable support, contribution and instrumental confidence, even in the face of unpredictable atmosphere of the year. Not forgetting all partners and stakeholders, our appreciation goes out to them all, youth inclusive, for their absolute support and assurance in our efforts towards serving young people worldwide.

Looking back the whole year of 2017, there have been lots of challenges but they did not make our expedition towards the end to be less exciting and gratifying. In spite of all the uncertainties and obstacles encountered throughout the year, WAY has prolifically kept on track in acting as a better and more youthful international organization serving as an advocate for youth around the world.

Do enjoy reading this report and we surely welcome any responses.

(For feedback, please write to us at info@way.org.my.)

Thank you!

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The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), since 1949, has taken an active role in its position as the international coordinating body of 140 member organisations consisting of National Youth Councils and Youth Organisations from around the world.

WAY acknowledges the Universal Human Rights as the foundation of its actions and services for the young people and youth worldwide.

According to the WAY Charter, WAY aims to:

- Increase inter-ethnic respect and to foster inter-cultural and international understanding and cooperation;
- Facilitate the collection of information about the needs and problems of youth;
- Disseminate information about the methods, techniques and activities of youth organizations;
- Promote the interchange of ideas between youth of all countries;
- Assist in the development of youth activities and to promote, by mutual aid, the extension of the work of voluntary youth organizations;
- Cooperate in the development of national youth councils of voluntary youth organizations;
- Establish and maintain relations international organizations, both voluntary and governmental;
- Support and encourage the national movements of non-self-governing countries in their struggle for national liberation;
- Promote tolerance, understanding, solidarity and cooperation among youth men and women irrespective of race, sex, language, religion or political orientation;
- Encourage the full participation of young men and women in the development process of their countries;
- Improve the equality between young men and women
- Act as a representative body of national youth councils to the U.N and other appropriate governmental and non-governmental international bodies.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), instituted in 1949, has retained a universal consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and toiled side-by-side with several agencies of United Nations, such as: UNEP, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNEPA, UNV, UNDP, ILO, and UNAIDS. Until date, WAY has acted as the international coordinating body of 140 members consisting of National Youth Councils and Youth Organizations around the world.

The realisation of WAY aims and initiative in unraveling youth potential has been steered by the numerous networks it has across the globe and the cooperation and support from all of its members, stakeholders, and volunteers. Reporting the year 2017 is with all pleasure, as we underscored more than a few significant aims towards enabling the collection of information about both needs and issues of youth, stimulating the interchange of ideas between youth from different countries, supporting in the development of youth-based activities, and boosting full participation, democracy participation inclusive, of young people in their countries' developmental process.

It has been years now since our establishment, and we always have, and will continue to bestow our fullest efforts towards providing and burgeoning the right environment that tolerates young people to advance extremely. As part of our internal enhancements, at WAY-Headquarters, we unceasingly heighten our working system and resources to whole-heartedly serve the youth and members.

In our quest for success and sustainability, we, as a team, have been developing and planning activities and programmes which have been and will continue to be implemented in line with our Millennium Plan of Actions (MPACs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that was specially designed to unlock the true potential of young people and to add value towards the progression of societies as a whole. In addition to all events which have been productively conducted in 2017, we, at our Headquarters, in fact, will continue to offer a platform for youth to grow further through internship and volunteers programme.

On the year 2017, WAY took on a tremendous challenge to focus a global issue that have not been receiving much of attention on international level. This is in line with WAY to take 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. Throughout the year WAY paved its WAY to focus on the ways to implement the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a cross-cutting manner that calls for, inter alia, adopting more collaborative structures and for keeping the information flows going, especially among actors and sectors that do not normally work together.

World Assembly of Youth (WAY) shall carry on to fundamentally converging on youth issues with practical emphasis on internal excellence and further expansion in geographic handling.



GLOBAL PEACE YOUTH EXCHANGE

Moral and Innovative Leadership:
New Models for Peace and Development

in conjunction with the
GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION 2017

GLOBAL PEACE YOUTH EXCHANGE

MORAL AND INNOVATION LEADERSHIP: NEW MODELS FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

FEBRUARY 26TH - 4TH MARCH, 2017

MARRIOTT CONVENTION CENTER, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

ABOUT GLOBAL PEACE YOUTH EXCHANGE

GPYE is a transformative program to empower youth to become moral and innovative leaders and be an agent of peace and development. The exchange program seeks to activate and substantive engagement of young people from diverse Backgrounds and supports meaningful participation of young people in decision – making and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals by echoing the Resolution of Youth, Peace and Security through the inclusion of Youth in peace- building efforts.

The Global Peace Convention is a preeminent, world-level platform to share best practices and develop collaborative strategies in areas of education, health care, environmental sustainability, community-driven development, and conflict resolution. The Global Peace Convention advances innovative responses to the challenges of conflict and underdevelopment by drawing upon the expertise of government, faith-based, and civil society partners, and by involving stakeholders from affected regions. Grounded in a comprehensive, values-based approach that recognizes the fundamental rights as well as responsibilities of all people, the Global Peace Convention presents a vision for peace and social progress that reflects the highest human aspirations.

Global peace convention 2017 Manila, Philippines

- Global Leadership Forum on Peace and Development
- Global Forum on Youth Leadership and Service
- Toward a Global Ethical Framework: Interfaith Leadership in Building a Shared Future
- Global Citizenship and Transnational Volunteerism: Global Volunteers Assembly

- Transforming Education Outcomes
- Ethical Investments in a Global Community: Global Peace Economic Forum
- The Extended Family in Peacebuilding: Integrated Solutions for a Global Community
- Working Together to Achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

Global Forum on Youth Leadership and service for Peace and Development

At the Millennium Summit in September 2000, world leaders adopted the UN Millennium Declaration, committing to a new global multi-sector partnership to reduce extreme poverty and achieve other development outcomes with a dead-line of 2015. While there were some failures in implementing some of the goals, the global leaders have regrouped and included the youth as major actors in post-2015 development agenda. In September 2015, the UN adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Youth organizations, multilateral service partners, UN bodies, NGOs and other private sector stake-holders need to find common ground in shared principles and values to most effectively tackle the daunting challenges of sustainable development and youth engagement in positive social change. The Global Forum on Youth Leadership and Service for Peace and Development will bring together global partners and stakeholders to assess progress, priorities and best practices in meeting sustainable development goals. The Forum will advance an action agenda to engage youth in cross-cultural service to encourage entrepreneurship, promote opportunity and counter the appeal of violent extremism.

Global Forum on Youth Leadership and service for Peace and Development session summary

Global Peace Youth Assembly

The Global Peace Youth Assembly will share vision and values empowering youth as moral and innovative leaders creating new models for peace and development. In addition, models and best practices created by youth will be shared to inspire young people to take leadership and ownership over the 2030 goals.

- 9:00 am - 9:40 am Opening Session
- 9:45 am - 10:20am New Models for Peace
- 10:30 am - 11:05am New Models for Development
- 11:15am - 12:00pm Interactive Session and Closing

Global Service Forum

The Global Service Forum will contribute to foster youth volunteering partnership actions in specific issue cluster areas including: health and environmental service, disaster response, interfaith and youth peace building, youth entrepreneurship and education. A research consortium among universities and think tanks will also be engaged to document the evidence of contributions of youth and community-led projects to SDG outcomes.

“Working Together to Achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals: United Nations, Youth and Multi-stakeholders”

On 25 September 2015, the 193 countries of the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Development Agenda titled Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Following the adoption, UN agencies, under the umbrella of the United Nations Development Group, decided to support a campaign by several independent entities, among them corporate institutions and International Organizations. The overall success of the SDGs depends on youth engagement because youth are critical thinkers, change makers, innovators, communicators and leaders. Young people are active drivers of change in local communities. Young people have a role in engaging people at the grassroots level and a role in communicating the goals to a wider society.

Session 1: Public Private Partnership in Community Development

Financial constraints and other resource limitations, as well as lack of innovative leadership, often impede agencies in providing solutions to unmet needs in local communities. These challenges have opened opportunities for creative private and non-profit institutions with support of grassroots community and youth-driven efforts to augment government in rendering more effective local services through Public-Private Partnerships (PPP). How are exemplary PPPs providing win-win solutions to all parties? How can PPPs leverage each party's expertise and resources to deliver lasting results? This session will draw attention to the challenges and best practices of PPPs in providing innovative solutions to achieve development goals in communities.

Session 2: Engaging Corporate Social Responsibility and Employee Skill-Based Volunteering with Community-Based Development

On a range of economic, social, and environmental objectives, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has become a platform for organizations and companies to develop a sustainability framework that can benefit communities. How does CSR encourage government and non-government organizations, small and medium enterprises, and multinational corporations to develop closer ties with the community? How can CSR drive employee engagement towards a culture of social responsibility?

Session 3: Disaster Risk Reduction and Youth Capacity Building: Philippines and Rise Nepal Case Studies

Recent global disasters have emphasized the need for policies and strategies for disaster prevention, preparedness, and mitigation. In the aftermath of natural disasters that affect millions of lives, a large percentage impacted are young people who also serve as first responders in the communities. This session will feature disaster risk reduction to advance resilient communities and capacity building for disaster response, especially among youth, with case studies of disaster response following the 2013 super typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and 2015 mega-earthquake in Nepal.

Session 4: Environmental Service

Access to clean water sources is a vital issue in achieving 2030 SDGs and reducing potential conflicts over scarce resources. This session will examine an innovative clean water campaign developed in India, and clean water models in Nepal and Africa for potential scaling up through potential partnerships, including universities corporations and youth volunteers.

Session 5: SDG Research Tutorial: Stop Light & Evaluation Baseline Tools

All Lights Village solar power and comprehensive service projects addressed key 2030 goals for sustainable energy and development. This session will examine operative pilot projects, partnerships and research evaluation tools.

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Program Highlights:

- Service Project and All-Lights Village field Program
- Global Peace Convention 2017
- Global Peace Youth Assembly
- Global Service Forum

- Global Peace Awards Gala
- One Korea and Global Campaign Concert
- Global Forum on Youth Leadership and Service for Peace and Development
- Global Youth Summit 2017

GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT

Global Youth Summit (GYS) is a celebration of youth leadership that aims to engage and inspire the world’s future experts. GYS is a space for young people to share their ideas and utilize their diverse skillsets, knowledge, and networks to effectively address persistent problems of today. The 2017 Global Youth Summit will be held at the SM Mall of Asia Arena on March 3, 2017 with 15,000 young leaders from Philippines and abroad in attendance.

Global Youth Summit 2017 will focus on “Achieving 2030 Sustainable Development Goals through Youth Collaboration, Leadership, and Innovation.” The 2017 topics are selected from the top 5 Global Goals, themes, and issues that impact the world and the youth, which youth of today believe are most relevant (based on a youth poll conducted by GPF with 3,209 respondents):

1. Quality Education (78%)
2. No Poverty (54%)
3. Decent Job and Economic Growth (51%)
4. Climate Action (49%)
5. Zero Hunger (43%)

ORGANISERS



OBJECTIVES

- Aims to develop the leadership skills and potentials of young leaders through experiential learning while discovering the cosmic wonders of nature.

PARTICIPANTS

GPYE delegates were students and youth leaders both locals and international participants.

GPYE Philippines 2017 Schedule

Theme: Moral and Innovative Leadership: New Models for Peace and Development

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3					DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
DATE	26	27	28					1	2	3	4
TIME	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday					Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning 1 (9:00-10:30)	Arrivals	Allights Village Field Visit - Laguna	(Plenary I) Opening Plenary at Grand Ballroom					Global Peace Youth Assembly I at Grand Ballroom 9:00-10:20	GPY Meeting	Visit Senate of Philippines and Leadership Training by IBM	Departures
Morning 2 (11:00-12:30)							Global Peace Youth Assembly II at Grand Ballroom 10:30-12:00	Plenary III) GPF Major Initiatives Plenary at Grand Ballroom			
Lunch		Lunch at community							Lunch at the Senate office Cafeteria		
Afternoon 1 (14:00-15:30)		Visit Climate Change Center of Laguna Province (2hours)	Plenary II) Global Strategic Priorities Plenary at Grand Ballroom					Global Service Forum Opening at Grand Ballroom	(Plenary IV) Closing Plenary at Grand Ballroom	Global Youth Summit (MOA Arena) 13:00-19:00	
Afternoon 2 (16:00-		Visit Laguna Provincial	Transforming Education	Interfaith Peacebuilding	Korea Unification	Women's Leadership	Business Forum 1&2	Global Service Forum (5 Concurrent	Add on activities		

17:30)		Capital	n 1			Culture 1		Working Sessions +2 Meetings) 6:00-17:30			
Dinner	Dinner & Orientation	Cultural performance at Dinner	Dinner & reflection					Global Service Forum Conclusion Session 17:40-18:00			
Evening							GP Awards Gala at Grand Ballroom 19:00-21:00	ONE-K Concert at MOA Arena	Dinner & Graduation		



EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR: GLOBAL MONEY WEEK 2017

'LEARN. SAVE. EARN.'

SERI BENDAHARA, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

2ND APRIL 2017

Global Money Week (GMW) is a celebration, with local and regional events and activities aimed at inspiring children and youth to learn about money, saving, creating livelihoods, gaining employment, and becoming an entrepreneur.

It is coordinated, supported and facilitated by the Child & Youth Finance International (CYFI) Team, but the events themselves are organized by schools, universities, government ministries, central banks, financial institutions, members of the civil society and communities of active youth worldwide therefore World Assembly of Youth was not left behind.

WHY CELEBRATE GMW?

What makes GMW activities so exceptional is the active involvement of children and youth in the planning, organizing and actualization of events, as well as in the discussions and knowledge sharing opportunities that commence. We want to make sure that the opinions of the next generation are heard so that the decision makers of tomorrow may take active part in the policy discussions of today. Your participation brings the world one step closer to ensuring that every young person will have access to economic education, the opportunity to use financial services, a reliable source of income, and the ability to develop money-managing skills.

ABOUT GMW 2017!

The Educational Seminar on Global Money Week 2017 with the theme **‘Learn, Save, and Earn’** took place on 02nd April 2017 at Seri Bendahara in Melaka, Malaysia. Realising the importance of young people today for being financially independent, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) was inspired to hold one-day informative and free-of-charge seminar on financial education in order to give young people the tools and brainwave they need to shape their own strategy and forward-plans.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) call for a concerted action worldwide to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The 17 Goals address wide-ranging areas, such as poverty, health, education, climate and others.

The SDGs are universal, involving both developing and developed countries in the same manner. Leave No One Behind is the central overarching principle of the SDGs, indicating that progress should be for all people and all regions, especially vulnerable groups, such as migrants, the poor, people with disabilities, and children and youth.



Which of the SDGs are most relevant to CYFI?

CYFI’s model of economic citizenship consists of four components: financial inclusion, and financial, social, and livelihoods education. These four components of economic citizenship, especially when they are offered in unison, have a direct impact on 8 of the SDGs, namely Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 16.



FINANCIAL INCLUSION (Access to safe, appropriate, and affordable financial services) - SDG 1: Facilitates asset building, which leads to greater economic and financial wellbeing for children and youth. SDG 8: Enables access to financial services for young entrepreneurs.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION (Instruction and/or materials designed to increase financial knowledge and skills) - SDG 4: Has positive effects on developing financial behaviors amongst children and youth. SDG 5: Empowers young women and girls, allowing them to take advantage of greater economic opportunities.

SOCIAL EDUCATION (Provision of knowledge and skills that improve an individual's understanding and awareness of their rights and the rights of others) - SDG 10: Encourages respect and commitment to the rights and interests of others, rejecting all forms of discrimination. SDG 11: Contributes to the understanding of rights and responsibilities, empathy and conflict resolution. SDG 16: Encourages increased youth participation in economic, social and political life at all levels.

LIVELIHOODS EDUCATION (Builds one's ability to secure a sustainable livelihood through skills assessment and a balance between developing entrepreneurial and employability skills) - SDG 3: Can assist in generating income and securing employment, which improves health and wellbeing. SDG 4: Encourages children and youth to follow future career goals ethically, sustainably and responsibly.

GMW2017's theme: 'Learn. Save. Earn.'

Learn: Educating children and young people about their social and economic rights and responsibilities is the key to creating a generation of capable adults who can make wise decisions for their future.

Save: It is important for children and youth to build clever savings habits from an early age in order to cultivate key money-managing skills for later in life.

Earn: Developing livelihoods skills or receiving entrepreneurial training supports children and young people with getting a job or building their own business and developing their careers.

Organisers:

The Educational Seminar on Global Money Week 2017 is organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in collaboration with the Melaka State Government, and Melaka State Youth Council (MGBM).



Partners:



Objectives:

- Raise public awareness of financial literacy
- Support young people in managing their personal finances
- Create awareness about money issues that are the leading causes of: stress, unhealthy coping behavior and reduces our productivity

Participants:

Participants were mostly College and university students from Melaka and Negeri Sembilan states in west Malaysia.

Programme:

DATE	TIME	AGENDA	VENUE	DRESS CODE
2 nd April	0900 HRS	Arrival and Registration	Seri Bendahara, Melaka	Casual
	0930 HRS	Welcome remarks: Briefing about Global Money Week by Ms. Ediola Pashollari , Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth	Seri Bendahara, Melaka	Casual
	0945 HRS	“The Role And Function Of The Central Bank” by Mdm. Sa’odah binti Mohamad, Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery, Malaysia - Q & A Sessions	Seri Bendahara, Melaka	Casual
	1045 HRS	“Money Management For Graduating Students” by Mr. Romzi bin Abu Bakar, Agensi Kaunseling dan Pengurusan Kredit (AKPK), Malaysia - Q & A Sessions	Seri Bendahara, Melaka	Casual
	1145 HRS	‘How To Become A Successful Entrepreneur’ by Mr. Zamzuri Abdul Majid, Campus Director of Students Affairs, Multimedia University, Malaysia - Q & A Sessions	Seri Bendahara, Melaka	Casual
	1300 HRS	Lunch	Seri Bendahara, Melaka	Casual
	1400 HRS	‘Creating More Opportunities Through Creativity And Culture’ by Ms. Anna Karina Jardin, Artist and Creativepreneur, Philippines - Q & A Sessions	Seri Bendahara, Melaka	Casual
	1500 HRS	Bubble Parade	Seri Bendahara, Melaka	Casual
	1545 HRS	SDG’s Photo Sessions	Seri Bendahara, Melaka	Casual
	1630 HRS	Closing Remarks: - Remarks by Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY)	Seri Bendahara, Melaka	Casual

- Remarks by **Mr. Modh Ridwan bin Mohd Ali**,
President of Melaka State Youth Council (MGBM)
- Closing address by Hor. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris
Haron, President of the World Assembly of Youth
cum Chief Minister of Melaka
- Awarding of Certificates
- Photo Session



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ASIA URBAN YOUTH ASSEMBLY (AUYA) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 17TH INTERNATIONAL ON MELAKA TWIN CITIES CONVENTION 2017

“YOUTH ROLES TOWARDS NEW URBAN AGENDA – TAKING ACTION FOR INNOVATIVE, SOCIALLY MINDED, GREEN CITIES”

25 - 28 MARCH 2017

HATTEN HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

AT A GLANCE

The Melaka Historic City has established a twinning relationship and cooperation with various cities since 1984, namely with the Lisbon, Portugal (1984); Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (1989); Valparaiso, Chile (1991); Nanjing and Jiangsu Province, China (2001); Changsha, China (2004); Sawah Lunto, Indonesia (2004); Padang Panjang, Indonesia (2004).

The Twin Cities Convention is a platform to revitalize meeting for Melaka with Twinning Cities, Friendship Cities, partners and others in our continuous efforts towards strengthening an existing relationship and partnership, and moving forward for innovative twinning in various aspects of mutual interest and benefits. The Twin Cities programme initiated the Convention on April 2001, with the aim to build sustainable cities together. Experiences from abroad have provided some indicative guidelines on how to plan, conduct and manage twinning programmes. The International Convention on Melaka Twin Cities is a platform to gain knowledge, learn and emulate from the successful foreign experiences in city twinning, whilst adapting the programme to suit the local norms, values and culture.

The Asia Urban Youth Assembly (AUYA) provides young people in Asia with the opportunity to discuss and deliberate on important issues, in order for them to make relevant contributions to the New Urban Agenda of United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG). The Assembly is not only informative but also maintains its status as the premier urban youth platform for deliberating on urban youth issues.

INTRODUCTION

Melaka Historic City Council organised the Asia Urban Youth Assembly (AUYA) in conjunction with the 17th International Convention of Melaka Twin Cities 2017 in collaboration with the State Government of Melaka, Ministry of Youth and Sports, UNHabitat, Melaka Historic City Council and UN-Youth. This international convention will be held from 25th – 28th March 2017 at the Hatten Hotel in Melaka, Malaysia.

The theme of the convention, “Youth Roles Towards New Urban Agenda – Taking Action for Innovative, Socially Minded, Green Cities” contribute to sustainable development that encourages innovation and healthy cities.

AUYA aims to provide a platform for young people to share experiences and knowledge, showcase solutions and initiatives, as well as develop partnerships in order to make cities and human settlements more equitable, inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.

The event intends to change the perception of the role of young people in shaping sustainable urban development, and to explore opportunities for them to play meaningful roles in the implementation, follow up, and review of the New Urban Agenda.

ORGANISERS

Organised by: Majlis Bandaraya Melaka Bersejarah

With collaboration:

- State Government Of Melaka
- UNHabitat
- Ministry Of Youth And Sport, Malaysia
- World Assembly Of Youth (WAY)

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide a platform for youth in Asia to share knowledge and solutions, and to make commitments toward the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
2. Provide a space for establishment of partnerships across generations and stakeholders toward the achievement of the sustainable urban development.

3. Promote the role of young people in shaping sustainable human settlement, and create awareness on the importance of their meaningful engagement and contribution to just, equitable, and sustainable cities and human settlement.

PARTICIPANTS

1. Government Authorities, Ministries, City Councils & Local Governments Director Generals, Secretary Generals, Mayor, Heads of Unit, officer of :

- ✓ Urban Planning & Development
- ✓ Project Management
- ✓ Construction /Public Works
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Estate Management
- ✓ City Management

2. Engineering & Construction Firms, Consultations, Contractors & Builders Chairman, Presidents, CEOs, MDs, VPs, Directors, GMs, Principals, Partners and Head of:

- ✓ Civil Engineering
- ✓ Transportation Infrastructure
- ✓ Projects
- ✓ Environmental Engineering
- ✓ Business Development

3. Architecture Firms MDs, Principals, Directors, Designers, Chiefs, Heads of:

- ✓ Urban Planning
- ✓ Architectural & Design
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Green Buildings

4. Property Developers Chairman, Presidents, CEOs, MDs, Directors, GMs and Heads of:

- ✓ Real Estate
- ✓ Projects
- ✓ Engineering, Housing & Human Settlements

5. Local & International NGOs, Academics, Professionals, and individuals.

CONCLUSION

AUYA was seen important because it trains young people and the stakeholders not by standards but it also a channel to contribute to the urban agenda as a part of The United Nation sustainable development UN-SDG. Through AUYA youth exchanged ideas, opinions, sharing best practices, and experiencing the cross-cultural interaction and it empowers them to voice their concerns, aspirations and dreams to be integral part of planning for the future. Technology must be leverage to ensure better and good quality of life on city wellness therefore young people being the majority population should be treated as stakeholders of urbanisation. Currently urbanisation is one of the 21st century most transformative mega-trend and challenge.

Day 1 (Saturday, 25th March 2017)

Time	Agenda	venue	R
MARCH4HOPE			
7.00am – 12.00pm	MARCH4HOPE		
12:00pm– 17:00pm	Arrival of Delegates (foreign participants)	Hatten Hotel Melaka	
NIGHTRIDER & EARTH HOUR CITY CHALLENGE			
18:00pm– 19:00pm	Registration & Briefing	Memorial Pengistiharan Kemerdekaan	Dress Code: Sportware
20:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arrival of Hon. Chief Minister of Melaka - Arrival of Hon. Deputy Minister of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government - Earth Hour Pledge by Hon. Chief Minister of Melaka - Gimmick by Deputy Minister of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government 	Proclamation of Independence Memorial	
20: 30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flag off by Deputy Minister of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government 		
22:30	Return to the Hottel		
BRIEFING			
22:30 pm- 23:00 pm	Briefing for delegates		

Day 2 Sunday, 26th March 2017)

TIME	AGENDA	VENUE	REMARKS
OPENING CEREMONY			
8:00am– 8:30am	Arrival of Delegates	Grand Ballroom Hatten Hotel	Dress Code: Lounge Suit
8:30am– 8:45am	Arrival of Distinguished guest		
9:00am	Arrival of Hon. Chief Minister of Melaka		
9:20am	Arrival of Hon Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia		
9:30am- 10:30am	Opening Ceremony - National & State Anthem - Doa Recital - Speech by Chief, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT Bangkok Ms. Mariko Sato - Speech by Hon. Chief Minister of Melaka - Keynote Address by Hon. Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, Yab Datuk Seri Utama Dr. Ahmad Zahid Bin Hamidi - Launching of Forum & Video Presentation - Presentation of Souvenirs		
10:30am– 11:00am	Tea break		
PLENARY 1 (SESSION ½)			
11:00am- 13:00pm	Plenary Session 1 Theme: <i>“Inclusive Smart Cities for Youth; Youth Contribution in the design and development of Smart Inclusive Cities: Creating an enabling environment for youth participation in city planning, design, development and management”</i> <u>Chairperson:</u> Prof. Oyebanji Oyeyinka, UNHABITAT		

Facilitator: UNHabitat

Speakers:

1. Ybhg. Dato' Dr. Tam Weng Wah, Deputy Secretary General (Policy and Development) of the Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government, Malaysia;
2. Dr. Irina Safitri Zen, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of the University Teknologi Malaysia (UTM); Creating an Enabling Environment for Youth Engagement: Case Study of Malacca Green Technology City
3. Tpr. Mahani Mohd Yasin, Council Members, Malaysia Institute of Planners (MIP); Creating an Enabling Environment for Youth Participants in City Planning, Design, Development & Management
4. Dr. Lal Kaushalesh, ICT Specialist, Digital Technologies and Skill Development of Youths: Evidence from India
5. Mr. Tayiona Sanangurai, Young Voices Network, Zimbabwe Inclusive smart cities for youth
6. Mr. Emmanuel Beginimana Coordinator, One Stop Youth Employment Center, Rwanda

**Hattern Hotel : Ballroom 2
Plenary 1 (Session 2)**

Theme: *“A City for All: Integrating Youth Rights in City Planning and Development Prioritising Youth Rights in the Planning and Development of Urban Areas”*

Chairperson:

- Prof. Datuk Dr. Mizan Hitam;
- Deputy Rector (Students Affairs);
- International Islamic University Malaysia (UIA).

Facilitator: Ms. Kamariah binti Ibrahim, Director, Research & Development Divison, Federal Department of Town Planning & Country Planning 'Empowering Youth in Urban Planning & City Building

Speakers:

1. Mr. Johan Arifin bin Mohd Ropi, CEO of Integriti Kepimpinan dan Latihan Semangat Dato' Onn

	(IKLAS) ; 2. Dr. Ali Mohammed Mansor, Vice President, Asian Youth Council @ Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, University of Malaya 3. Mr. Johan Arifin bin Mohd Ropi, CEO of Integriti Kepimpinan dan Latihan Semangat Dato' Onn (IKLAS) 5.Mr. Hamba Richard TEENS, Uganda 6. Ms. Yunia Nursita Sita; Kota Kita Foundation		
13:00pm– 14:00pm	Lunch break		
SPECIAL MEETING			
14:30pm- 17:00pm	Special Meeting with Hon. Chief Minister of Melaka for Ambassadors and other political representatives - Welcoming speech by Hon. Chief Minister of Melaka - Topic: „ <i>New Urban Agenda – Taking Action for Innovative, Socially Minded, Green Cities</i> “ - Question & Answer - Presentation of Souvenirs & Photo Session - Refreshments - End of Meeting		Only for Ambassadors *By special invitations only (close door meeting) Dress Code: Lounge Suit
14:30pm	Assemble at Lobby and depart to venue of Plenary Session 3 and 4		
PLENARY 2 (SESSION 3)			
	Plenary Session 3 Theme: “Participation of Young People in Urban Crime Prevention and Violence” Chairperson: YB Datuk Ar. Ismail bin Hj.Othman: The Chairman Melaka State Executive Councillor For Local Government, Housing And Environment	IPK Police Melaka	

Facilitator: UNHabitat

Speakers:

1. YBhg. Dato' Dr. Abd. Halim bin Mohd Hussin Head of Director, National Anti-Drugs Agency, and Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. Mr. Mohd Rizmel Nazrin bin Dato' Abdul Malik: Member of Youth Parliament in the Ministry of Youth and Sport;
3. Supt. Wooi Kooi Cheang , Deputy Head of Crime Prevention & Community Safety, Melaka Police Contingent.
4. Miss Chadani Karki, University of Nepal , Participation of Young People in Urban Crime Prevention & Violence

Plenary Session 4

Theme: *"Harnessing Science, Technology, and Innovation in the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda: Science, Technology and Innovation as Key Drivers and Enablers of Sustainable Urban Development"*

Chairperson:

YB Datuk Wira Yunos bin Husin: The Chairman of Melaka State Executive Councillor For Education, Higher Education, Science and Technology, Green Technology and Innovation

Facilitator: UNHabitat

Speakers:

1. Mr. Steve Anthony Lojuntin, Head of Energy Demand Management Unit, Sustainable Energy Development Authority Malaysia (SEDA) Climate Change & Mitigations
2. Prof. Dr. Ho Chin Siong, Prof, Faculty Built Environment UTM, Harnessing the Contribution of Science, Technology, and Innovation for Achieving the New Urban Agenda
3. Prof. Dr. Shahrin bin Sahib, VC, UTeM, Harnessing Science, Technology, and Innovation in the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda Science, Technology and Innovation as Key Drivers and Enablers of Sustainable Urban Development
4. Prof. Madya Dr. Jamalunlaili Abdullah, Deputy Dean, Town & Regional Planning, Faculty of

	Architecture Planning & Surveying, UiTM ,Harnessing Science, Technology & Innovation in The Implementation of The New Urban Agenda: Science, Technology And Innovation as key Drivers & Enablers of Sustainable Urban Development 5. Ms. Adejoke, Orelope Adefulire, Senior Special Assistant to the Nigerian President on SDG's 6. Shantanu Pathak, Co-Founder, CareNX Innovations, India Youth Fund Awardee, 2014 CareMother: Technology for better maternal care		
17:30pm	Return to Hotel		
CULTURAL NIGHT & OFFICIAL DINNER RECEPTION			
20:00pm	Arrival of Guests	Grand Ballroom Hatten Hotel Melaka	Dress Code: Batik
20:15pm	Arrival of Distinguished Guests		
20:35pm	Arrival of YAB Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Hj. Idris bin Hj. Haron, Hon. Chief Minister of Melaka and YABhg. Datin Seri Utama Datuk Wira Hjh. Fadilah binti Abdullah		
20:45pm	Arrival of TYT Tun Datuk Seri Utama Mohd Khalil bin Yaakob, H.E Governor of Melaka and YABhg. Toh Puan Datuk Seri Utama Dato' Zurina Binti Kassim		
20:50pm- 23:00pm	- National and State Anthem - Welcoming Dance - Welcoming Speech By Hon. Chief Minister of Melaka - Presentation of souveirs - Dinner and Cultural Performance Begins - End of event		

DAY 3 (Monday, 27th March 2017)			
Date	Agenda		
PLENARY 3 (SESSION 5 / 6)			
	Plenary Session 5 Theme: "Young people in the Fore Front of Urban Planning: Mechanisms to Enhance Meaningful		

	<p>Youth Participation and Contribution in the Sustainable Urban Development”</p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u> YBhg. Datin TPr. HjH Mazrina Dato’ Abdul Khalid: Honorary Secretary of the Malaysia Institut of Planners (MIP)</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> UNHabitat</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Miss Zuraifah binti Musa Iskandar: Regional Development Authority(IRDA); 2. International Speaker; 3. International Speaker; 4. UNHABITAT. <p>Plenary Session 6</p> <p><u>Theme:</u> “Youth Taking Action to Implement and Monitor the New Urban Agenda Mechanisms for Youth Engagement Implementation”</p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u> Dr. Tee Ching Seng</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> UNHabitat</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Amir Isyam Abd. Rahim: Performance Management and Delivery Unit of the PEMANDU, Prime Minister Office; 2. Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth 3. International Speaker; 4. UNHABITAT 		
10:30am-11:30pm	Tea Break		
PLENARY 4 (SESSION 7 / 8)			
	<p>Plenary Session 7</p> <p><u>Theme:</u> “Best Practices and Lessons Learnt on Sustainable Urban Youth Initiatives; A Case of UN-Habitat Youth Programme”</p>		

Chairperson: Mr. Douglas Ragan, Chief, Un-Habitat

Facilitator: Ms. Victoria Chebet, Un-Habitat

Speakers:

1. Prof Oyebanji Oyeyinks, UN-HABITAT Global State Of Urban Youth Report (GSUYR) 2015/2016
2. Dr. Boladale, Lead Researcher Global State Of Urban Youth Report (GSUYR) 2015/2016
3. Ms. Barsha Chitrakar, Global State of Urban Youth, Nepal Urban Equity and Youth Development (GSUYR) 2015/16 - Nepal
4. Mr. Kevin Aditya Prathama, Global State of Urban Youth Indonesia Urban Equity and Youth Development (GSUYR) 2015/16 – INDONESIA
5. Ms. Ibitayo Modupe Arije, Global State of Urban Youth Report Nigeria. Urban Equity and Youth Development (GSUYR) 2015/16 – NIGERIA
6. Kanitha Chap, Global State of Urban Youth Cambodia Urban Equity and Youth Development (GSUYR) 2015/16 – NIGERIA
7. Ms. Jawaher Al Mheir, UAE. Urban Equity and Youth Development (GSUYR) 2015/16 – UAE

Plenary Session 8

Theme: *“Young People, Skills Development, Entrepreneurship and Employment”*

Chairperson:

Mr. Muhammad Afiq bin Hassan: Member of Youth Parliament in the Ministry of Youth and Sport, Malaysia

Facilitator: Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth

Speakers:

1. Mr. Ikmal Hazlan bin Ikmal Hisham: Member of Youth Parliament in the Ministry of Youth and Sport, Malaysia;

	2. Ministry Of Human Resource (MOHR); 3. International Speaker; 4. Youth Unit, UNHABITAT; 5. UNHABITAT.		
	Lunch Break		
CLOSING CEREMONY			
	Arrival of Delegates	Grand Ballroom Hotel Hatten Melaka	Dress Code: Lounge Suit
	Arrival of Distinguished Guests		
	Arrival of Hon. Chief Minister of Melaka		
	Arrival of Hon. Minister of Youth and Sports		
15:00pm- 16:30pm	Closing Ceremony - National & State Anthem - Doa Recital - Report of Outcome – by UNhabitat - Melaka Declaration – by Hon. Chief Minister of Melaka - Vote of thanks – by delegate - Closing Speech by Hon. Minister of Youth and Sports - Presentation of Souvenirs - Press Conference - Tea Break - End of Event		
CITY TOUR			
17:00pm- 19:00pm	Melaka Heritage City Tour		
	Free and Easy		

DAY 4 (Tuesday, 28th March 2017)			
Time	Agenda	Venue	Remarks
DEPARTURE OF DELEGATES			
Morning - Evening	Departure of delegates (Check-out time is 12:00pm)		



17TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

OUR ROLES IN SOLVING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

MITC HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

9TH – 13TH JULY 2017

ABOUT MIYD:

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

INTRODUCTION

Delinquency refers to criminal acts perpetrated by a young person, especially one below the age at which ordinary criminal prosecution is possible and who cannot be subjected to an adult charge or sentence. That is, a young person who has been taken into custody by the police, or committed to an institution, or otherwise disposed of by the court is likely to be defined as a delinquent by many people - parents, friends, neighbours, teachers, or employers. Certainly, variations in official handling of offenders, by age, sex, and other theoretically meaningful categories, reflect varying degrees of social concern with the behaviour of young people.

According to the report published by UNICEF “Cities Failing Children”, an average of 10,500 minors are being detained and arrested annually – about 28 children a day or more than one child every hour. The fact that today, minors are continuously involved in selling and

distribution of several forms of abused and illegal drugs is distressing, let alone, the consideration that engagement in such activity could perpetuate into more extreme crimes such as: rape, homicide, and murder. Approximately half of all youth arrests are made on account of drug abuse, theft, disorderly conduct, assault, and curfew violations, with theft being the greatest cause of youth arrests.

Records dating as far back as 1990 shows that majority of the juvenile delinquents detained were actually faced with extreme forms of poverty. Further data collected on that subject suggested that 7 in every 10 children detained had poverty as one of the driving forces behind juvenile delinquent behavior. In many regions, the root cause of delinquency has often been traced to problems in their family. Parental neglect over the activities of their children or failure to understand their needs during the rebellious phase of adolescence is often cited as the fundamental factors leading to juvenile delinquency. Moreover, other pertinent causes, such as: harsh disciplinary measures in educational system, migration, media's pressure or even peers' influence, were equally important in solving this issue.

Juvenile Delinquency is not without its consequences. The most extreme consequence is loss of human life, especially those of productive young people. If the victims of delinquent behaviors survive, they mostly suffer injuries or permanent disabilities. Furthermore, both the juveniles who have been involved in delinquent activities and their families will suffer from economic and psychological burdens. The continuous marginalisation and victimisation of these young people is having a serious impact of their social interactions and is only perpetuating and pushing them further towards committing more delinquent behavior and activities.

Various key stakeholders have shown their concern through promoting and directly contributing to many programmes, especially designed to minimise and/or solve juvenile delinquent behaviors. However, it is pivotal that before any attempt to tackle the delinquent activities carried out by youth, we need to firstly attempt to understand and then, deal with the causes driving them towards the said behavior. Therefore, it is essential to have intercultural platforms like the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue in order to gather all stakeholders in discussing relevant factors and matters on Juvenile Delinquency, and recommending solutions and contributions towards youth sustainable development.

THEME:

The theme for the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue '*Our Roles in Solving Juvenile Delinquency*' has been realised to fulfill the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating both juvenile violence and solving delinquent behaviors. Moreover, the

outcomes guided by this selected theme are expected to contribute favorably in youth development as well as betterment of societies as a whole.

An interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth towards non-violence, peaceful and secure environment that assures and supports their development fully at the different levels of society that they represent. Therefore, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, representatives from public and private sector, media persona, law enforcers and members of various NGOs and CSOs, will gather to call for action and structure experiences on the issue of Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Development. The outcome document will also enhance youth contribution towards the attainment of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ORGANISERS:

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



OBJECTIVES:

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

- To promote awareness and analyse problems and inventories of programmes, services, facilities and resources available towards juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours;
- To foster action and establish methods for effectively reducing the opportunity to commit delinquent acts among young people;
- To identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, NGOs and others, in solving Juvenile Delinquency and supporting constructive youth development as well as youth leadership;
- To gather and select good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learned from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to solve Juvenile Delinquency;

- To distinguish well-defined responsibilities for the qualified agencies, institutions and personnel involved in preventive efforts;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing the Juvenile Justice;
- To foster networking, collaboration and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of Juvenile Delinquency;
- To advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the social development and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

PARTICIPANTS:

Expected participants should be between the ages of 18 and 35, gender balanced groups representing their respective National Youth Councils; Youth Organisations; Ministries of Youth; Ministries of Education; Law Enforcers; Organisations that address Juvenile Delinquency; Youth Development as well as Youth Rehabilitation related organisations; international organisations; and other establishments. The total number of participants in this programme shall be 250 from at least 80 different countries.

CONCLUSION:

The 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, recognise the importance of empowering and equipping the young people with the right knowledge, skills and proper attitude required to counter youth violence and juvenile delinquency. Recognising that in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular Goal 4, 16, and 17, we, the young people should be at the forefront of universal transformation in taking actions and encouraging our peers to enter adulthood as responsible and proactive citizens. Hence, partnership formation among all stakeholders would drive us to reach our desired goals, which are the reduction of juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

Date	Time	Agenda	Venue	Dress Code
9 th July	All Day	Arrival and Registration	KLIA - Hotel	Casual
	1900HRS	Ice Breaking Session	Hotel	Casual
	2200HRS	Welcoming Dinner	Hotel	Casual
10 th July	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	
	0900HRS	OPENING CEREMONY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming Remarks by Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari - Video Presentation: 'Journey of MIYD' - Address by President of Malaysian Youth Council, Mr. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin - Address by Chairperson of Commonwealth Youth Council, Mr. Kishva Ambigapathy - Address by President of World Assembly of Youth cum Chief Minister of Melaka, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron - Official Opening Address by Minister of Education, Malaysia, Hon. Dato' Seri Mahdzir Khalid - Souvenir Presentation - Photo Session 	Hotel	Formal
	1030HRS	VIP Press Conference	Hotel	Formal

10.30HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Formal
1045	<p>PLENARY SESSION 1: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TOWARDS COMBATING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY</p> <p>Chaired by: Mr. Edson Chiota, CEO, Zimbabwe Association for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of the Offender (ZACRO), Zimbabwe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Applying Research for Improved Outcomes for Court Involved Youth” by Miss Monica Miles – Steffens, Director of Placement, Nebraska Probation Administration, Nebraska Supreme Court, USA ➤ “International View and Approaches to Alternatives to Detention” by Dr. Anne NM Hobbs, Director, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, USA. ➤ “The Efficiency of the Family and Child Protection Units (FCPU) Services Provided to the Child Abuse Survivors in Khartoum State, Sudan” by Ms. Duha Abuobaida Abdalla Mahgoub, Researcher at the Research and Publication Unit, Educational Development Center (EDC), Sudan Medical Specialization Board (SMSB), Sudan. ➤ “The Role of Malaysian Government In Combating Juvenile Delinquency” by Mr. Muhammad Ammir Haron, Director of Policy and Research, Prime Minister’s Office, Malaysia. ➤ Q & A Session 	Hotel	Formal
1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Formal
1400HRS	<p>PLENARY SESSION 2: ATTAINING A JUVENILE DELINQUENT – FREE GENERATION THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)</p> <p>Chaired by Mr. Kishva Ambigapathy, Chairperson of Commonwealth Youth Council</p>	Hotel	Formal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “The Global Goals as a Means to Address Juvenile Delinquency” by Ms. Rose Keffas, Special Assistant, Ministries, Department and Agencies, Youth Development and Special Programs, Office of The Senior Special Assistant to The President on SDGs, Nigeria. ➤ “Restoring Moral Values: Family, Schools, Society”, by Dr. Abdul Wahed Jalal Nori, Senior Analyst, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Iraq. ➤ “Transformations: A Road Map from Juvenile Delinquency to a Life Fulfilled, through Service and The SDGs”, by Mr. Patrick Sciaratta, Delegate at the United Nations for the Country of Suriname, and the President and Founder, The Vinculum Foundation, USA. ➤ “How Juvenile Delinquency Hinders the School to Work Transition” by Mr Bryce David Hartley, Youth Employment and Education Specialist, Social Development Division of the United Nations“ Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP). 		
	Q & A Session		
1530HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Formal
1545HRS	<p>PLENARY SESSION 3: SESSION III: THE ROLE OF CSOs, NGOs AND NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCILS IN SOLVING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY</p> <p>Chaired by Miss. Adrienna Zsakay, Executive Director of Keep Asia Beautiful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Mitigating Behavioural Risk Factors and Discovering Self Worth through The Arts” by Miss. Aileen Isidro Carbonell, Country Program Manager, Artdialogo Asia, Philippines. ➤ “Understanding the Characteristics of Millennials and the Current Era to Solve Juvenile Delinquency”, by Mr. Josandy Maha Putra, Representative, Forum Indonesia Muda, Indonesia. ➤ “Raising and Teaching Youngsters about „Love and Responsibility“ is the 	Hotel	Formal

		Fundamental way to Prevent Juvenile Delinquency” by Miss Li Shanyin, Public Spokesperson, China Green Foundation – Green Handkerchief 365 Global Public Interest Action, China.		
		➤ Q & A Session		
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	1800HRS	Cultural Performances by: - WAY Volunteer - MIYD Participants	Hotel	Casual/Traditional Attire
	2000HRS	Dinner	Hotel	Casual
11th July	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	
	0900HRS*	WORKSHOP: THE ROLE OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN SOLVING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY: - Public sector, - Private sector, - NGOs / IGOs, - Media, and - Young people.	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1045HRS	Workshop (Continues)	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1400HRS	Workshop (Continues)	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1530HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Smart Casual

	1545HRS	Workshop: Group Presentations	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	1900HRS	Dinner	Hotel	Casual
	2000HRS	City tours	Melaka	Casual
	2130HRS	Drafting Committee Meeting		
12 th July	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	
	0900HRS	Presentation of 17th MIYD Draft Declaration	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1045HRS	Adoption of 17th MIYD Declaration	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1400HRS	Field Trips / Cultural Tour	Melaka Town	Casual MIYD T-shirt
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	2000HRS	Farewell Gala Dinner and Closing Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Welcoming Remarks by Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari</i> - <i>Address by President of Malaysian Youth Council, Mr. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin</i> - <i>Video Presentation: Youth and Juvenile Delinquency</i> 	Seri Bendahara	Formal/Traditional Attire

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address by President of World Assembly of Youth cum Chief Minister of Melaka, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron - Official Closing Address by Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia, Hon. Dato' Sri Rohani Abdul Karim - Certificate and Award Presentation - Souvenir Presentation - Photo Session - Musical and Cultural Performances 		
13 th July	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	All Day	Departures	Hotel - KLIA	Casual



UNLEASH INNOVATION LAB

COPENNHAGEN, DENMARK

12TH TO 21ST AUGUST 2017

UNLEASH

UNLEASH is a global non-profit initiative aiming to address the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by bringing 1000 young talents together each year until 2030 to innovate and collaborate on new solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. The first event took place in Denmark from August 13th to August 21st, 2017. UNLEASH is supported by a global consortium of actors across sectors, including UNDP, Dalberg, Microsoft, Deloitte, Novo Nordisk Foundation, Carlsberg Foundation and +10 additional philanthropic foundations.

The vision of is to build the world's leading lab and platform for innovative, implementable and scalable solutions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By using the innovative mindset of young people and partner talents with leading companies, research institutions, foundations, non-profits, and investors, we aspire to provide next generation solutions for the SDGs.

THE THEMES OF 2017

Each year UNLEASH works with different themes. This year's themes are Education and ICT, Energy, Food, Health, Sustainable Consumption & Production, Urban Sustainability, and Water. Under each theme there will be sub-themes and a number of actionable insights to guide the innovation work. An actionable insight is a fact or observation that sheds light onto a problem and helps to set the context from which one can brainstorm and develop possible solutions. Each theme will feature 5-7 sub-themes and related actionable insights.

The below list provides the starting guidelines and further sub-themes and actionable insights will be added. These are not all inclusive, but are made to help get you started. You are welcome to come with your own insights in other areas within the themes.

EDUCATION AND ICT

Access to Education: Despite significant progress since 2000, an estimated 59 million children of primary school age and 65 million adolescents of lower secondary school age – of whom girls remain a majority – were still out of school in 2013. Poverty continues to be one of the most significant factors when it comes to access and inclusion and exacerbates gender gaps. The problem of access is even greater for learners with disabilities and for displaced communities.

Teacher Shortages: By 2030, 3.2 million more teachers are required to achieve universal primary education and 5.1 million more will be needed to achieve universal lower secondary education. More than 70% of primary schools and 90% of secondary schools face shortages of qualified teachers in sub-Saharan Africa. Effective teacher recruitment, professional development, remuneration, resources and support structures are essential to ensuring quality educational outcomes for students.

Literacy and Skills: Many school children are not acquiring basic knowledge and skills. More than 50% of the 250 million primary-school-aged children, who have spent at least four years in school, cannot read, write or count well enough to meet minimum learning standards. There is also a globally acknowledged skills gap for STEM related jobs.

Personalized Learning: Matching teaching to individual student learning levels has a direct and efficacious impact upon learning, especially for students with disabilities (see Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the National Center for Learning Disabilities). At the same time, less than 5% of teachers globally are trained in ICT that could enable personalized learning modalities and better integrate students with disabilities into the classroom. If students with disabilities are included in the design and implementation of these learning systems, it will prevent the problem of having a separate system for special education students to meet the needs of students with disabilities.

Skilling People with Disabilities: Of the 785 million working age people with disabilities worldwide, it's estimated that only 20% currently participate in the workforce. People with disabilities are less likely to be employed full time, more likely to be unemployed, and significantly more likely to be economically inactive than peers without disabilities. Workers with disabilities are underemployed, paid less, and are more likely to count among the working poor with poorer career prospects. This workforce exclusion costs between \$1.37 to \$1.94 trillion of the global Gross Domestic Product and is borne across society, including business.

Artificial Intelligence and Learning: Bill Gates suggested that leveraging AI within education could provide students with the individualized guidance they need to learn more effectively. Early R&D in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and deep learning systems has produced intelligent tutor systems that can track the mental steps of a learner during problem solving, diagnose

misconception, estimate a learner's understanding of material and organize and synthesize educational content based on the individual needs of the learner. The power of an AI classroom is the ability to provide automated, intelligent personalized learning, but these AI education systems must be built from the ground up to meet the needs of all users.

Renewable Energy: If all planned coal plants in six countries – China, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines and Pakistan – are built, they would over their lifespan account for “almost all” of the global carbon budget that the world cannot exceed if it is to meet the 2°C goal. While the share of coal in China's energy mix will decrease up to 2030, Vietnam's will almost double.

Financing: Over 30,000 solar-powered irrigation units were installed in India 2015-2016, more than doubling the previously installed capacity. Diesel pumps for irrigation are still widely used and substituting 50% of the country's diesel units with solar alternatives would require loans of approx. US\$15 billion.

Decentralized Energy: 1.3 billion people lack electricity, many experience frequent outages. Reaching universal access to electricity by 2030 will require that 70% of rural people gain access through decentralized systems. Electrification is strongly correlated to economic growth, but the multitude of sources and types of systems, including mini-grids and pico-systems, presents challenges of inefficiencies, financing, grid management, distribution, storage, and ownership.

FOOD

Waste and Spoilage: About 30% the food produced every year, or approximately 1.3 billion tones, is lost or wasted, with fruits and vegetables having the highest wastage rates. In industrialized countries, consumers and retailers waste an estimated 222 million tons of food each year, while in developing countries the wastage often comes during production.

Nutrition and Functional Foods: While most developing countries have the raw materials to produce functional foods both for domestic consumption and international exporting, they lack a clear regulatory framework for production, quality control, sales, and certification of these “hybrid” food products. Meanwhile, despite nutritional benefits, no generalizations about consumer choices regarding functional food consumption have been determined.

Consumer Demands: 75% of the 8.5 billion people projected to be alive in 2030 will have mobile and internet access, changing the way people purchase and consume foods. Technological developments will spark increased demands from consumers, in areas such as environmental footprint, product variation and tailoring, convenience in ordering and delivery, experience retailing, transparency and traceability, and health benefits.

HEALTH

Medical Supply Chains: An estimated US\$2 billion worth of unexpired medications discarded at long-term care facilities in the US, while at the same time one in four adults can't afford prescriptions. Meanwhile, an estimated 40% of the 1 million health centers in developing countries are stocked out of supplies or medications.

Connectivity: Remote patient monitoring, telehealth and electronic medical records constitute some of the largest market opportunities related to delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals, in developing as well as developed countries. The spread of eHealth solutions intensifies the challenge of interoperability, across platforms, devices, apps and databases.

Prevention: Research shows that providing psycho-social stimulation curriculum, age-appropriate toys, and parenting advice in children under five can result in these children become adults who earn 25% more than their peers, have a higher IQ on average, and are less likely to suffer from depression. Despite this, Latin American and Caribbean countries spend three times more on education for 6 to 11-year-old children than on education for children under age five.

SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Responsible Supply Chain: Corporations with global supply chains have the potential to generate growth, employment and skill development through their operations and sourcing. However, cross-country production, short lead times, and short-term buyer-supplier relationships can make supply chain visibility difficult, both for internal and external purposes. This reduced supply chain visibility creates challenges for corporations to meet their responsibilities within human rights, labour rights and the environment.

Water-Use: For the fashion industry, access to water is essential for cotton cultivation, textile dyeing and finishing. Every kilogram of textiles requires on average 11,000 litres of water throughout the production cycle, and in a world of scarce resources, where textile production is often located in water scarce regions, this presents a growing issue that needs to be addressed.

Consumer Behaviour: There is a huge gap between what consumers say, and how they act when it comes to 'buying green'. A vast majority of consumers say they are willing to buy green, however sales statistics indicates otherwise with little indication as to why there is this discrepancy. This presents a difficult challenge for the companies, but it also offers great opportunity to change consumer behaviour and make a difference.

Circular Economy: The fashion industry is responsible for a considerable throughput of materials. Today, 350,000 tonnes of textiles are consumed annually in the Nordic region, and if the current

trends continue, the consumption will increase to 450,000 tonnes annually by 2020. Only one third of all new textiles put on the market are separately collected for reuse and recycling.

URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

Urban Planning: By 2050, urban areas will account for 70-75% of the world's population equaling 3 billion more people than today. 60% of the areas expected to be urban by 2030 have yet to be built. As existing cities sprawl, people move to the urban fringe without services, amenities and infrastructure are largely due to the absence of urban planning strategies and legislation at the national or sub-national level.

Urban Mobility: Automobile sales are expected to increase from 70 million a year to 125 million by 2025 where more than half of them will be bought in cities. The result of following this trajectory can lead to a doubling of the current global fleet of 1.2 billion cars by 2030. Meanwhile, congestion is already close to unbearable in many cities and can cost as much as 2-4% of national GDP, by measures such as lost time, wasted fuel, and increased cost of doing business.

Sustainable Buildings: 1 billion new housing units are needed to house the world's population by 2060. Already now, buildings use 40% of raw materials globally (3 billion tons annually). When the buildings are demolished, almost all materials are down-cycled. This calls for a switch towards a circular economic model for the construction (and demolition) sector that takes the environmental and economic opportunities of a fully digitalized building sector into account.

WATER

Water Treatment Facilities: Water and waste water treatment facilities use 2-4% of the total electricity used in the US. While electric utilities have been focusing efforts to improve efficiency and provide grid services, water and waste water treatment utilities have been disconnected from these efforts. Water utilities' lack of a relationship with electric utilities, coupled with low financial incentives for providing grid services, has limited the effort to improve energy efficiency.

Water Access: More than 50% of the 663 million people worldwide who lack access to safe water live in Sub-Saharan Africa, predominantly in rural areas. This leads to poor health due to various water-related illnesses. However, access alone is not enough to guarantee better health. Insufficient hygienic practices can lead to the contamination of safe water after it leaves the water point, making it unsafe to drink. Disinfecting or chlorinating water can prevent contamination after leaving the tap, but these treatments do not encourage users to behave in a more hygienic way, which would improve their overall health in the long term. Another

contributing factor to the lack of access to safe water is insufficiently maintained water supply systems, where the responsibility and economic commitment for maintenance is unclear, or the lack of maintenance is “invisible” or uninteresting for the user and authorities. Mitigating these challenges requires a multidisciplinary approach.

Groundwater Depletion: Groundwater is the primary drinking water source for 1.5-3 billion people and provides 42% of global water for agriculture. Replenishment is a slow process that can't keep up with usage, depleting water table levels across the world. New ways of using existing sources and/or developing new sources are to supply human consumption, agriculture and industry.

PARTICIPANTS

UNLEASH accepts top talents aged 20-35. Talent's participation is free-of-charge and will be financed by the UNLEASH-association. While UNLEASH commits to financing participation, talent partners must ensure highly motivated and qualified talents. In general, all talents must meet 5 general criteria.

1. Demonstrated **commitment** to solving some of the world's pressing challenges
2. Possession of a creative and **innovative mindset**
3. Proven track record of making **contributions** to solving social causes
4. Willingness to **engage in co-creation** with peers and experts
5. High proficiency in **English** with the ability to engage in complex discussions

Furthermore, talents should match at least one of four distinct profiles.

- **Entrepreneurs:** Recently launched/or considered launching start-ups, organizations or campaigns (both non- and for-profit).
- **Intrapreneurs:** Improved or changed entities, e.g. through R&D, business development or organizational changes.
- **Academia:** Acquired in-depth content knowledge, e.g. via a PhD position, post-doc position, research projects or master courses.
- **Technical experts:** Possession of skills, tools and know-how (e.g. within engineering, design, technology, crafting and finance) enabling development of physical or software based solutions.

PROGRAM

DAY 1

Saturday, August 12: Arrival in Copenhagen

06:00-23:59 ARRIVAL AT COPENHAGEN AIRPORT

Talents are greeted by UNLEASH volunteers that will be available in the airport luggage area and at the arrival terminal throughout the day. From the airport, talents will be guided to Copenhagen Central Station and further on to their respective hotels. After check-in, talents are free to explore Copenhagen with their transportation card or simply relax at the hotel.

19:00 DINNER AND MINGLING AT THE MEATPACKING DISTRICT

Talents are invited at the vibrant Meatpacking District to enjoy delicious street food, listen to good music and meet their peers for the first time. Those who have received their keyhanger, must bring it as an entrance ticket. Others can register at the Meatpacking District. The talents are responsible for getting to the Meatpacking District themselves, on foot or using their transportation card.

21:00 EXPLORING CPH OR TRANSPORT TO HOTELS

Talents are free to explore Copenhagen on their own or go back to rest at the hotel. Talents are individually in charge of getting back to their hotels themselves. From sunset (around 22:00) the building belonging to the Confederation of Danish Industries by City Hall will be lit up in the 17 SDG colors as a warm welcome.

DAY 2

Sunday, August 13: Kick-Off At Lokomotivværkstedet

08:30 TRANSPORTATION TO LOKOMOTIVVÆRKSTEDET

Talents will be picked up by buses at their respective hotels, and will spend the rest of the day at Lokomotivværkstedet. This means that talents should bring all relevant necessities with them. The keyhanger should be brought as a ticket for entrance. Those who have not received a keyhanger must register when arriving.

09:00 BREAKFAST

The talents will be provided breakfast at Lokomotivværkstedet, where they can engage with each other, different companies, or explore the exhibition “Wasteland – from waste to architecture” by Lendager Group. The exhibition specializing in circular economics within the future’s sustainable cities, buildings, and businesses.

10:30 WELCOME

Masters of ceremonies:

- Megan Rose Dickey, Reporter, TechCrunch
- Gaurav Gupta, Partner, Dalberg

Welcome and introduction by: Flemming Besenbacher, Chairman, UNLEASH

11:00 KEYNOTE

Introduction by Camilla Brückner, Director of UNDP's Nordic Representation Office

11:05 KEYNOTE

Keynote by Juliana Rotich, Co-founder, BRCK Inc. & Ushahidi Inc.

11:30 PANEL DISCUSSION

A number of business leaders will discuss how companies can disrupt themselves.

- Anders Runevad, Group President & CEO, Vestas
- Peder Holk Nielsen, President & CEO, Novozymes
- Charlotte Mark, Managing Director, Microsoft Development Center Copenhagen

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 ICE BREAKER

Social icebreaker for talents to meet their peers and see them in a whole new perspective

14:15 SDG CASE CHALLENGES

Talents will interact with innovative, Danish companies and initiatives to solve specific business case challenges. Talents are divided into their UNLEASH themes and requested to provide onsite feedback on specific company cases.

16:30 KEYNOTE

Aric Dromi, Futurologist, Volvo

17:00 FEEDBACK ON THE SDG CASE CHALLENGES

From the main stage, companies will provide feedback on the SDG Case Challenges.

17:20 KEYNOTE

Bjarke Ingels, Architect & Founder, BIG and Anders Lendager, Architect and Founder, Lendager Group

17:50 INTRODUCTION TO THE UNLEASH INNOVATION LAB

Introduction to the UNLEASH program and how the talents will work for the next nine days by:

- Bahare Haghshenas, SDG Innovation Lead, Monitor Deloitte

- Jackie Stenson, SDG Innovation Manager & Founder of Essmart

18:00 BBQ DINNER AND DJ

21:00 EXPLORING CPH

Talents are free to roam around Copenhagen on their own or take a shuttle bus back to the hotels.

DAY 3

Monday, August 14: SDG Road Maps, City Hall, and Folk High School Check-In

07:00 BREAKFAST AND CHECK-OUT

Breakfast is served at the respective hotels. Talents staying at Steel House will need to be checked out at 07:15. They will be picked up at 07:30 in front of the hotel. Talents staying at Danhostel will need to be checked out by 07:45 All luggage will be placed at Danhostel.

08:00 SDG ROAD MAPS

Based on theme focus, talents are divided into small groups lead by several UNLEASH volunteers. Each group visits and engages with Copenhagen-based companies with an innovative SDG focus.

12:00 PANEL DEBATE: BIG BETS FOR THE SDGS

Talents convene at Copenhagen City Hall for “Rådhuspandekager”, a special type of pancakes made at City Hall, served only to special guests. Here there will be a panel debate about making Big Bets for a sustainable future with:

- Morten Kabell, Mayor of Technical and Environmental Affairs of Copenhagen
- Connie Hedegaard, Chair of KR Foundation and former European Commissioner for Climate Action in the European Commission
- Karsten Dybvad, CEO of Confederation of Danish Industries

13:00 TRANSPORTATION TO FOLK HIGH SCHOOLS

After City Hall, volunteers guide all talents to Danhostel for bus pick-up. Here, talents are divided into their themes and driven to their respective Folk High School. Please note that one theme might have more than one bus. Some themes will have company visits on the way to the Folk High School.

18:00-20:00 DINNER

20:00 WELCOME AT FOLK HIGH SCHOOLS

Introduction to the culture of the Folk High Schools combined with a tour of the premises.

DAY 4

Tuesday, August 15: Innovation Lab #1

08:00 BREAKFAST AND MORNING ASSEMBLY

09:00 INTRODUCTION TO THE UNLEASH INNOVATION PROCESS AND SHARING INSIGHTS

Talents are introduced to the UNLEASH Innovation Lab and the facilitator team. They share insights into global challenges and begin to synthesize these insights into problem framings.

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 FORMING PROBLEM FRAMINGS AND THEMES

Talents continue to share insights and synthesize them into problem framings. Teams are formed around problem framings.

18:00 DINNER

19:30 FOLK HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Day 5

Wednesday, August 16: Innovation Lab #2

08:00 BREAKFAST AND MORNING ASSEMBLY

09:00 TEAMS CO-CREATE SOLUTIONS

Teams are introduced to the practical aspects of moving through the UNLEASH Innovation Process. Teams then work at their own pace to co-create their SDG solutions.

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 TEAMS CO-CREATE SOLUTIONS

Teams continue working on solutions at the various stages in the process.

18:00 DINNER

20:00 TEAM CO-CREATE SOLUTIONS

Teams continue working on solutions at the various stages in the process.

Day 6

Thursday, August 17: Innovation Lab #3

08:00 BREAKFAST AND MORNING ASSEMBLY

09:00 TEAMS CO-CREATE SOLUTIONS

Teams continue working on solutions at the various stages in the process.

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 TEAM CO-CREATE SOLUTIONS

Teams continue working on solutions at the various stages in the process.

18:00 DINNER

19:00 TEAMS CO-CREATE SOLUTIONS

Teams continue working on solutions at the various stages in the process.

Day 7

Friday, August 18: Innovation Lab #4

08:00 BREAKFAST AND MORNING ASSEMBLY

09:00 TEAMS CO-CREATE SOLUTIONS

Teams continue working on solutions at the various stages in the process.

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 PREPARATION FOR MARKETPLACE

Teams continue to work on their SDG solutions in preparation for the final Marketplace.

17:00 MARKETPLACE

Teams display their prototypes, concepts, and problem framings. Community members are invited to see the work of the talents.

18:30 DINNER

19:30 SOCIAL

After an intense week of hard work, the talents will have the opportunity to party, and socialize.

Day 8

Saturday, August 19: Welcome to Aarhus And Mentor Feedback

08:00 TRANSPORT TO AARHUS

The timing of transport differs from each Folk High School. Talents must pack and be ready for the bus at the time given at their Folk High School. The baggage will be dropped off at the hotel assigned to the talents in Aarhus. Talents can check-in at their respective hotels from 15:00.

12:00 WELCOME TO AARHUS AT BESTSELLER

The talents will be welcomed to Aarhus.

Lars Kroijer, Founder of AlliedCrowds, will talk about how to best secure investments in the talents' solutions and how to pitch ideas.

14:00-18:00 MENTOR FEEDBACK

The teams fine-tune their prototypes, implementation plans and pitches with feedback from mentors. Meetings are held at the Aarhus School of Architecture, Aarhus Katedralskole and Navitas, with work space available at each location. The meetings must be booked in advance. Information on booking can be found on the UNLEASH community.

18:00-20:00 DINNER

Talents will be dining at either Navitas, Aarhus Katedralskole or Aarhus School of Architecture. They will receive a meal-ticket, which will indicate their dinner location.

19:00-23:59 MENTOR FEEDBACK

Teams continue to finalize their solutions and pitch presentations with feedback from both local and global mentors. The schools will stay open until midnight.

00:00 DEADLINE FOR PITCH SUBMISSION AND WALK BACK TO HOTELS

Talents will need to submit their pitch before 00:00. Talents can choose to work at the schools as long as they like, and talents are responsible for finding their own way back to their respective hotels.

Day 9

Sunday, August 20: Unleash Festival, Pitch Sessions And Dragons' Den

07:00 BREAKFAST AT THE HOTELS

Talents should be ready to leave no later than 07:30.

08:00 PITCH SESSIONS AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY #1

Volunteers will guide the talents from their respective hotels to Aarhus University. Here, all teams present their final pitch to their peers. Talents within each theme will select the top 12 teams to advance based on on-site voting.

11:00-15:00 UNLEASH FESTIVAL STARTS

UNLEASH Festival – Be the Change is a public event that takes place in Aarhus, August 20-21. The ambition is to create local awareness around the 17 SDGs while UNLEASH is in town.

12 refugee shelters, donated by EverShelter, are linked to specific SDG themes, which set the framework for the event. Each shelter will facilitate knowledge sharing and inspirational experiences surrounding the SDGs.

12:00 LUNCH AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY

13:00 PITCH SESSIONS AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY #2

The best theme pitches from pitch session #1 are invited to pitch in front of a thematic expert judging panel. The other talents are invited to watch. The top two solutions will be invited for final pitches at 'Dragons' Den' at BESTSELLER.

17:00 DRAGONS' DEN AT BESTSELLER

All talents convene at BESTSELLER, where the top two teams from each theme are invited to pitch their idea on stage in front of a top jury of investors and mentors in an interactive 'Dragons' Den' format. At the end, seven awards, one for each track, will be given to the winning teams.

20:00 SDG TALENT DINNER AND PARTY

The talents are invited to celebrate the culmination of the Innovation Lab in Turbinehallen.

Day 10

Monday, August 21: Post-Event Planning, Unleash Festival and Unleash Awards Show Presented by Bestseller

07:00-09:30 BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL AND CHECK-OUT

Talents leaving Aarhus on the 21st should check out of the hotel in the morning. They need to take their baggage to Musikhuset themselves, where it will be kept until departure.

10:00-12:00 IMPLEMENTATION MEETINGS AT AROS

Talents convene at the art museum ARoS to discuss next steps for their solutions and their personal commitments to implementing SDG solutions after UNLEASH.

12:00-13:00 LUNCH AND PARTNER MATCH-UP

While picking up lunch, talents have a chance to meet with investors, companies and foundations to discuss potential funding opportunities.

13:00 UNLEASH FESTIVAL AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Talents will go by the UNLEASH Festival – Be the Change. The festival takes place in front of Musikhuset, where there will be a panel discussion moderated by Lance Gould.

14:00-14:45 TALENTS CHECK INTO MUSIKHUSET

Check-in at Musikhuset starts at 14:00. All talent will have to be checked into Musikhuset by 14:45.

15:00 UNLEASH AWARDS SHOW PRESENTED BY BESTSELLER

All talents will join the final awards show, along with partners, and special guests. There will be keynotes and awards will be given in five different categories to be best SDG solutions. The keyhanger works as an entrance ticket.

18:00 FAREWELL RECEPTION

The talents will be part of the farewell reception in the foyer of Musikhuset with their peers in the first UNLEASH cohort.

19:30 DEPARTURE FOR COPENHAGEN

Buses will transport the talents back to Copenhagen.

Day 11

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

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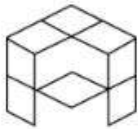
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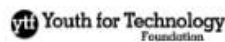




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THE 28TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM “STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION THROUGH YOUTH EXCHANGE”



THE 28TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM (IYF) “STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION THROUGH YOUTH EXCHANGE”

SEOUL AND MUJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

23RD – 30TH AUGUST 2017

The 28th International Youth Forum with the selected theme, “Strengthening Regional Cooperation through Youth Exchange”, took place from 23rd to 30th in Seoul and Muju, Republic Of Korea. The event was hosted by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, the Republic of Korea (MOGEF) and was organised by National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea (NCYK), in partnership with the World Assembly of Youth.

Amidst the current flow of economic and cultural globalization, a clear trend toward regionalism or regional cooperation in various parts of the world is being witnessed. Reconciling these two seeming contrasting trends remains an interesting challenge. Using an interactive and participative approach, this year’s Forum will create opportunities for participants to share their experiences and ideas on how youth cooperation can contribute to a successful and simultaneous pursuit of globalization and regional cooperation

SUB-THEMES:

- Youth Exchanges in Culture, Arts, and Sports and Regional Cooperation
- Youth Volunteerism and Regional Community
- Online Youth Exchanges and Regional Partnership

OBJECTIVES

- A. To increase youth understands of global issues, offering an opportunity to tackle them and to find alternative ways or solutions.
- B. To improve cooperation and enhance mutual understanding among youths across cultures and nationalities.

C. To spread goodwill around the world and to build interactive global citizenship through networking among youths.

PARTICIPANTS

- A. Overseas participants: 70 delegates
- B. Korean participants: 10 delegates
- C. Organizing Committee: 10 people
- D. Qualifications
 - Youths between the ages of 18 and 27 who are significantly interested in the topic
 - Participants should have a good command of English

In this year program, 82 participants from 32 different countries gathered in Seoul and Muju, Korea to have a successful discussion about strengthening regional cooperation, youth volunteerism, various ways of youth exchange toward theme for 7 days.

PROGRAMME

August 2017	Activities
23 rd (Wed)	Arrival / Registration Opening Ceremony and Welcome Dinner Orientation/ Election for chair Group of the Forum
24 th (Thu)	Keynote Lecture Special Case Study I , II Move to Muju (Taekwondo wo
25 th (Fri)	Case Study Presentation Setting the Agenda Debate Time Part I
26 th (Sat)	Korean Martial Art Taekwondo Lesson Debate Time Part II Adopting the Resolution of Small Debating Group
27 th (Sun)	Compiling the Resolution of the Forum Plenary Session
28 th (Mon)	Korean Culture Experience (Outing) Move to Seoul(Int'l Youth Center)
29 th (Tue)	Seoul City Study Trip (Outing) Closing Ceremony and Farewell Dinner Adoption of Youth Declaration Farewell Party
30 th (Wed)	Departure



THE ROLE OF SOLVING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

WORKSHOP ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY: CURRENT ISSUES, BEST PRACTICES, AND PROMISING APPROACHES
TRAINING CENTER INSTITUTE DARUL RIDZUAN (IDR), PERAK, MALAYSIA
SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

ORGANISERS

World Assembly of Youth in partnership with the Institut Darul Ridzuan; Dewan Belia Perak of Crime Prevention, Civil Society and Patriotisme; Perak State Youth Council; Perak Silver Youth

INTRODUCTION

Juvenile Delinquency refers to criminal acts perpetrated by a young person, especially one below the age at which ordinary criminal prosecution is possible and who cannot be subjected to an adult charge or sentence. That is, a young person who has been taken into custody by the police, or committed to an institution, or otherwise disposed of by the court is likely to be defined as a delinquent by many people - parents, friends, neighbours, teachers, or employers. Certainly, variations in official handling of offenders, by age, sex, and other theoretically meaningful categories, reflect varying degrees of social concern with the behaviour of young people.

Juvenile Delinquency is one of the 24 youth issues that the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) tackles. In this year it was chosen to be the topic for 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), an annual event which this year alone has attracted young people from 43 countries and continents (Africa, Asia, Europe, Pacific, and United States of America). One of the objectives of this event was to advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the social development and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals.

During the event young people have shared, discussed their ideas and came with resolutions for Juvenile delinquency. This resolution has emphasised the actions that young people and other stakeholders should take towards combating juvenile delinquency and attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This dialogue has identified the roles and concerns of all stakeholders towards juvenile violence and solving delinquent behaviours. The dialogue culminated in the fact that now is the right time and opportunity to act in partnership.

As young people alone cannot implement the resolutions, WAY have taken an action to spearhead the movement and to support young people at the national level, to help them to come along with collective action from the local level that can bring an effective change. Real change occurs in everyday, by individuals organizing and inspiring on a local level, nurturing their communities and giving voice to youth at grassroots level with untold stories.

Acting as a support system for agents of change (young people), 'in service of youth since 1949', we intend to conduct this workshops, trainings, aimed at helping activists be more successful in their work by prioritizing their rights to attain Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

PARTICIPANTS:

Participants were mostly College and University students were mostly students between the ages of 18 to 23 from Perak State in Malaysia.

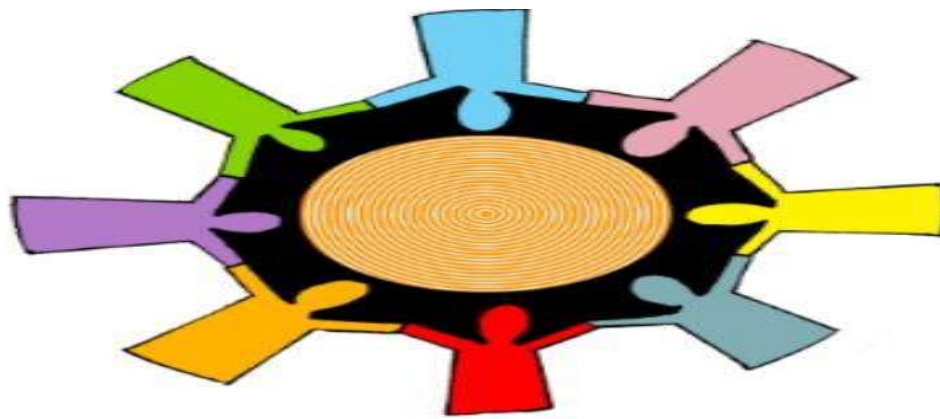
SUMMARY

During the workshop the participants successfully discussed about current issues they are facing, best practices, and promising approaches towards juvenile delinquency within their society. The issue that was highlighted was that due to busy work schedules of parents most children and youth and left unattended, a parent mostly provides materials needs and fewer parents to child affection. Due to that kids and children grew up guiding themselves more often which can lead them to be involved in crimes without the parents noticing the behaviour change.

Institutions that worked directly with children and youth should observe and identify the crimes that young people face and try to eliminate the root causes. Crime prevention organisations must conduct awareness campaigns including self- realisations trips to prisons, correctional centres and hospitals to show young people the dangers and disadvantages of committing crimes.

EVENT PROGRAMME

TIME (HRS)	AGENDA	VENUE
0800 - 08:30	Arrival and Registration	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
08:30 - 09:30	OPENING CEREMONY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming Remarks by Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth - Official Opening Address by Hon. Datuk Shahrul Zaman bin Yahya, State EXCO for Human Resources, Youth and Sports, Perak 	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
09.30 – 09.50	REMARKS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth - Briefing about WAY - Topic introduction - Breakout Session 	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
09:50 - 11:30	WORKSHOP: Juvenile Delinquency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current Issues - Best Practices, and - Promising Approaches 	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
11:30 - 11:45	Tea Break	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
11:45 - 13:00	Workshop continues	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
14:00 - 16:00	Workshop continues	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
16:00 - 16:15	Tea Break	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
16:15 - 17:30	Group Presentations	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
17:30 - 17:40	CLOSING REMARKS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth 	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak
17.30 – 18.00	Photo session	Training Center, Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak Perak



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29TH SEPTEMBER TO 2ND OCTOBER 2017

INTRODUCTION

Over the past 11 years, the Global Youth Peace Festival has been pursuing the agenda of youth leadership and transformative change. It has also shown the way to build a global culture of volunteerism and service. The GYPF 2016 coincide with the clouds of war had gathered over India and Pakistan. We at Team GYPF managed to change the narrative by having young people from 33 countries including 19 young girls for peace from Pakistan espousing for peace. The youth solemnly re-affirmed that we are all part of one global family – Vasudaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) -- aspiring to establish peace in every corner of the globe. Human rights violation was felt as a serious concern and we should help by collecting data, providing legal services and supporting the vulnerable and marginalized population.

GYPF 2017 affirms that youth should effectively participate in implementing and achieving sustainable development goals and build actionable projects for transformative change. We also affirm that we are all part of one family and we should develop an action plan to educate and train people to promote co-existence and tolerance. Enthused by the role played by young people in creating an alternative narrative revolving around peace at GYPF 2017, we plan to create/train young leaders to actively seek out and support their meaningful participation in cross-border peace building activities. This time, we would have young people from India and Pakistan simultaneously calling for peace by gathering at the Indo-Pak Wagah border.

ABOUT GYPF 2017

During GYPF 2017, youth were given an opportunity to take part in decision-making and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda. The SDGs are formally adopted by Heads of State at the UN marking a historic moment that sets the world's development agenda for the next 15 years. However, the SDGs are not legally binding. Each government will decide how to implement the ambitious goals based on their own national contexts. Furthermore, review of a country's progress toward the Goals will be strictly voluntary. This means the implementation of the SDGs will to a great degree rely on citizens who will have to hold their leaders and governments to account and remind them of their commitments.

BE THE CHANGE: This is where young people have a critical role to play. If countries are to succeed in achieving the SDGs, leaving no one behind along the way, governments must seek out an active and substantive engagement of young women and men from diverse backgrounds in national-level planning, implementation, and monitoring. The overall success of the SDGs depends on youth engagement for these goals to be realized. It is critical that all stakeholders, in particular, the young people be made part of the process right from the start.

We have realized that peace and sustainable development go hand in hand. You cannot end conflicts or achieve peace in the world if hunger and malnutrition persist, if mothers continue to die during child birth, if environment continues to be assailed by man-made causes, if education is not provided to every child -- sustainable development goals are the very foundation of peace. It is truly said that peace is not mere absence of war; it is an affirmation of global brotherhood. That is the reason we are also broad-basing the festival to include Sustainable Development Goals-SDG's.

IMPACT

GYPF is a catalyst for young people to get involved in their community and make a difference. Such efforts energize those who are already engaged in good causes, helping people recognize they are not alone in their endeavor. The GYPF brings everyone together and promotes new bonds beyond boundaries of race, religion and nationalities.

In the past 12 years GYPF have created a network of hundreds of motivated youth across the globe. From issues of environment to violence, these youth have been advocating for equal human rights and sustainability in various manners.

GYPF provides young people a platform for increased exchange of ideas, so that they become true global citizens in thinking and action and volunteer to co-create a future equal to their vast potential. GYPF further energize the local Peace Clubs in Schools & Colleges of Peace-city Chandigarh, not only to take active part in the initiative but also to share ideas, network and start campaigns for common good of all.

THEMES

Major themes:

- Stop Violence against Women
- Climate Change & Green Living
- Global Citizenship
- Volunteering the Magic Potion
- Disarmament and SAARC Unity
- Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - "the world is one family"

ORGANIZER: Yuvsatta (youth for peace)

CO-ORGANIZERS

Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management (CIHM),

Department of Tourism, Chandigarh

Department of Science & Technology, Environment, Forests & Wildlife, Chandigarh

Indian School of Business, SAS Nagar, Punjab,

Peoples Convention Centre, Chandigarh

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Chandigarh

State Cell NSS, Education Department, Chandigarh

Wild Ecologues, Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh

World Assembly of Youth (WAY), Malaysia

Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Chandigarh

OBEJECTIVES: The objective is to crowdsource their demands and aspirations so as to ensure that young people have a voice in shaping new peaceful and sustainable world.

PARTICIPANTS: Now 12 years of intervention of an annual GYPF has started regular youth exchange program between young people of India with ten other countries of Bhutan, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Mauritius, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia & Sri-Lanka, Zimbabwe, Uganada, Nigeria, Senegal, this year alone 250 delegates from over 50+ countries attended.

DATE	TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
29/09/17	0930 -1000	Play for Peace	Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management, Sector 42, Chandigarh
	1000 - 1100	Youth Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop Violence Against Women • Green Living • Disarmament and SAARC Unity • Global Citizenship 	
	1115 - 0100	Presentation of Global Youth ICON Awards 2017	
	0100 - 0200	Lunch & refreshments	
	0200 - 0330	Art & Music for PEACE	
	0330- 0400	Fresh-n-up break	
	0400 - 0500	Memorable Group Picture with ' PEACE ' Signs	
	0600 - 0730	Multicultural Panorama of Music & Dance	
09/30/017	0600 -0700	Adrenalin Punch-Nature Walks/Village Tours	
	0800 - 0900	Breakfast	
	0930 - 0100	Plenary sessions on sub-themes of; Stop Violence Against Women Green Living Disarmament and SAARC Unity Global Citizenship	Indian School of Business (ISB), Sector 81, SAS Nagar, Punjab
	0100 - 0200	Lunch break	
	0200- 0400	Enhancing ideology into action (<i>Participants to come up with feasible Project ideas on allotted themes</i>)	
	0400 - 0530	Ideology to Action-Global Youth Peace Forum.	

	0600 - 0700	One World Fashion Show	
1/10/2017	0500	Early morning departure for Holy-city Amritsar, Punjab	
	1000 - 1230	Global Youth Peace Forum Meet & 'One World Harmony Walk' visit to Golden Temple	
	1230 - 0130	Lunch	
	0230 - 0530	Beating retreat ceremony & Candle Light Vigil for World Peace at Indo-Pak Wagah Border	
	0530 - 0930	Travel back to Chandigarh	
2/10/2017	0500 - 0630	International Day of Nonviolence - Wildlife Conservation Walk at Sukhna Lake	Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management, Sector 42, Chandigarh
	0930 - 1300	Launch of GYPF 2017 Resolutions & Valedictory Function	
	1300	Lunch & delegates departure	



THE 15TH IAVA ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE AND YOUTH VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

“THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING: WHAT HAVE YOU CHANGED?”

22 – 26 NOVEMBER 2017

KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE

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ABOUT AIVE

IAVE exists to promote, strengthen and celebrate volunteering in all of the myriad ways it happens throughout the world. With members in 70+ countries, we are the connective tissue of a global network of leaders of volunteering, NGOs, businesses and national volunteer centers that share our belief in the power of volunteers to make a significant strategic contribution to resolving the world’s most pressing problems. IAVE’s work is concentrated in four core functions: advocacy for recognition of the importance of volunteering and creation of an enabling environment that supports it; knowledge development and dissemination through research and organized learning activities; network development such as through our Global Corporate Volunteer Council (GCVC), our Global Network of National Volunteers Centers and our collaborative relationships with colleague global NGOs and UN agencies; and, convening through our world and regional conferences and virtually through webinars.

The premiere gathering point for volunteer leaders from throughout the Asia-Pacific was designed to fit the priorities and perspectives of the region, enabling IAVE to build local capacity and to strengthen local and regional networks.

The Conference is for people who share a commitment to volunteering as a means to build understanding across borders through the active engagement of people in service to their communities, to their societies and to the world.

The conference is complemented by the World Youth Volunteer Conference typically scheduled in the few days prior, these are special opportunities for young volunteers, up to age 25, to meet together, volunteer together, learn and reflect together, and begin relationships that can last for many years.

IAVE is motivated to know more about the work that youth volunteers are doing in each region, analyse their lessons learnt, the struggles they go through and the needs they face when performing their service activities.

CONFERENCE THEME AND TOPICS

Volunteers are constantly coming up with new ideas, and, in most cases, are the ones who implement them. Through our theme “The power of volunteering: what have you changed?” the conference intends to explore how volunteering is beneficial for social innovation and people’s welfare.

Volunteering activities and program often get started as a reaction to developments in the society, by introducing change in the communities where they take place and on the beneficiaries of their actions. With this conference, we seek to create a dialogue space in the Asia-Pacific region for the participants to engage with one another while discussing, debating and deepening their understanding about how volunteering is responding to modern lives.

Topics that will be explored during the conference: The conference is designed around six major topics which hold particular interest in the Asia-Pacific region.

1. Leadership

Volunteers are able to quickly learn new knowledge and skills; they are able to build their confidence and passions while volunteering. This topic will explore how to build the capacity of organizations and volunteer leaders to engage volunteers effectively; how to build a public climate that places high value on volunteering; what are the standards and practices to achieve excellence in volunteer management; how to effectively connect people who wish to volunteer with opportunities to do so.

2. Technology and Social Innovation

During the past few years, we have witnessed how accessing knowledge through information and communication technologies has become a key component for both personal and societal development. In this theme, we will explore topics such as the rapid growth of digital volunteering and the relationship of volunteering to social and civic entrepreneurship and other innovative programs and practices. How are volunteer-involving organizations using the internet and the new technologies to deliver better services and increase the number of people they serve? Is technological advancement helping to remove existing social gaps? What examples of tools and projects for social innovation exist in the region? What are the limitations and possible negative impacts of technology on volunteering?

3. The Sustainable Development Goals: with a focus on poverty, education and climate change

With the SDGs, we now have a global framework for thinking about the development of our societies. This particular topic looks at how volunteers are contributing to making sure these SDGs are talked about and pursued. Within the Asia-Pacific region, we will specifically focus on showcasing volunteer projects, initiatives and lessons learned when it comes to involving volunteers in the thematic areas of poverty, education and climate change. How will the volunteer community respond to making sure we achieve the SDGs?

4. Financial sustainability

Financial sustainability is a perennial critical challenge for NGOs and volunteer involving organizations. This topic will take a look at fresh ideas on how we can secure the appropriate resources needed. How does your organization manage to meet its fundraising goals more effectively and more sustainably? What are the trends in the region when it comes to diversifying income sources? How do voluntary organizations balance the need for new income sources and their ability to pursue their mission and strategic goals?

5. Corporate Volunteering

Companies of all sizes are faced with an increased pressure from their employees and consumers to align their business goals with the development of the communities where they are present. Corporate volunteering programs are one way in which business are taking a proactive approach in working to address social priorities. We will look at the development of corporate programs by local and regional companies; the growth of pro bono service; the use of volunteering as a means of employee engagement and the development of employee knowledge, skills and leadership capacity; and, the critical need to develop effective, sustained partnerships of business, NGOs and government.

6. Strategic Partnerships

The variety and complexity of the issues our communities face means that any effort to address them will need to be done in collaboration with a diverse number of partners. In this topic, we will look at practical examples of how professionals take the time to network and share knowledge to create collaborations with local governments, businesses, foundations and other organizations in order to solve community issues and advance volunteering. What do partnerships need in order to succeed? How do you identify the suitable partners to tackle the need? How do you promote collaboration and fair use of resources among the partners?

PARTICIPANTS

The Conference is designed for everyone who, whether in volunteer or paid roles, gives leadership for volunteering in their organisation, in their community or at a national or global level:

- Executives and staff of global volunteer involving and promoting organisations
- Representatives of United Nations agencies, including UN Volunteers and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
- National, regional and local leadership structures for volunteering
- Businesses – global, regional, national and local – that are committed to engaging their workers as volunteers in their communities
- National and local volunteer involving civil society, public sector and religious organisations
- Government officials responsible for formulating and implementing government policy and programs related to volunteering
- Efforts that engage citizens in advocating on local, national and global issues
- Individual volunteer entrepreneurs who are building innovative grassroots approaches to solving local problems
- Researchers who have the study of civil society and volunteering as a high priority.

Here are some great reasons to attend this year's Conference:

- You will be informed and motivated by great speakers, each leader in their own corner of the global volunteer community
- You will interact with innovative, high impact leaders of global, national and local volunteer efforts
- You will be challenged by new ideas and innovative approaches to shared problems
- You will meet and learn from peers from throughout the world
- You will have the opportunity to contribute your own experience and perspective
- You will be part of a global community of people who share your belief in the importance and impact of volunteering.

ORGANISERS

YAYASAN SALAM MALAYSIA

PARTNERS



PROGRAM

TIME	23 rd November 2017Thursday	24 th November 2017Friday	25 th November 2017Saturday	26 th November 2017Sunday
08:00 – 09:00		Conference Registration	Conference Registration	Conference Registration
09:00 – 10:30		Opening ceremony "The Power of Volunteering"	Opening plenary 'Change Making'	Plenary session "Leading for Volunteering"
10:30 – 11:00		Coffee Break		
11:00 – 12:30	Conference Registration	Concurrent breakout sessions	Concurrent breakout sessions	Closing plenary "The Power of Volunteering"
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch			
14:00 – 15:30	Short-term Volunteer Opportunities	Forums (3 forums at the same time)	Forums (3 forums at the same time)	
15:30 – 16:00		Coffee Break		
16:00 – 17:30		Concurrent breakout sessions	Experience Malaysia: Batik Painting Activity	
17:30 – 19:00				
19:00 – 22:00	IAVE AP 2017 Opening Gala Dinner			



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**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD CANCER DAY
DATE: 4TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Cancer is not just a health issue, it is increasingly becoming a social issue that requires attention and action at all levels. Cancer is a leading cause of death in both, more and less economically developed countries. The burden is expected to grow worldwide due to the growth and aging of the population, particularly in less developed countries, in which about 82% of the world's population resides. There are over 100 cancer types that exist nowadays and each of them requires unique diagnosis and treatment.

World Cancer Day is commemorated every year on 4th of February, all over the world, to remember all the efforts done by the WHO, United Nations, governmental and non-governmental health organisations towards making the strategy to fight against cancer, as well as, distributing the real message about this epidemic disease and its treatments including its precautionary measures by uniting all the people a day on global basis. It is celebrated to plan new strategies as well as implement new programmes which help to bring awareness to more people about this disease.

Currently, 8.2 million people die from cancer worldwide every year, out of which, 4 million people die prematurely (aged 30 to 69 years). World Cancer Day is the ideal opportunity to spread the word and raise the profile of cancer in people's minds and in the world's media. By 2030, this global burden is expected to grow to 21.7 million new cancer cases and 13 million cancer deaths simply due to the growth and aging of the population.

We, at World Assembly of Youth, believe that the World Cancer Day is an opportunity to reflect on the multi-stakeholders and multidisciplinary nature of cancer control. We will only be successful in the fight against cancer through strong collaboration between wide ranges of stakeholders: policymakers, researchers, civil society, medical professionals and academia - and, last but not least, patients. We urge youth to start caring about their health by reflecting it in their lifestyle as to prevent is always better than to cure. We all, as a collective or as individuals, can do our part to reduce the global burden of cancer.

Just as cancer affects everyone in different ways, all people have the power to take various actions to reduce the impact that cancer has on individuals, families and communities. Together we can achieve more.

Stay Healthy, Live Free from Cancer!

International Day of Women and Girls in Science

11 February



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

DATE: 11TH FEBRUARY 2017

Young women and girls encounter challenges every day. Many of those challenges are triggered simply by virtue of being female. These include physical and sexual violence, being kept out of school, disproportionate vulnerability to HIV infection and lack of access to property and other rights.

In many parts of the world, girls and young women continue to carry the double burden of being both young and female. They often face negative cultural attitudes and practices as well as gender-biased social and political processes that limit their opportunities and undermine their self-esteem. Moreover, girls and women shoulder the heaviest burdens of poverty and inequality as they stand on the frontlines as victims of climate change, including those of natural disasters.

Despite all the hardships and difficulties encountered by women and girls all around the world, without a doubt, they possess the collective power to change their lives, the societies and the world we live in. Just as they solve their daily issues in their families, women are continually developing innovative, effective ways to improve their lives and even, develop their communities. By bringing together their wisdom, intelligence and creativity, young women are, indeed, leading change and innovation.

Girls continue to face stereotypes, social and cultural restrictions as well as limiting access to education and funding for research, preventing them to explore and grow in scientific careers and reaching their full potential. In fact, up to today, women remain a minority in science research and decision-making. According to a study conducted in 14 countries, the probability for female students of graduating with a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree and Doctor's degree in science-related field are 18%, 8% and 2% respectively, while the percentages of male students are 37%, 18% and 6%.

Observed on the 11th of February every year, the International Day of Women and Girls in Science recognises the critical role that women and girls play in both Science and Technology. Science and gender equality are both vital for the achievement of the internationally agreed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Over the past 15 years, the global community has made a lot of effort in inspiring and engaging women and girls in science.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth as per our Fourth Millennium Plan of Action, we 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. WAY also

encourage all members to undertake necessary reforming actions to give young women the equal rights to economic resources, as well as to ownership and control over the other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources.

We believe meaningful progress must start with the rights and dignity of women, by nurturing their ingenuity as well as creativity, and enhancing the use of enabling technologies, in particular Information and Communication Technology, to empower young women.

Let us raise awareness about the work of women scientists by providing equal opportunities for their participation and leadership in a broad spectrum of high-level scientific bodies and events. Together, we can make a difference.

Happy International Day of Women and Girls in Science!

20 February

World Day of Social Justice



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
DATE: 20TH FEBRUARY 2017**

Social justice is more than an ethical imperative; it is a foundation for national stability and global prosperity. Equal opportunity, solidarity and respect for human rights, these, are essential to unlocking the full potential and productivity of both nations and their peoples.

Observed on the 20th of February yearly, the World Day of Social Justice marks the difference between patronizing charity and a firm rights-based approach to human development and their well-being. Effective social justice transforms altruistic gestures into justifiable rights, particularly for the benefit of the most vulnerable people.

Circumstances, such as: their place of birth, where they live, their gender or even their ethnicity, should never determine individual opportunities for quality education, basic healthcare, decent work, adequate shelter, access to drinking water, political participation or living free from threatened, or actual, physical violence. As inequalities widen, the social fabric of our societies is both stretched and strained. This often leads to a downward spiral of economic and social uncertainty and even unrest. Violent conflict in many parts of the world is, often, rooted in deep inequality, discrimination, and widespread poverty.

Yet there is nothing inevitable about inequality. Our shared goal should aim at taking practical steps to remove this formidable barrier to development and human dignity.

Almost 21 million people are victims of forced labour. Among them, 11.4 million are women and girls while remaining 9.5 million are men and boys. Youth commit only a small portion of the nation's crime, for example, in 2009, 11% of violent crime clearances and 17% of the property crime clearances nationwide involved young people. According to the facts on social justice, youth under age 18 accounted for 14% of all arrests. Youth crime has also been going up for many years, the number of adults arrested in 2009 and in 2000 increased, whereas the number of juveniles arrested dropped a staggering 20%.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that the World Day of Social Justice is a call for all countries to take concrete actions that give meaning to the universal values of human dignity and opportunity for all. We uphold the principles of social justice by promoting gender equality and giving young people a voice to speak up as well as removing barriers that young people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability.

Let us strengthen our efforts to achieve a more inclusive, equitable and sustainable society built on constructive dialogue, transparency and social justice.

Happy World Day of Social Justice!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY: 'TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE FUTURES THROUGH MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION'

DATE: 21ST FEBRUARY 2017

Looking back into its historical background in 1947, at the time of partition of Pakistan, the province Bengal was divided into two parts: the western part became India and the eastern part, called as East Bengal, which was later known as East Pakistan. At that time, there were many economic, social and cultural issues including linguistic issue.

In 1948, when government announced Urdu as the national language, it sparked the protest among the Bengalis who were the majority in Pakistan. The protest got out of control and ended with the death of four protestors who were shot by the police. The students' deaths during the fight for their mother language are now remembered as the International Mother Language Day and it is celebrated every year on 21st February.

Languages are the most powerful way to preserve, develop and promote culture. Since its first announcement by UNESCO on November 17, 1999, the main purpose of celebrating this day is to promote the awareness of language and cultural diversity all across the world.

As for the year 2017, the theme is *"Towards Sustainable Futures through Multilingual Education"*. To foster Sustainable Development, young people should have proper access to education conducting in their mother tongue and in other languages. The mastery of the first language or mother tongue needs to be safeguarded as means of teaching children the basic skills of reading and writing. Local languages transmit cultures, values and traditional knowledge, thus, playing an important role in promoting sustainable futures as well as preserving their lingual heritages, especially to minority and indigenous.

This year theme also supports Goal 4, target 6 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): *"Ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy"*

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that multilingual education facilitates access to education while promoting equity for populations speaking minority and/or indigenous languages. It emphasises the quality of teaching and learning process with more focuses on mutual understanding, respect and sustainability of cultural heritage. Moreover, it facilitates

participation and tolerance in society by giving access to cultural expressions, and therefore, ensuring a harmonious interaction between the global and the local.

Let us uphold and embrace mother tongue as well as the exquisiteness of their diversity with a pride!

Happy International Mother Language Day!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
ZERO DISCRIMINATION DAY
DATE: 1ST MARCH 2017**

Discrimination remains as an issue today as gender, nationality, age, ethnic-origin and sexual orientation are, unfortunately, still the root-causes for some form of discrimination. Only four out of ten countries worldwide do have equal numbers of girls and boys attending secondary school and 75 countries have laws that criminalise same-sex sexual relations.

Zero Discrimination Day is a global event that joins all national, regional and international efforts against discrimination and promotes diversity as well as inclusion. The United Nations firstly celebrated Zero Discrimination Day on the 1st March 2014, after UNAIDS, through its program on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), launched Zero Discrimination Campaign on World AIDS Day in December 2013.

Celebrated on the 1st of March every year, it aims to draw attention to the millions of minors who still suffer from social and economic exclusion due to prejudice and intolerance. Many women and girls in every region of the world, for instance, experience violence and abuse on a daily basis and struggle to access adequate health care and education.

Discrimination in health-care settings also continue to be widely reported. Cases, such as: a young woman newly diagnosed with HIV being told by her doctor that she must be sterilized, a sex worker who has been denied to access any advice or information about their sexual health, a gay man frightened of disclosing his sexual preference to medical staff, an over-dosed drugs-abuser who is dying after being refused for treatment and a transgender person attempting suicide after being turned away from a clinic, are some of the scenarios and indicators of more efforts are required towards the attainment of Zero Discrimination.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), understand that discrimination is a violation of human rights and must be addressed with an extensive approach. We acknowledge that Zero Discrimination Day is an opportunity to celebrate everyone's right and pride, especially young people, in order to assure full and productive life for all without any forms of exclusion and segregation. Indeed, it is a day to call everyone in promoting and supporting diversity, tolerance and inclusion as well as standing together against discrimination.

Since our establishment, we channel young people's voice against discrimination and their initiatives to spread awareness within their networks. Therefore, we encourage young people to carry on their fight to defend justice and respect diversity as pertinent asset of unification. Let us all be part of this transformation and stand out for fair, equal and just societies and strongly

commit to upholding human rights and dignity for all.

Happy Zero Discrimination Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY: 'LISTEN TO THE YOUNG VOICE'

DATE: 3rd MARCH 2017

On 20th December 2013, at its 68th session, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed 3rd March, the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), as UN World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness on the importance of world's wild animals and plants.

World Wildlife Day is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora as well as a platform to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that conservation gives back to people. At the same time, this day reminds us of the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime, which has wide-ranging economic, environmental and social impacts.

Given that almost one quarter of the world's population is aged between 10 and 24 years old, vigorous efforts need to be made to encourage young people, as the future leaders and decision makers of the world, to act at local, regional and global levels to protect endangered wildlife. The engagement and empowerment of youth is high on the agenda of the United Nations leading many youth programmes and youth-based activities on environment are organised in various UN system organisations and agencies. Realising the significant role that young people play today, the theme for the World Wildlife Day this year is *"Listen to the Young Voices."*

World Wildlife Day 2017 encourages youth around the world to rally together to address ongoing major threats to wildlife including habitat change, over-exploitation or illicit trafficking. The world has witnessed the positive impacts on conservation issues made by some young conservation leaders. Governments, law makers, enforcement officers, customs officials and park rangers across every region are scaling up their efforts to protect wildlife. It is also up to every citizen's effort, young and old, to protect wildlife and their habitat as we all have a role to play. Our collective conservation actions can make a difference between a species' survival and extinction.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), encourage young people to be the agents of Sustainable Development in upholding the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption and stopping the degradation of our planet's natural environment.

Let this day reminds us that we all have a task to protect wildlife and give back to our mother nature. We need to put aside our differences and unite as a powerful force in building a sustainable future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

Happy World Life Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: "BE BOLD FOR CHANGE"

DATE: 8TH MARCH 2017

The International Women's Day celebrates the achievements of women in all spheres of life and marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. The first International Women's Day was held in 1911. Since that day, thousands of events occur to promote the economic, political and social achievements of women.

This Day aims to highlight the importance of creating conditions for the elimination of discrimination against women as well as recognition for their full and equal participation in social development. Besides, the International Women's Day is also an opportunity to call for change and to celebrate the acts of courage and determination shown by the ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and societies.

The world of work is changing, with significant implications for women. On one hand, technological advances and globalisation bring unprecedented opportunities for those who can access them. On the other hand, there is growing informality of labour, income inequality and humanitarian crises.

Against this backdrop, only 50 per cent of working age women are represented in the labour force globally, compared to 76 per cent of men. An overwhelming majority of women are in the informal economy, subsidizing care and domestic work, and concentrated in lower-paid, lower-skill occupations with little or no social protection. Achieving gender equality in the world of work is imperative for sustainable development.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that empowerment for women and girls are vital to the development of societies. Today, however apparent progress in gender equality may seem, many efforts still need to be engaged towards a society where gender equality is absolute. Towards such efforts, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) continue to partake in the global initiatives for enlivening the principle of gender equality. In line with this year theme "*Be Bold for Change*", we urge young women to be bold in stepping up and working to realise their true potential as part of a gender neutral society, and strive even harder to alleviate the hardships still being faced by fellow women, around the world.

On this International Women’s Day, let us call upon all stakeholders to be courageous to stand for gender equality and a vision of a world where all women and girls have equal opportunities and rights.

It is a time for all of us to celebrate and reflect on the progress made on Women’s rights globally.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS
DATE: 20TH MARCH 2017**

Happiness is a mental or emotional state of well-being characterized by positive or pleasant emotions ranging from contentment to intense joy. Action for Happiness is a movement of people from all walks of life who are taking action in their personal lives, communities, workplaces and schools to help create a happier and more caring society.

Celebrated on March 20, 2017, the International Day of Happiness is celebrated throughout the world on the 20 of March every year. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly on 28 June 2012. It is an official UN day that recognizes the pursuit of happiness is a fundamental human goal and the need for a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promotes sustainable development, poverty eradication,

There are currently about 1.8 billion young people in the world, more than ever before, happiness and the well-being of all peoples. Creating an unprecedented opportunity for economic and social progress. Many studies have proved the link between happiness and productivity. For everyone, the day is a useful reminder that in general happiness does not necessarily come from buying and consuming, or from being famous or glamorous but often from friends, family and emotional well being.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), recognise this day as a vital human goal and we call upon countries, youth councils, NGOs and young people inclusive to approach public policies in ways that improve the well being of everyone. WAY aspires to focus global attention on the idea that nation's growth must be inclusive, equitable and above all balanced, so as to promote sustainable development. We believe that by 2030 the plan for Sustainable Development is the time to realise a life of dignity for all people by progressing towards the interlinked Sustainable Development Goals; we can help spread happiness and secure peace for better tomorrow that we all wish for.

Happy International Day of Happiness!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

DATE: 21TH MARCH 2017

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on 21 March. On that day, in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid pass laws. Proclaiming the day in 1966, the United Nations General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of Racial Discrimination.

Every person is entitled to human rights without discrimination. The rights to equality and non-discrimination are cornerstones of human rights law. Yet in many parts of the world, discriminatory practices are still widespread, including racial, ethnic, religious and nationality based profiling, and incitement to hatred.

Racial and ethnic profiling is defined as “a reliance by law enforcement, security and border control personnel on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin as a basis for subjecting persons to detailed searches, identity checks and investigations, or for determining whether an individual is engaged in criminal activity,” according to a recent report to the Human Rights Council by the Special Reporters on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Refugees and migrants are particular targets of racial profiling and incitement to hatred. In the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants adopted in September 2016, United Nations Member States strongly condemned acts and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance against refugees and migrants, and committed to a range of steps to counter such attitudes and behaviours, particularly regarding hate crimes, hate speech and racial violence. Every person is entitled to human rights without discrimination. The rights to equality and non-discrimination are cornerstones of human rights law. Yet in many parts of the world, discriminatory practices are still widespread, including racial, ethnic, and religious and nationality based profiling, and incitement to hatred.

World Assembly of Youth (WAY) has achieved several goals since the last Action Plan that was issued. In our third and present Millennium Plan of Action, we focus on recent issues affecting youth around the globe which are now part of the Sustainable Development Goals. There is a need to call for awareness so as to train the youth and youth leaders to work together and make essential changes in matters affecting them. We focus on these particular issues and setting our efforts towards developing young people in helping those who needed to create a better future for the youth and everyone around the world.

On this year International day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, let us work collectively as one to halt all kinds of sufferings and achieve a brighter as well as sustainable tomorrow. The Summit for Refugees and Migrants in September 2016 also sparked "Together," a United Nations initiative to promote respect, safety and dignity for refugees and migrants. "Together" is a global initiative led by the Secretary-General that aims to change negative perceptions and attitudes towards refugees and migrants, in partnership with Member States, civil society and the private sector.

Let's Fight Racism!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WATER WORLD DAY: WHY WASTEWATER?

DATE: 22TH MARCH 2017

World Water Day is an international observance and an opportunity to learn more about water related issues, be inspired to tell others and take action to make a difference. Each year, UN-Water the entity that coordinates the UN's work on water and sanitation — sets a theme for World Water Day corresponding to a current or future challenge. The engagement campaign is coordinated by one or several of the UN-Water Members with a related mandate.

Water is the most common liquid on our planet, vital to all life forms. Water, odorless, tasteless, transparent liquid, is colourless in small amount but exhibits a bluish tinge in large quantity. It is the most familiar and abundant liquid on earth

Understanding the above, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), urge the youth and our widespread network of youth councils to support innovative programmes, activities and events within their immediate communities, which help the conservation of energy and the delivery of safe drinking water wherever it is inadequate.

In addition, this year's World Water Day comes at a time when the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are being assessed and the international community defines new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the years 2016 to 2030. These SDGs will guide global efforts to protect and develop water resources as well as to offer water and sanitation services to everybody within the next 15 years.

As we look beyond 2015 and towards the new Sustainable Development Goals, we hope that water is included and recognised as one of the key areas for work to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

We at WAY we wish you all a Happy World Water Day!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE
DATE: 6TH APRIL 2017**

“Sport has become a world language, a common denominator that breaks down all the walls, all the barriers. It is a worldwide industry whose practices can have widespread impact. Most of all, it is a powerful tool for progress and for development”.

~Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General~

Sport is also an important enabler of sustainable development which has proved to be a cost-effective and flexible tool in promoting peace and development objectives. It is a tool for training, progress and peace and it supports unity, patience, understanding, and health, both mental and physical, at all levels of society. The power of sport is to enhance life skills of young people for a better world and to advance gender equality.

The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace promotes healthy lifestyles and focuses on giving as many people as possible access to sport. It is a day when some of the world’s leading sports’ people work together with communities to bring sporting opportunities to enrich lives, particularly youth. The United Nations (UN) has proclaimed the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace which takes place on April 06, in 2017. The date leads back to the opening of the first modern times Summer Olympics in 1896. Values of sports like tolerance, fairness, teamwork and mutual respect support a peaceful living together in solidarity.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), recognise the growing contribution of sport to the realisation of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives. WAY organised several events in the past, including a one day event in 2015 themed as ‘Youth Run for Peace and Sustainability’, which engaged youth and youth leaders from various countries, to stand in one accord to promote a sustainable peace for all. On this day, we celebrate the power of sport in uniting young people coming from different cultures and backgrounds standing with one common value of promoting peace and sustainable development. Happy International Day of Sport for Development and Peace!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD HEALTH DAY: 'DEPRESSION: LET'S TALK'

DATE: 07 APRIL 2017

Depression is the leading cause of ill health and disability worldwide. According to the latest estimates from World Health Organisation (WHO) more than 300 million people are now living with depression, an increase of more than 18 percent between 2005 and 2015.

The World Health Day is celebrated by the people all across the world every year on 7th of April under the leadership of World Health Organization to draw the mass people attention towards the importance of global health. World Health Assembly was held first time in the year 1948 in Geneva, Switzerland by the WHO where it was decided to commemorate the World Health Day annually on 7th of April. It was first celebrated worldwide in the year 1950 as the World Health Day.

Globally, around 350 million people of all ages, from all walks of life, suffer from depression. It causes mental anguish and impacts on people's ability to carry out even the simplest everyday tasks, with sometimes devastating consequences for relationships with family and friends. At its worst, depression can lead to suicide, now the second leading cause of death among 15-29-year olds. Yet, depression can be prevented and treated.

The theme "Depression: Let's Talk" recognises that depression is a treatable condition and seeks to address the fact that, despite this, about 50 percent of cases of major depression still go untreated. The high personal, social and economic costs and the large proportion of people who are not receiving any treatment even though there is available cheap and effective care. The above underscores the importance of overcoming this challenge.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) urge young people to work together to build a more humane society in order to prevent depression. In the past, we have created awareness activities through platforms that involve young people to gain the needed knowledge on physical and mental health. A better understanding of what depression is, and how it can be prevented and treated, will help reduce the stigma associated with the condition, and lead to more people seeking help. We also shall continue to strive towards the promotion of healthier standards of living and the implementation of programmes that enhance health indices of the society, particularly those of youth. HAPPY WORLD HEALTH DAY!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY: "ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE LITERACY"

DATE: 22ND APRIL 2017

The natural environment has a direct effect on young people's well-being; it must be maintained for the present and next generations. The friendly use of natural resources and the environmentally sustainable development will help to improve young people's life. Maintaining the environmental integrity is the responsibility of every individual within the society.

An estimated 12.6 million people died as a result of living or working in an unhealthy environment in 2012 nearly 1 in 4 of total global deaths. Environmental risk factors such as: pollution, chemical exposures, climate change, and radiation contribute to more than 100 diseases worldwide. As the world celebrates International Mother Earth Day, people look at actions to reduce environment-related diseases by improving the environments where we live and work.

International Mother Earth Day is celebrated yearly on the 22nd of April to remind everyone that the Earth and its ecosystems provide us with life and sustenance. It also recognizes a collective responsibility, as called for in the 1992 Rio Declaration, to promote harmony with nature and the Earth to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations of humanity. International Mother Earth Day provides an opportunity to raise public awareness around the world to the challenges regarding the well-being of the planet and all the life it supports.

The theme for 2017 is "Environmental and Climate Literacy". Education is the foundation for progress. There is need to build a global citizenry fluent in the concepts of climate change and aware of its unprecedented threat to our planet. We need to empower everyone with the knowledge to inspire action in defense+ of environmental protection. Environmental and climate literacy is the engine not only for creating green voters and advancing environmental and climate laws and policies but also for accelerating green technologies and jobs.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), are observing the selected theme "Environmental and Climate Literacy". In our fourth Millennium Plan of Action "The Role of Youth on Sustainable Development" WAY has set ten goals to ensure environmental sustainability. Goal 2 is to Ensure Environmental Sustainability by encourage young people to recycle and avoid unsustainable consumptions, including overconsumption, ensure youth involvement in conservation,

restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems and request all members to implement environmental and sustainability curriculum at all levels of educations.

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 and 2.5 billion people still lack access to improved sanitation. Our 16th MIYD theme 'Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care' was realized to fulfil the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating environmental deterioration and achieving environment sustainability. Additionally, finding innovative solution and adopting sustainable living in which the coexistence with the nature, shall be tailored in every activity and at all levels of the society. For more information visit our website for the declaration: <http://www.way.org.my/program-outcome/category/miyd-declaration>

On the other hand, Paris Agreement was build upon the convention and for the first time brought together all nations into a common cause to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects, with enhanced support to assist developing countries to do so. As such, it charts a new course in the global climate effort.

Let us all seize the opportunity, for our youth to remember that this year the world chose a sustainable course of development to build a sustainable and resilient future, and to ensure safeguarding endangered species and conservation of the environment.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

APPLY FOR ECOSOC CONSULTATIVE STATUS NOW IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE 2017 NGO COMMITTEE

24 APRIL 2017

One of the six principal organs of the United Nations system established by the UN Charter in 1945 is the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It consists of 54 members of the United Nations, nominated by the General Assembly and coordinates economic, social and related work of the fourteen United Nations specialized agencies, functional commissions and five regional commissions. ECOSOC serves as the central forum for discussing international economic and social issues as well as for formulating policy recommendations addressed to Member States and the United Nations system.

ECOSOC responsibilities are to encourage universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; facilitate international cultural and educational cooperation; identify solutions to international economic, social and health problems; and promote higher standards of living, full employment, economic and social progress. The open call for Non-Governmental Organisations to apply for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Consultative Status with the United Nations, had reached its last month. Therefore, the ECOSOC is calling for the NGOs that are interested in applying for the consultative status to submit their application and required documents before the 1st of June 2017.

The NGOs that are affiliated to an international organisation that is in status would be admitted only if they can demonstrate that their programme of work is direct significance to the aims and purpose of the United Nations. Besides, they must have been in existence and formally registered with the appropriate government authorities as an NGO for at least two years. The interested NGO must also have a recognised headquarters, a democratically adopted constitution, authority to speak for its members, a representative structure, appropriate mechanisms of accountability and democratic and transparent decision making processes.

They are many benefits of obtaining the ECOSOC consultative status which are that NGOs, will be able to participate in events, attend meetings, submit written statements prior to sessions, make oral statements, meet official government delegations and other NGO representatives, organise and attend parallel events that take place during the session and to participate in debates, interactive dialogues, panel discussions and informal meetings.

There are five steps on how to apply for the 2017 cycle. Firstly, your organization must have a registered profile before starting the application for consultative status. Secondly, after your profile registration is accepted, your organisation has to submit the application containing the online questionnaire and summary, and the supporting documents. When the application becomes part of the agenda of the NGO Committee, a letter is sent to the NGO informing them of the upcoming session and inviting to send no more than two representatives to be present during the session. The Committee meets twice a year to decide which NGOs applying for consultative status will be recommended to the ECOSOC Council. Lastly, when the Council finally approves the Committee recommendation to grant consultative status to an NGO, an official notification is sent by the Secretariat. NGOs granted General or Special consultative status must submit to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, every fourth year, a brief report of their activities, in particular regarding their contribution to the work of the United Nations.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth, encourage all qualified NGOs around the world to apply for the ECOSOC consultative status in order to be able to partake in the events, meetings and to be recognised. The Consultative Status does not only provide NGOs with access to ECOSOC but also to its many subsidiary bodies, to the various human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, as well as special events organised by the President of the General Assembly.

For more information on the consultative status and instructions on application, kindly visit the following website <http://csonet.org/index.php?page=view&nr=337&type=230&menu=14>



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY
DATE: 23RD APRIL 2017**

Books are invaluable platforms for freedom of expression and the free flow of information these are essential for all societies today. The future of the book as a cultural object is inseparable from the role of culture in promoting more inclusive and sustainable pathways to development.

World Book and Copyright Day is an opportunity to highlight the power of books to promote our vision of knowledge societies that are inclusive, pluralistic, equitable, open and participatory for all citizens. It is said that how a society treats its most vulnerable is a measure of its humanity. When we apply this measure to the availability of books to those with visual impairments and those with learning or physical disabilities (with different causes), we are confronted with what can only be described as a 'book famine'.

23 April is a symbolic date for world literature. It is on this date in 1616 that Cervantes, Shakespeare and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega all died. It is also the date of birth or death of other prominent authors, such as Maurice Druon, Haldor K.Laxness, Vladimir Nabokov, Josep Pla and Manuel Mejía Vallejo.

The Day also marks the beginning of the term of Conakry, capital of the Republic of Guinea, as World Book Capital (2017-2018). Conakry has been singled out by UNESCO and its partners "on account of the quality and diversity of its programme," in particular "its focus on community involvement," as well as "for its well-structured budget and clear development goals with a strong emphasis on youth and literacy."

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), recognise that youth, nowadays, are struggling in extremely various situations with diverse traces and perspectives, mental and social growth. In addition, the existence of technology, which with no doubt brings in a lot of amenities into our life, has influenced young people's preferences on entertainment leading most of them spending lesser leisure-time on reading.

Acknowledging on the challenges encountered in our society today, we urge young people to develop a habit of reading regularly so as to increase their knowledge on various subject matters. Our encouragement towards reading has even gone further than just raising awareness amongst

young people as we continue to publish resourceful reading materials such as: news, press releases and even book especially those related to youth issues.

Therefore, through the commemoration of World Book and Copyright Day, we wish to reiterate our intention of encouraging young people to continuously appreciate books and treasure the value obtained by reading them. As we, at WAY, believe that books are the treasure of literacy, they are miraculous in their every word and imaginative sentences.

HAPPY WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK: OPTIMIZE THE COLLECTION AND USE OF OSH DATA

DATE: 28TH APRIL 2017

Every day, 6,300 people die as a result of occupational accidents or work-related diseases more than 2.3 million deaths per year. 317 million accidents occur on the job annually; many of these resulting in extended absences from work. The human cost of this daily adversity is vast and the economic burden of poor occupational safety and health practices is estimated at 4 per cent of global Gross Domestic Product each year.

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is an annual international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work. It is held yearly on 28th of April and has been observed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) since 2003. It is an awareness raising campaign intended to focus international attention on emerging trends in the field of occupational safety and health and on the magnitude of work-related injuries, diseases and fatalities worldwide.

The theme for the 2017 World Day for Safety and Health at Work is: "Optimize the collection and use of OSH data", focuses on the critical need for countries to improve their capacity to collect and utilise reliable occupational safety and health (OSH) data. The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted on the 25th of September 2015 encompasses a global plan of action with specific targets to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. With its adoption, the capacity to collect and utilize reliable OSH data has also become indispensable for countries to fulfil their commitment to implement and report on some of the agenda's 17 sustainable development goals and their targets.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) urges the community leaders and organizational representatives to uphold this day by speaking out on issues such as: workplace health and safety standards. Various media should continue to promote the day through news articles and broadcast programmes. We believe each of us is responsible for stopping deaths and injuries on the job. As governments we are responsible for providing the infrastructure both laws and services necessary to ensure that workers remain employable and that enterprises flourish. This includes the development of a national policy and programme and a system of inspection to enforce compliance with occupational safety and health legislation and policy.

Let us therefore, work together for safety and health culture to have a safe and healthy working environment that is respected at all levels, where governments, employers and workers actively participate in securing a safe and healthy working environment.

HAPPY WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY
DATE: 3RD MAY 2017**

Every year, 3 May is a date which celebrates the fundamental principles of press freedom; to evaluate press freedom around the world, to defend the media from attacks on their independence and to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.

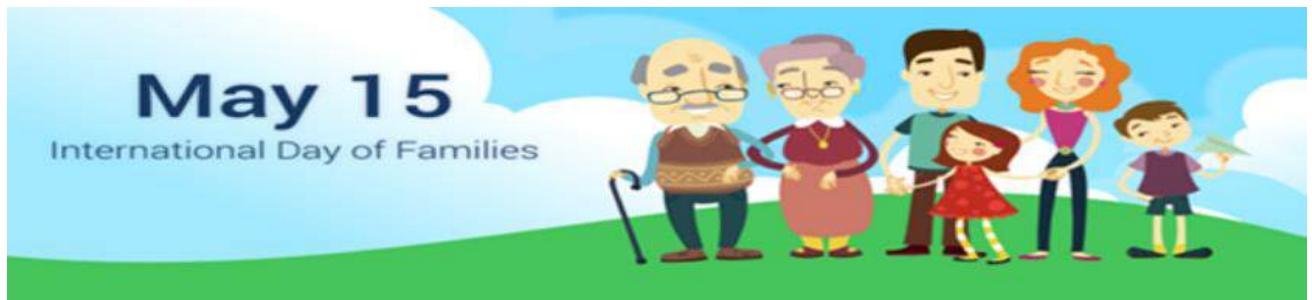
World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 following a Recommendation adopted at the twenty-sixth session of UNESCO's General Conference in 1991. This in turn was a response to a call by African journalists who in 1991 produced the landmark Windhoek Declaration on media pluralism and independence.

It serves as an occasion to inform citizens of violations of press freedom - a reminder that in dozens of countries around the world, publications are censored, fined, suspended and closed down, while journalists, editors and publishers are harassed, attacked, detained and even murdered.

It is a date to encourage and develop initiatives in favour of press freedom, and to assess the state of press freedom worldwide. 3 May acts as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom and is also a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics. Just as importantly, World Press Freedom Day is a day of support for media which are targets for the restraint, or abolition, of press freedom. It is also a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the pursuit of a story.

WAY believes that everyone can make a difference by changing their daily habits and making simple decisions in response. We highlight areas needed for action and contribute in the recommendation for tackling climate change and hunger in accordance with the common focus stipulated by the United Nations. Our aim is to raise awareness on these issues around the globe, educate and enhance young people's intellect on agricultural productivity and their understanding on its importance.

Happy World Press Freedom Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES: FAMILIES, EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING

DATE: 15th MAY 2017

Families are where we connect ourselves in relationships to past, current, and future generations. Every family's life is different and the UN Family Programme recognises this, just as we have lots of different cultures, we also have different ways that people use to interact with each other depending on where they are from.

Each year, May 15th is observed worldwide as the International Day of Families. In 1993, the UN General Assembly proclaimed this date to be an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic, and demographic processes affecting families. The United Nations Programme on the Family stresses the importance of having healthy and happy familial relationships.

This year's theme of the International Day of Families is Families, Education and Wellbeing which focuses on the role of families and family-oriented policies in promoting education and overall well-being. In particular, the Day is to raise awareness of the role of families in promoting early childhood education and lifelong learning opportunities for children and youth.

The Day highlights the importance of all caregivers in families, be it parents, grandparents or siblings and the importance of parental education for the welfare of children. It focuses on good practices for work-family balance to assist parents in their educational and care giving roles. Good practices from the private sector in support of working parents, as well as youth and older persons in the workplace are also highlighted.

It also aims to discuss the importance of 'knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development' (SDG4, target 4.7).

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that the ideal of a family where fairness is initially nurtured is one of the most basic models in shaping the better tomorrow. We also encourage young people from all around the world to embrace gender equality in contemporary families in both their current family and the one that they will build in future.

As the coordinating body of National Youth Councils, it is one of our functions to work together as a family because we believe that family is a vital foundation of any individual's positive development that will lead to overall betterment of societies. We treat everyone equally as we seek to create a more just world by empowering everyone, especially young activists from around the globe through a combination of cross cultural human rights.

Together with this year International Day of Families, we recap our encouragement to the youth to embrace the significance of family especially its role in education and achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. It is indisputable that family is the 'basic core' of our society.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY
16 MAY 2017**

The purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.

World Telecommunication Day has been celebrated annually on 17 May since 1969, marking the founding of ITU and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865. It was instituted by the Plenipotentiary Conference in Malaga-Torremolinos in 1973.

In November 2005, the World Summit on the Information Society called upon the UN General Assembly to declare 17 May as World Information Society Day to focus on the importance of ICT and the wide range of issues related to the Information Society raised by WSIS. The General Assembly adopted a resolution in March 2006 stipulating that World Information Society Day shall be celebrated every year on 17 May.

In November 2006, the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Antalya, Turkey, decided to celebrate both events on 17 May as World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. The theme for WTISD-17, "Big Data for Big Impact," focuses on the power of Big Data for development and aims to explore how to turn imperfect, complex, often unstructured data into actionable information in a development context.

The insight brought on by advanced analysis can strongly complement the evidence-based nature of decision-making that can be leveraged at national, regional and international levels to drive success towards attaining all 17 of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030.

Happy World Telecommunication and Information Society Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 21ND MAY 2017

“In a diverse world, the destruction of cultures is a crime, and uniformity is a dead-end: our aim must be to enhance, in one movement, the diversity that enriches us and the human rights that bring us together.”~ Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO~

Culture is part of everyone’s life. We celebrate culture in the form of literature, movies and the arts. But culture also embraces the way we live, our value systems, traditions and beliefs.

It is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional and moral. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development. Culture is a sustainable development accelerator whose potential has been recognised in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations.”

To celebrate the cultural diversity, May 21 is marked as World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to live together peacefully in a spirit of dialogue and openness. Celebrating cultural diversity means opening up new perspectives for sustainable development and promoting creative industries and cultural entrepreneurship as sources of millions of jobs worldwide, particularly for young people.

The General Assembly of the United Nations declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. The General Assembly emphasized links between the protection of cultural diversity and the importance of dialogue between civilizations in the modern world. The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development was first observed in 2003.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) promotes culture and highlights the significance of its diversity as an agent of inclusion and positive change. WAY also encourages young people and organisations from around the world to take concrete action to support diversity and aim building a world community of individuals committed with real and every day-life gestures. We urge everyone to raise awareness worldwide about the importance of intercultural dialogue,

diversity and inclusion and combat polarization and stereotypes to improve understanding and cooperation among people from different cultures.

WAY integrates culture into all development principles, especially those related to youth issues of cultural diversity in a multicultural youth context. We are endowed with diverse cultural heritage, comprising different young people from different countries and cultures, each with their own exceptional characteristics. Our target is to enable young people to successfully address issues of cultural diversity and mutual respect among different age groups from all over the globe.

We urge everyone especial the youth to raise awareness worldwide about the importance of intercultural dialogue, diversity and inclusion.

Happy World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS
DATE: 29TH MAY 2017**

Peacekeeping is an investment in global peace, security, and prosperity. It is a flagship enterprise of the United Nations. Peacekeeping by the United Nations is a role held by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations as "a unique and dynamic instrument developed by the Organization as a way to help countries torn by conflict creates the conditions for lasting peace". It is distinguished from both peace building and peacemaking.

The International Day of UN Peacekeepers is celebrated each year on the 29th of May. The day offers a chance to pay tribute to the uniformed and civilians personnel's invaluable contribution to the work of the organization. It is a day to honour more than 3,500 peacekeepers that have lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948, including 117 last year.

The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers was established by the General Assembly in 2002, in tribute to all men and women serving in peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication and courage, and to honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace. The Assembly designated 29 May as the Day because it was the date in 1948 when the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), the world body's first peacekeeping mission, began operations in Palestine.

The theme for the 2017 International Day of UN Peacekeepers is "Investing in Peace Around the World." Over time, peacekeeping has grown from simply monitoring ceasefires to protecting civilians, disarming ex-combatants, protecting human rights, promoting the rule of law, supporting free and fair elections, minimizing the risk of land-mines and so much more. They have also work to ensure that women are fully represented in peace processes, political life, and in branches of government including in uniformed services. All of these efforts are fundamental investments in building lasting peace.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), have organised several events on peace with an aim to promote peaceful and inclusive society in the minds of young people. We believe young people have a crucial role to play in establishing a culture of peace positive force for promoting and maintaining peace, development and change in the world. Lets us all be part of the peacekeeping in our societies, communities and our countries!

Happy international day of UN peacekeepers!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY: TOBACCO A THREAT TO DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 31st MAY 2017

May 31 is World No Tobacco Day, an annual awareness day sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) since 1987 to highlight the health risks associated with tobacco use and encourage governments to adopt effective policies to reduce smoking and other tobacco use.

According to WHO, tobacco use kills nearly 6 million people around the world each year. In the United States, tobacco use is the largest preventable cause of death and disease. It causes many types of cancer, as well as heart disease, stroke, lung disease, and other health problems. This year's World No Tobacco Day theme calls on countries worldwide to get ready for plain packaging of tobacco products.

The theme for this year's World no tobacco day is "Tobacco a Threat to Development". It will propose measures that governments and the public should take to promote health and development by confronting the global tobacco crisis. More than 7 million deaths from tobacco use every year, a figure that is predicted to grow to more than 8 million a year by 2030 without intensified action. Tobacco use is a threat to any person, regardless of gender, age, and race, cultural or educational background. It brings suffering, disease, and death, impoverishing families and national economies.

Tobacco control has been enshrined in the Sustainable Development Agenda. It is seen as one of the most effective means to help achieve SDG target 3.4 of a one-third reduction globally, by 2030, of premature deaths from non communicable diseases (NCDs), including cardiovascular disease, cancers and chronic obstructed pulmonary disease. Strengthening implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco in all countries is an additional target to be met by governments developing national sustainable development responses.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe in empowering youth leaders and youth organisations in order to collaborate together to achieve a generation free of drugs-abuse. In fact, in one area of our Fourth Millennium Plan of Action, we encourage all of our members to strengthen the capacity of their countries for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks, including danger in abusing addictive substances.

We believe that tobacco control can break the cycle of poverty, contribute to ending hunger, promote sustainable agriculture and economic growth, and combat climate change. Increasing taxes on tobacco products can also be used to finance universal health coverage and other development programs of the government.

Happy World No Tobacco Day!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
GLOBAL DAY OF PARENTS
DATE: 1ST JUNE 2017**

People all over the world have the opportunity to appreciate parents and parental figures for the vital role they play in the development of families. The Global Day of Parents is observed on the 1st of June every year. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2012 with resolution and honours parents throughout the world. The Global Day provides an opportunity to appreciate all parents in all parts of the world for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship.

Since the 1980s, the important role of the family has increasingly come to the attention of the international community. The General Assembly adopted a number of resolutions, and proclaimed the International Year of the Family and the International Day of Families. Emphasizing the critical role of parents in the rearing of children, the Global Day of Parents recognizes also that the family has the primary responsibility for the nurturing and protection of children. For the full and harmonious development of their personality, children should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding.

The central goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the world leaders in 2015, focus on ending poverty, promoting shared economic prosperity, social development and people's well-being while protecting the environment. Families remain at the centre of social life ensuring the well-being of their members, educating and socializing children and youth and caring for young and old.

In particular, family-oriented policies can contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 1 to 5 relating to doing away with poverty and hunger; ensuring healthy lives and promoting of well-being for all ages; ensuring educational opportunities throughout the lifespan and achieving gender equality. We at World Assembly of Youth (WAY) supports the UN resolution noting that the family has the primary responsibility for the nurturing and protection of children and that children, for the full and harmonious development of their personality, should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding.

We therefore urge young people and children to realize the great job parents do. It's the parents who firstly mediate values, rules and moral attitudes to the youth and this way help those becoming valuable members of our society.

Happy Global Day of Parents!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: CONNECTING PEOPLE BACK TO NATURE

DATE: 5TH JUNE 2017

The natural environment has a direct effect on young people's well-being; it must be maintained for the present and next generations. The friendly use of natural resources and environmentally sustainable development will help to improve young people's life. Maintaining the environmental integrity is the responsibility of every individual within the society.

World Environment Day is observed on the 5th of June every year across the globe is the largest annual event for positive environmental action. This Day aims to deepen public awareness of the need to preserve and enhance the environment where we all live.

World Environment Day was inaugurated in 1972 following the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, Sweden on 5-16 June the first international conference on environmental issues. Since its first celebration on 5 June 1974, millions of people across the world have taken part in thousands of events to raise awareness and generate political momentum around growing concerns such as the depletion of the ozone layer, toxic chemicals, desertification and global warming.

The theme for 2017 World Environment Day is "Connecting People Back to Nature". It implores us to get outdoors and to appreciate its beauty and the importance of protecting the earth that we all share. Billions of rural people around the world spend every working day 'connected to nature' and appreciate full well their dependence on natural water supplies and how nature provides their livelihoods in the form of fertile soil. They are among the first to suffer when ecosystems are threatened, whether by pollution, climate change or over-exploitation.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), aim to listen to young people's voices from all around the world, to capture their thoughts, their aspirations for the future as well as reactions on environmental issues. Furthermore, World Environment Day is also a day for us to inspect the state of our environment. In this day, we support all stakeholders to mobilize everyone, especially young people, enlighten them on the exigency of sustainable development issues and encourage their contributions in the environment preserving activity.

Thus, we encourage all young people to be a part of the celebrations and obtain the opportunity to share their ideas and activities for making our world cleaner, greener, better and brighter. So

let us all pledge to do something, at least one thing, as our contribution of the World Environment Day.

Given that young people are the leaders of tomorrow, we therefore call upon the head of state to consider young people to be part of the Paris Agreement plans and regularly report their own contribution in order to mitigate global warming. To add on to that the Secretary General United Nations Mr Antonio Gueterres said our “environment is the keystone of sustainable future”. Therefore without the healthy environment we cannot end poverty or build prosperity. Let us all protect our environment our only home!

Happy World Environment Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT

DATE: 17TH JUNE 2017

Desertification is the degradation of land in arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas. It is caused primarily by human activities and climatic variations. Desertification does not refer to the expansion of existing deserts. It occurs because dry land ecosystems, which cover over one third of the world's land area, are extremely vulnerable to overexploitation and inappropriate land use. Poverty, political instability, deforestation, overgrazing and bad irrigation practices can all undermine the productivity of the land.

The World Day to Combat Desertification is a unique occasion to remind everybody that desertification can be effectively tackled, that solutions are possible, and that key tools to this aim lay in strengthened community participation and co-operation at all levels. The World Day to Combat Desertification has been observed since 1995. It is celebrated yearly on the 17th of June to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification. The day is a unique moment to remind everyone that land degradation neutrality is achievable through problem-solving, strong community involvement and co-operation at all levels.

Over 250 million people are directly affected by desertification, and about one billion people in over one hundred countries are at risk. These people include many of the world's poorest, most marginalized and politically weak citizens. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development declares that "we are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations". Specifically, Goal 15 states our resolve to halt and reverse land degradation.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) aims to remind everybody that desertification can be effectively tackled, that solutions are possible, and that key tools to this aim lay in strengthened community participation and co-operation at all levels. Every stakeholder plays important role in halting any further activity which could worsen the desertification that has already persisted in today world. Let us unite our efforts to achieve a sustainable future and better tomorrow for the World Day to combat Desertification and Drought!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD REFUGEE DAY
DATE: 20th JUNE 2017**

"I've met so many who have lost so much. But they never lose their dreams for their children or their desire to better our world. They ask for little in return – only our support in their time of greatest need" — UN Secretary-General, António Guterres

In a world where violence forces thousands of families to flee for their lives each day, the time is now to show that the global public stands with refugees. To do this, the UN Refugee Agency launched the Refugees petition in June 2016 to send a message to governments that they must work together and do their fair share for refugees. According to UNHCR there are 65, 6 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, 22.5 million refugees, 10 million stateless people, and 189.300 refugees resettled.

World Refugee day is celebrated every year on the 20th of June to support millions of families all over the world who have lost their homes and dear ones because of violence or war. The day was established by the General Assembly of United Nations for the refugees to honor them for their courage of facing lots of problems after losing homes due to conflict or violence and their contributions to their communities. World refugee day celebration provides an opportunity to all to help the refugees worldwide to rebuild their quality lives through lots of related activities.

Refugees are provided variety of lifesaving assistance, safety and protection by the government agencies and organizations. They are provided tents, shelter, living materials supplies and served with the life-saving services. The goal of celebrating this event is increasing public awareness among common public by sharing the related refugee stories.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), join other organisations on this day in the mission of recognising and appreciating refugees from all around the globe. We extend our support and respect to their strength to uphold against their suffering and carry on despite of all their difficulties. We advocate to the public sector and other stakeholders to join us in global effort of protecting all refugees around the World.

On this World Refugee Day, let us remember the plight of the millions of people worldwide who have been forced to flee from their homes as a result of conflict and persecution.

Happy World Refugee Day!

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

26 June



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

DATE: 26 JUNE 2017

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking recognises the severe impact that illicit drugs have on health, development, peace and security. Around 190,000 people die due to illicit drugs every year. But the damage visited upon lives and communities does not stop there. Drug use damages health in the form of debilitating HIV, hepatitis and tuberculosis, while drug trafficking nourishes money laundering, and deadly terrorism. Corruption, the great enabler of organized crime, exists throughout the drug supply chain.

According to the UNODC, nearly 200 million people are using illicit drugs such as cocaine, cannabis, hallucinogens, opiates and sedative hypnotics worldwide. In December 1987 the UN General Assembly decided to observe June 26 as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The UN was determined to help create an international society free of drug abuse. This resolution recommended further action with regard to the report and conclusions of the 1987 International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

The theme for 2017 is: "Listen First - Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe." It is an initiative to increase support for prevention of drug use that is based on science and is thus an effective investment in the well-being of children and youth, their families and their communities.

We at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we tackled drug abuse as one of our youth issues so as to help young people to arise and extinguish the use of illegal drugs. We empower youth leaders and organizations to collaborate together to achieve drug free zone. The collaboration is needed to implement new ideas and strategies to combat drug abuse including improvement of policies which support the achievement towards a Drug Free Generation. One of our efforts was the 8th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, 'Towards a Drug Free Generation' which elevated not only awareness but also improvements in attaining Drug Free Generation.

We also believe that something has to be done as a matter of national priority to restore the social fabric of our nation before it is too late to correct the situation from deteriorating further. The youth need to be empowered to take control of their lives and not let drugs control them. Philip K. Dick said "Drug misuse is not a disease; it is a decision, like the decision to step out in front of a moving car. You would call that not a disease but an error of judgment".

On this day, let us remain committed to peacefully and effectively addressing the challenge of illicit drugs based on the international drug control conventions, and their key principle of protecting the health and welfare of humankind.

We call all young people to stand for a drug free generation!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE: DAY 1 - WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH IS MAKING HISTORY AT THE 17TH

MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

DATE: 9TH JULY 2017

Melaka, 9th July 2017 – THIS day marked another exceptional event for the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), as proud sponsors, participants, speakers and volunteers assembled for the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), which is taking place from 9th to 13th July 2017 at MITC Hotel in Melaka, Malaysia.

The theme for this year is ‘Our Roles in Solving Juvenile Delinquency’ has been realized to fulfill the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating both juvenile violence and solving delinquent behaviors. The Secretary General of WAY, Ms. Ediola Pashollari informed the participants, speakers and volunteers “we are making history at this MIYD ... as this is the first time the theme is being tackled at an international level ... therefore take part, speak up and contribute during the dialogue and at the outcome document.” Moreover, the outcomes guided by this selected theme are expected to contribute favorably in youth development as well as betterment of societies as a whole. In this event, an interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth towards non-violence, peaceful and secure environment that assures and supports their development fully at the different levels of society

We have the honour to welcome various international speakers including Ms. Duha Abuobaida (Sudan), Mr. Patrick L Sciaratta (USA), Mr. Bryce Hartley (UNESCAP), Ms. Rose Keffas (Nigeria), Ms. Monica Miles Steffens (USA), Dr. Anne Margaret Hobbs (USA), Mr. Josandy Maha Putra (Indonesia), Ms. Li Shanyin (China), Dr. Abdul Wahed Jalal Nori (Iraq), Mr. Muhammad Ammir Haron (Malaysia) and few knowledgeable chairpersons, Ms. Adrienna Zsakay (Australia), Mr. Kishva Ambigapathy (CYC), and Mr. Edson Chiota (Zimbabwe) who will facilitate the plenary sessions. It was indeed an enticing moment to welcome the delegates and speakers from across the globe. An informal dinner was also held to welcome all speakers and chairpersons as well as to brief them on the detailed programmes for the next 3 days.

As a norm of welcoming the delegates, an ice breaking session was held in the evening to serve as a casual way to get all participants to mingle with one another. We are expecting more than 200 delegates from over 70 countries. With the arrival day gone, everybody is looking forward to both the opening ceremony and plenary sessions happening the next day. The participants will gain knowledge from the invited speakers and moderators that will challenge, encourage, inspire and stimulate them as well as highlighting on the significance of combating juvenile delinquency.

ASSEMBLÉE MONDIALE DE LA JEUNESSE

COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE: JOURNÉE 1 - 17^{ème} MELAKA DIALOGUE INTERNATIONAUX DE LA JEUNESSE, "NOS RÔLES À LA RÉOLUTION DE LA DELINQUENCE JUVENILE "

DATE: 9 JUILLET 2017

Melaka, le 9 Juillet 2017 - Ce jour marque un autre événement exceptionnel pour l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Jeunesse (WAY), des sponsors, des participants, des conférenciers et des bénévoles extrêmement zélés et félicités pour le 17^{ème} Melaka Dialogue International de la Jeunesse (MIYD), qui aura lieu du 9 au 13 juillet 2017 à l'hôtel MITC à Melaka, en Malaisie.

Le thème de cette année est «Nos rôles dans la résolution de la délinquance juvénile» a été réalisé pour répondre aux principales opinions et aux rôles des jeunes pour lutter contre la violence juvénile et résoudre les comportements délinquants. La secrétaire générale de WAY, Mme Ediola Pashollari a informé les participants, les conférenciers et les bénévoles "Nous faisons de l'histoire à ce MIYD ... car c'est la première fois que le thème est abordé au niveau international. Participez donc, parlez et contribuez Pendant le dialogue et le document final."

En outre, les résultats guidés par ce thème sélectionné devraient contribuer favorablement au développement de la jeunesse ainsi qu'à l'amélioration des sociétés dans leur ensemble. Dans ce cas, un dialogue interactif sur ce sujet sera important pour former, éduquer, sensibiliser aux défis et aux droits de la jeunesse à l'égard de la non-violence, un environnement pacifique et sécurisé qui assure et soutient pleinement son développement aux différents niveaux de la société.

Nous avons l'honneur d'accueillir différents orateurs, notamment Mme Duha Abuobaida (Soudan), M. Patrick L Sciaratta (États-Unis), M. Bryce Hartley (UNESCAP), Mme Rose Keffas (Nigéria), Mme Monica Miles Steffens (États-Unis) Dr Anne Margaret Hobbs (États-Unis), M. Josandy Maha Putra (Indonésie), Mme Li Shanyin (Chine), Dr. Abdul Wahed Jalal Nori (Irak), M. Muhammad Ammir Haron (Malaisie) et quelques présidents bien informés, Mme Adrienna Zsakay (Australie), M. Kishva Ambigapathie (CYC) et Mr. Edson Chiota (Zimbabwe) qui assisteront lors des séances plénières. C'était en effet un moment incitant à accueillir les délégués et les orateurs de partout dans le monde. Un dîner informel a également été organisé pour accueillir tous les orateurs et les présidents ainsi que pour les informer sur les programmes détaillés pour les 3 prochains jours.

Comme une norme pour accueillir les délégués, une séance de brise glacière a eu lieu en fin de soirée afin de réunir tous les participants dans une atmosphère sereine. Nous attendons plus de 200 délégués de plus de 70 pays. Après cette journée, tout le monde attend avec impatience la cérémonie d'ouverture et les séances plénières qui se dérouleront le lendemain. Les participants obtiendront des connaissances des conférenciers invités et des modérateurs qui les mettront au défi, les encourageront, les inspireront et les stimuleront ainsi que de souligner l'importance de la lutte contre la délinquance juvénile.

ASAMBLEA MUNDIAL DE LA JUVENTUD

COMUNICADO DE PRENSA: DÍA 1 - 2017 MELAKA DIÁLOGO INTERNACIONAL DE JUVENTUD, “NUESTROS ROLES EN LA SOLUCIÓN DE DELINCUENCIA JUVENIL”

FECHA: 9 DE JULIO DEL 2017

Melaka, 9 de Julio 2017 – Este día marcó otro evento excepcional para la Asamblea Mundial de la Juventud (WAY), como los patrocinadores, participantes, oradores y voluntarios reunidos por 17^º Melaka Diálogo Internacional de Juventud (MIYD), que tiene lugar desde el 9 al 13 de Julio de 2017 en el MITC Hotel de Melaka.

El tema de este año “Nuestros Roles en la Solución de la Delincuencia Juvenil”; ha sido dado a conocer para cumplir las opiniones principales y funciones de los jóvenes para combatir tanto la violencia juvenil como la resolución de comportamientos delincuentes. La Secretaria General de WAY, Sra. Ediola Pashollari informó a los participantes, oradores y voluntarios “estamos haciendo historia... ya que esta es la primera vez que el tema es tratado a un nivel internacional... por eso formar parte, expresarse y contribuir durante el dialogo y el documento final.” Adicionalmente, los resultados guiados por este tema seleccionado se espera que contribuyan favorablemente en el desarrollo de la juventud, así como el mejoramiento de las sociedades en su conjunto. En este evento, un diálogo interactivo sobre este tema será de importancia para formar, educar, aumentar la conciencia sobre los retos y derechos de los jóvenes hacia la no violencia, ambiente pacífico y seguro que asegure y apoye plenamente su desarrollo en los diferentes niveles de la sociedad.

Tenemos el honor de dar la bienvenida a varios oradores incluidos Sra. Duha Abuobaida (Sudan), Sr. Patrick L Sciaratta (USA), Sr. Bryce Hartley (UNESCAP), Sra. Rose Keffas (Nigeria), Sra. Monica Miles Steffens (USA), Dr. Anne Margaret Hobbs (USA), Sr. Josandy Maha Putra (Indonesia), Sra. Li Shanyin (China), Dr. Abdul Wahed Jalal Nori (Iraq), Sr. Muhammad Ammir Haron (Malaysia) y pocos presidentes eruditos, Sra. Adrienna Zsakay (Australia), Sr. Kishva Ambigapathy (CYC), and Sr. Edson Chiota (Zimbabwe) que asistirán durante las sesiones plenarias. Fue realmente un momento atractivo para dar la bienvenida a los delegados y oradores de todo el mundo. También se celebró una cena informal para dar la bienvenida a todos los oradores y presidentes, así como para informarles detalladamente sobre los programas para los próximos 3 días.

Como norma de dar la bienvenida a los delegados, una sesión se llevó a cabo para romper el hielo en la noche para servir como una manera informal de conseguir que todos los participantes se mezclen entre sí. Esperamos más de 200 delegados de más de 70 países. Con el fin del día de la llegada, todo el mundo está deseando que la ceremonia de apertura y las sesiones plenarias ocurran al día siguiente. Los participantes obtendrán el conocimiento de los oradores y moderadores invitados que los desafiarán, los animarán, los inspirarán y los estimularán, así como resaltar la importancia de combatir la delincuencia juvenil.

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE: DAY 2 - WAY IS MAKING HISTORY AT THE 17TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

DATE: 10TH JULY 2017

Melaka, 10th July 2017 - WAY Headquarters hosted yet another victorious opening ceremony at the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (17th MIYD) in the MITC Hotel here in Melaka, today.

The opening ceremony was officiated by Hon. Dato Seri Mahdzir Khalid Minister of Education, Malaysia. Other dignitaries included WAY President cum Chief Minister of Melaka Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron; Mr. Kishva Ambigapathy Chairperson of Commonwealth Youth Council, Mr. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin President of Malaysian Youth Council, and our very own WAY Secretary General, Ms. Ediola Pashollari.

The Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari introduced the theme of the MIYD, 'Our Roles in Solving Juvenile Delinquency' during her opening remarks. She welcomed all participants to the dialogue and thanked all the youth organisations, government bodies, sponsors, speakers, volunteers, WAY secretariat, delegates and dignitaries for contributing their time and making themselves available for this event.

The President of Malaysian Youth Council, Mr. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin, stated that early childhood is important to solve Juvenile Delinquency, Malaysian Youth Council recognizes the contribution of each individual in solving Juvenile Delinquency. The Chairperson of Commonwealth Youth Council, Mr. Kishva Ambigapathy reiterated that the young people are the solution to solving of this world and has further quoted Ms. Ediola Pashollari that "we need to speak up, we need to speak out", this is our basic responsibility.

President of WAY, Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, who was present during the opening ceremony, gave his speech on Juvenile Delinquency. He stated that family counselling must be involved and the young people must know their responsibilities in their societies to see a positive change. He further stated that it is our duty to join hands and make contribution in solving issues such as juvenile delinquency.

During his opening speech, Hon. Dato Seri Mahdzir Khalid, the Minister mentioned that "all countries need to prepare national plans of action with their own targets adopted and adapted in relation to the specifics of the country putting sufficient resources in government budgets to ensure enough support to get action underway in line with the targets."

The opening ceremony was then completed by awarding tokens of appreciation to the Guests of Honor and dignitaries present. Photos were also taken with all representatives from different countries, speakers, volunteers and partners.

During the three plenary sessions, there were motivating speakers from different countries including the USA, Indonesia, China, Malaysia, Iraq, Nigeria and Sudan. They spoke about the challenges and opportunities regarding combating juvenile delinquency – freeing upcoming

generations through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the role of CSOs, NGOs and National Youth Councils in solving juvenile delinquency.

The sessions were educational as speakers shared their knowledge and awareness on juvenile delinquency. After that, the day ended with astounding cultural performances from all participants, volunteers and staff.

Overall, it marked another outstanding event led by the World Assembly of Youth. We look forward to two more luminous days!

ASSEMBLÉE MONDIALE DE LA JEUNESSE

COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE: JOURNÉE 2 - WAY EST ENTRAIN DE MARQUER L'HISTOIRE AU 17ème MELAKA DIALOGUE INTERNATIONAL DE LA JEUNESSE

DATE: 10 JUILLET 2017

Melaka, le 10 Juillet 2017 - Le siège de WAY a accueilli une autre cérémonie d'ouverture victorieuse lors du 17ème Melaka Dialogue International de la Jeunesse (17ème MIYD) à l'Hôtel MITC ici à Melaka, aujourd'hui.

La cérémonie d'ouverture a été célébrée par l'honorable Dato Seri Mahdzir Khalid Ministre de l'éducation, Malaisie. D'autres dignitaires ont inclus WAY Président cum Ministre en chef de Melaka Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron; M. Kishva Ambigapathy, Président du Conseil de la Jeunesse du Commonwealth, M. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin, Président du Conseil de la Jeunesse de Malaisie, et notre propre Secrétaire Général de WAY, Mme Ediola Pashollari.

Le Secrétaire Général de l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Jeunesse, Mme Ediola Pashollari a présenté le thème de la MIYD, "Nos rôles dans la résolution de la délinquance juvénile" lors de ses remarques préliminaires. Elle a souhaité la bienvenue à tous les participants au dialogue et a remercié toutes les organisations de la jeunesse, les organismes gouvernementaux, les sponsors, les conférenciers, les bénévoles, le secrétariat de WAY, les délégués et les dignitaires pour avoir accordé leur temps et se rendre disponible pour cet événement.

Le président du Conseil de la Jeunesse de la Malaisie, M. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin, a déclaré que la petite enfance est importante pour résoudre la délinquance juvénile, le Conseil Malaisien de la Jeunesse reconnaît la contribution de chaque individu dans la résolution de la délinquance juvénile. Le président du Conseil de la Jeunesse du Commonwealth, M. Kishva Ambigapathy, a réitéré que les jeunes sont la solution à la résolution de ce monde et ont également mentionné Mme Ediola Pashollari que "nous devons parler, nous faire entendre par tout le monde ", c'est notre Responsabilité fondamentale.

Président de WAY, l'honorable Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, qui était présent lors de la cérémonie d'ouverture, a prononcé son discours sur la délinquance juvénile. Il a déclaré que le counseling familial doit être impliqué et que les jeunes doivent connaître leurs responsabilités dans la société pour voir arriver a un changement positif. Il a ajouté qu'il était de notre devoir de se joindre à nous et de contribuer à résoudre des problèmes tels que la délinquance juvénile.

Au cours de son discours d'ouverture, l'hon. Dato Seri Mahdzir Khalid, le ministre a mentionné que "tous les pays doivent préparer des plans d'action nationaux avec leurs propres objectifs adoptés et adaptés en fonction des spécificités du pays en mettant suffisamment de ressources dans les budgets gouvernementaux pour assurer un soutien suffisant pour faire avancer les actions avec les cibles ".

La cérémonie d'ouverture a ensuite été complétée en attribuant des jetons d'appréciation aux invités d'honneur et aux dignitaires présents. Des photos ont également été prises avec tous les représentants de différents pays, conférenciers, bénévoles et partenaires.

Au cours des trois séances plénières, des intervenants motivants de différents pays, dont les États-Unis, l'Indonésie, la Chine, la Malaisie, l'Iraq, le Nigéria et le Soudan. Ils ont parlé des défis et des opportunités concernant la lutte contre la délinquance juvénile - la libération des générations à venir grâce aux objectifs de développement durable (SDG) et le rôle des OSC, des ONG et des conseils nationaux de la jeunesse dans la résolution de la délinquance juvénile.

Les séances ont été éducatives car les conférenciers ont partagé leur connaissance sur la délinquance juvénile. Après cela, la journée s'est terminée par des performances culturelles étonnantes de tous les participants, bénévoles et membres du personnel.

Dans l'ensemble, il a marqué un autre événement exceptionnel mené par l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse. Nous attendons avec impatience les deux prochains jours encore plus lumineux!

ASAMBLEA MUNDIAL DE LA JUVENTUD
COMUNICADO DE PRENSA: DÍA 2 - WAY ESTA HACIENDO HISTORIA EN EL 17º MELAKA
DIÁLOGO INTERNACIONAL DE JUVENTUD
FECHA: 10 DE JULIO DEL 2017

Melaka, 10 de Julio 2017 – La Sede de WAY organizó otra ceremonia de inauguración victoriosa en el 17º Melaka Diagono Internacional de Juventud (17º MIYD), hoy en el Hotel MITC de Melaka.

La ceremonia de apertura fue oficiada por Hon. Dato Seri Mahdzir Khalid Ministro de Educación, Malasia. Otros dignatarios incluidos el Presidente de WAY cum Ministro en jefe de Melaka Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron; Sr. Kishva Ambigapathy Presidente del Consejo de la Juventud de la Commonwealth, Sr. Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin Presidente del Consejo de la Juventud de Malasia, y nuestra propia Secretaria General de WAY, la Sra. Ediola Pashollari.

La Secretaria General de la Asamblea Mundial de la Juventud, Sra. Ediola Pashollari, presentó el tema del MIYD, "Nuestras funciones en la resolución de la delincuencia juvenil" durante su discurso de apertura. Dio la bienvenida a todos los participantes al diálogo y agradeció a todas las organizaciones juveniles, organismos gubernamentales, patrocinadores, ponentes, voluntarios, secretariado de WAY, delegados y dignatarios por contribuir su tiempo y ponerse a disposición para este evento.

El Presidente del Consejo de la Juventud de Malasia, Sr. Mua 'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin, declaró que la infancia es importante para resolver la Delincuencia Juvenil. El Consejo de la Juventud de Malasia reconoce la contribución de cada individuo en la solución de la delincuencia juvenil. El Presidente del Consejo de la Juventud del Commonwealth, Sr. Kishva Ambigapathy, reiteró que los jóvenes son la solución a la solución de este mundo y ha citado además a la Sra. EdiolaPashollari que "tenemos que hablar, tenemos que expresarnos", esta es nuestra responsabilidad básica.

El Presidente de WAY, Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, que estuvo presente durante la ceremonia de apertura, pronunció su discurso sobre Delincuencia Juvenil. Afirmó que la consejería familiar debe estar involucrada y que los jóvenes deben conocer sus responsabilidades en sus sociedades para ver un cambio positivo. Afirmó además que es nuestro deber unir nuestras manos y contribuir en la resolución de problemas como la delincuencia juvenil.

Durante su discurso de apertura, Hon. Dato Seri Mahdzir Khalid, el Ministro mencionó que "todos los países deben preparar planes nacionales de acción con sus propios objetivos adoptados y adaptados en relación con las especificidades del país poniendo recursos suficientes en los presupuestos gubernamentales para asegurar suficiente apoyo para llevar a cabo acciones en línea con los objetivos ".

La ceremonia de inauguración se completó mediante la entrega de muestras de agradecimiento a los invitados de honor ya los dignatarios presentes. También se tomaron fotografías con representantes de diferentes países, ponentes, voluntarios y socios.

Durante las tres sesiones plenarias, hubo oradores de diferentes países, incluyendo Estados Unidos, Indonesia, China, Malasia, Iraq, Nigeria y Sudán. Hablaron de los retos y oportunidades de combatir la delincuencia juvenil: liberar a las generaciones venideras a través de los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible y el papel de las OSC (SDGs), las ONG y los Consejos Nacionales de la Juventud en la resolución de la delincuencia juvenil.

Las sesiones fueron educativas, ya que los hablantes compartieron sus conocimientos y concienciación sobre la delincuencia juvenil. Después de eso, el día terminó con asombrosas actuaciones culturales de todos los participantes, voluntarios y personal.

En general, marcó otro evento destacado dirigido por la Asamblea Mundial de la Juventud. ¡Esperamos dos días más luminosos!

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE: DAY 3 - WAY MAKES HISTORY AT THE 17TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

DATE: 11TH JULY 2017

Melaka, 11th July 2016 – TODAY, 11th July 2017, was a day filled with bright ideas and commitment! Youth leaders from around the world discussed and worked their thoughts and opinions into recommendations, which will be adopted for juvenile delinquency policy discussions. The recommendations were derived from the given theme: Our Roles In Solving Juvenile Delinquency.

Time was given to all participants to discuss the principal concerns of young people worldwide, advancing those with direct implications for their wellbeing, now, and in the future. The youth were divided into groups and asked to interact among one another, develop ideas, and suggest solutions, in presentations after their discussions. During the presentations, they all expressed the points they felt had some impact on their lives.

The day-long workshop was based on identifying the roles of all stakeholders in solving juvenile delinquency. The platform was given to participants as an opportunity to develop their ideas and allow others to recommend ways to improve them. Each group had the opportunity to share their important observations at the end of the day.

After a busy day; the participants were taken for a tour to Taming Sari Tower, where the participants enjoyed the view of Melaka from 150 meters above the ground. A beautiful and informative Melaka River Cruise followed. At the conclusion of the river tour, all participants and special guests were all treated to a delicious dinner at Restaurant Melayu where they were offered a wide assortment of Malaysian delicacies. This was very relaxing for them, as the day was long and quite tiring.

A meeting to draft the Declaration of Recommendations pertaining to youth and juvenile delinquency was convened upon their return last evening. The purpose was for all participants to consolidate their different views and perspectives related to the issues of delinquency and finalize the document with the most suitable solutions and recommendations.

Interesting philosophies, new knowledge, and practical thinking were passed around by speakers and participants _ creating magnificent discussions, upon which some agreed and others agreed to disagree – but which led to a useful and accessible, final document.

It was an incredible and positive end to another fruitful day.

ASSEMBLÉE MONDIALE DE LA JEUNESSE
COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE: LE JOUR 3 - WAY MARQUE L'HISTOIRE AU 17IEME MELAKA
DIALOGUE INTERNATIONAL DE LA JEUNESSE
DATE: 11 JUILLET 2017

Melaka, le 11 Juillet 2016 - AUJOURD'HUI, le 11 juillet 2017, a été un jour rempli d'idées et d'engagement brillants! Les jeunes dirigeants du monde entier ont discuté et travaillé pour exprimer leurs opinions et leurs idées sous forme de recommandations, qui seront adoptées pour les politiques de délinquance juvénile. Les recommandations découlent effectivement du thème donné, qui était; "Nos Roles En La Résolution De La Delinquance Juvenile".

Des perspectives ont été données à tous les participants comme l'une des principales préoccupations des jeunes dans le monde, car elles ont des implications directes pour leur bien-être à la fois maintenant et à l'avenir. Ils ont été divisés en groupes et demandé de proposer des solutions, de développer des idées, d'interagir les uns avec les autres et de présenter leurs discussions. Au cours de leur présentation, ils ont tous exprimé les points qu'ils estimaient avoir eu un impact sur leur vie.

L'atelier était basé sur le rôle de tous les acteurs dans la résolution de la délinquance juvénile. Une plate-forme a été donnée aux participants comme une occasion de partager leurs idées et de recommander des moyens afin d'améliorer. Tous les groupes ont vraiment eu une excellente occasion de donner leurs points importants. Après une journée bien remplie; Les participants ont été emmenés pour une courte visite à la tour tampon de sari, dans laquelle les participants ont apprécié la vue de Melaka à partir de 150 mètres au-dessus du sol et de la croisière en rivière sur Melaka. Ils ont tous été traités avec délicatesse au restaurant Melayu où ils ont eu de délicieux plats malaisien. C'était vraiment relaxant étant donné que la journée a été longue et fatigante.

Une réunion pour rédiger la déclaration des recommandations concernant la délinquance des jeunes a été convoquée cette nuit. Le but était que tous les participants donnent leurs points de vue liés aux problèmes des mineurs afin de proposer des solutions et des recommandations plus appropriées. Les différentes idées ont ensuite été discutées sur lesquelles la solution la plus appropriée a été dérivée.

Des philosophies, des connaissances et des pensées intéressantes ont été transmises aux orateurs et aux participants, créant des discussions magnifiques sur lesquelles certains ont été d'accord et d'autres s'y sont opposés. Cela a été un moyen incroyable de passer une autre journée fructueuse.

ASAMBLEA MUNDIAL DE LA JUVENTUD
COMUNICADO DE PRENSA: DÍA 3- WAY ESTA HACIENDO HISTORIA EN EL 17º MELAKA
DIÁLOGO INTERNACIONAL DE JUVENTUD
FECHA: 11 DE JULIO DEL 2017

Melaka, 11 de Julio 2017 – HOY, 11 de julio de 2017; ¡fue un día lleno de ideas brillantes y el compromiso! Jóvenes líderes de todo el mundo debatieron y trabajaron en la expresando sus opiniones y pensamientos en forma de recomendaciones, que serán adoptadas para las políticas de delincuencia juvenil. Las recomendaciones fueron en realidad derivadas del tema dado, que fue; “Nuestros Roles En Solución De Delincuencia Juvenil”.

Las perspectivas se dieron a todos los participantes como una de las principales preocupaciones de los jóvenes en todo el mundo, ya que tiene implicaciones directas para su bienestar tanto ahora como en el futuro. Se dividieron en grupos y se les pidió que sugirieran soluciones, desarrollaran ideas, interactuaran entre sí y presentaran sus discusiones. Durante su presentación todos expresaron los puntos que sentían que tenían algún impacto en su vida.

El taller se basó en el papel de todas las partes interesadas en la resolución de la delincuencia juvenil. Se ofreció una plataforma a los participantes como una oportunidad para compartir sus ideas y recomendar formas de mejorarlas. Todos los grupos tuvieron una gran oportunidad de decir sus puntos importantes. Después de un día ocupado; Los participantes fueron llevados a una breve visita a la torre del taming sari, en la que los participantes disfrutaron de la vista de Melaka desde 150 metros sobre el suelo y un crucero por el río Melaka. Todos ellos fueron invitados a una deliciosa cena en el restaurante Melayu donde tenían manjares de Malasia. Esto realmente fue relajante para ellos ya que el día fue largo y un poco agotador.

Se convocó una reunión en la noche para redactar la declaración de recomendaciones relativas a la juventud y delincuencia juvenil. El propósito fue que todos los participantes dieran sus diferentes puntos de vista y perspectivas relacionadas con los problemas de los jóvenes para llegar a las soluciones y recomendaciones más adecuadas. Se discutieron las diferentes ideas sobre las cuales se derivó la solución más apropiada.

Filosofías, conocimientos y pensamientos interesantes fueron debatidos por tanto hablantes y participantes creando magníficas discusiones sobre las cuales algunos acordaron y otros acordaron discrepar.

Fue una manera increíble de pasar por otro día fructífero.

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE: DAY 4 - WAY IS MAKING HISTORY AT THE 17TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

DATE: 12TH JULY 2017

Melaka, 12th July 2017 - The last day of the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue was filled with many remarkable moments. The day began with the presentation of the 17th MIYD Draft Declaration which was later adopted for implementation by all participants present. Everyone participated well proving that they, indeed, paid attention to the advice and feedbacks given by various speakers from the past days and their peers during the workshop.

Later on in the day, the participants were divided into two groups, the females went to the Tunas Bakti School, while the males went to Henry Gurney Telok. It was an experience that touched everyone differently and gave everyone a different perspective of juvenile delinquency as we know it. Afterwards, we all participants went to the Melaka Prison Museum. It was an overwhelming experience for the participants and volunteers to see and learn about the history of Melaka Prison Museum.

The farewell gala dinner and closing ceremony was held later that night at the MITC Ballroom. Guests included the Chief Minister of Melaka cum President of the World Assembly of Youth, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron and his wife, Datin Seri Utama Datuk Wira Fadilah Abdullah, the Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Hon. Datuk Wira Dr. Abu Bakar Mohammad Diah, the Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage, Hon. Datuk Norpipah Abdol, the Chairperson of Commonwealth Youth Council, Mr. Kishva Ambigapathy and the Secretary General of Malaysian Youth Council, Mr. Ahmad Saparuddin Yusof.

Secretary General, Ms. Ediola Pashollari initiated the evening with her speech, where she welcomed and thanked all respected guests, speakers, sponsors, participants and volunteers. She stated that "Youth should now take ownership to this declaration... they should take it to their peers, organisations and other stakeholders, in their respective countries, for implementation". She went on to appreciate all the participants for their efforts in making the 17th MIYD a fruitful and memorable dialogue.

Remarks were also given by the Secretary General of Malaysian Youth Council and Chairperson of the Commonwealth Youth Council, both partners to this dialogue. The pulpit was later left for Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, the Chief Minister of Melaka cum President of World Assembly of Youth. He gave a touching closing speech on different matters that youth face and how we can all come together to play a role in solving Juvenile Delinquency.

At the end of the gala ceremony, the sponsors, and partners were awarded with tokens of appreciation. Besides that, the MIYD volunteers were later thanked and awarded with certificates for their hard work and dedication, without them the 17th MIYD could have not been a great success. The celebration was concluded with a photo session with partners, speakers, volunteers and sponsors. The night ended with many tremendous cultural performances, magnificent band show, exciting dances and a lot of laughter. A night to remember, successful and entertaining!

ASSEMBLÉE MONDIALE DE LA JEUNESSE
COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE : LE JOUR 4 – WAY MARQUE L'HISTOIRE AU 17^{ème} MELAKA
DIALOGUE INTERNATIONAL DE LA JEUNESSE
DATE: 12 JUILLET 2017

Melaka, 12 Juillet 2017 - Le dernier jour du 17^{ème} Melaka Dialogue International de la Jeunesse a été rempli de nombreux moments remarquables. La journée a commencé par la présentation du 17^{ème} projet de déclaration MIYD qui a ensuite été adopté pour la mise en œuvre par tous les participants présents. Tout le monde y a participé, prouvant qu'ils ont effectivement accordé une attention particulière aux conseils et commentaires fournis par divers intervenants ces derniers jours et leurs pairs lors des activités.

Plus tard dans la journée, les participants ont été divisés en deux groupes, les femmes sont allées à l'école Tunas Bakti, tandis que les hommes sont allés à Henry Gurney Telok. C'était une expérience qui a touché tout le monde de manière différente et a donné à chacun une perspective différente de la délinquance juvénile telle que nous la connaissons. Ensuite, nous avons tous participé à la visite du musée de la prison de Melaka. Ce fut une belle expérience pour les participants et les bénévoles de voir et d'apprendre l'histoire du musée de la prison de Melaka.

Le dîner du gala et la cérémonie de clôture ont eu lieu plus tard cette nuit-là à la Salle du bal de MITC. Parmi les invités le ministre en chef de Melaka cum président de l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse était présent, l'honorable Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron et son épouse, Datin Seri Utama Datuk Wira Fadilah Abdullah, sous-ministre de la Science, de la Technologie et de l'Innovation, l'hon. Datuk Wira Dr. Abu Bakar Mohammad Diah, l'adjoint EXCO pour le développement de la jeunesse et le patrimoine, l'honorable Datuk Norpipah Abdol, président du Commonwealth Youth Council, M. Kishva Ambigapathy et le secrétaire général du Conseil malaisien de la jeunesse, M. Ahmad Sparuddin Yusof.

Secrétaire Générale, Mme Ediola Pashollari a entamé la soirée lors de son discours, où elle a accueilli et remercié tous les invités, conférenciers, sponsors, participants et bénévoles respectifs. Elle a déclaré que "les jeunes devraient maintenant prendre la propriété de cette déclaration ... ils devraient l'emmener à leurs pairs, organisations et autres parties prenantes, dans leurs pays respectifs, pour leur mise en œuvre". Elle a ensuite remercié tous les participants pour leurs efforts qui ont rendu le dialogue du 17^{ème} MIYD fructueux et mémorable.

Des observations ont également été données par le Secrétaire général du Conseil malaisien de la jeunesse et le Président du Commonwealth du conseil de la jeunesse, les deux partenaires de ce dialogue. La chaire fut plus tard laissée pour l'honorable Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, le ministre en chef de Melaka cum président de l'Assemblée mondiale de la jeunesse. Il a donné un discours de fermeture touchant sur les différentes questions auxquelles les jeunes sont confrontés et comment nous pouvons tous nous réunir pour jouer un rôle dans la résolution de la délinquance juvénile.

À la fin de la cérémonie de gala, les sponsors et les partenaires ont reçu des jetons d'appréciation. En plus, les bénévoles MIYD ont ensuite été remerciés et décernés avec des

certificats pour leur travail acharné et leur dévouement, sans eux, le 17e MIYD n'aurait pas été un grand succès. La célébration a été conclue avec une séance de photos avec des partenaires, des conférenciers, des bénévoles et des sponsors. La soirée s'est terminée par de nombreuses représentations culturelles énormes, spectacle magnifique, des danses passionnantes et beaucoup de rire.

Une nuit à retenir, réussie et divertissante!

ASAMBLEA MUNDIAL DE LA JUVENTUD
COMUNICADO DE PRENSA: DÍA 4 - WAY ESTA HACIENDO HISTORIA EN EL 17º MELAKA
DIÁLOGO INTERNACIONAL DE JUVENTUD
FECHA: 12 DE JULIO DEL 2017

Melaka, 12 de julio de 2017 - El último día del 17º Melaka Diálogo Internacional de Juventud de estuvo lleno de momentos notables. El día comenzó con la presentación del 17º Proyecto de Declaración de MIYD, que posteriormente fue adoptado para su implementación por todos los participantes presentes. Todo el mundo participó bien demostrando que, de hecho, prestaron atención a los consejos y comentarios dados por varios oradores de los últimos días y sus compañeros durante el taller.

Más tarde, los participantes se dividieron en dos grupos, las mujeres fueron a la escuela Tunas Bakti, mientras que los hombres fueron a Henry Gurney Telok. Fue una experiencia que tocó a todos de manera diferente y dio a todos una perspectiva diferente de la delincuencia juvenil tal como la conocemos. Después, todos los participantes fueron al Museo de la Prisión de Melaka. Fue una experiencia abrumadora para los participantes y voluntarios para ver y aprender sobre la historia del Museo de la Prisión de Melaka.

La cena de gala de despedida y la ceremonia de clausura se llevó a cabo más tarde esa noche en la sala del MITC. Los invitados, incluidos el Ministro Principal de Melaka cum Presidente de la Asamblea Mundial de la Juventud, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron y su esposa, Datin Seri Utama Datuk Wira Fadilah Abdullah, Viceministro de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación, Hon. Datuk Wira El Dr. Abu Bakar Mohammad Diah, el Delegado de Estado EXCO para el Desarrollo de la Juventud y el Patrimonio, Hon. Datuk Norpipah Abdol, el Presidente del Consejo de la Juventud de la Commonwealth, el Sr. Kishva Ambigapathy y el Secretario General del Consejo de la Juventud de Malasia, Sr. Ahmad Saparuddin Yusof.

La Secretaria General, Sra. Ediola Pashollari, inició la velada con su discurso, donde dio la bienvenida y agradeció a todos los invitados, oradores, patrocinadores, participantes y voluntarios. Afirmó que "la juventud debe ahora apropiarse de esta declaración ... debe llevarla a sus compañeros, organizaciones y otras partes interesadas, en sus respectivos países, para su implementación". Ella continuó apreciando a todos los participantes por sus esfuerzos para hacer del 17º MIYD un diálogo fructífero y memorable.

El Secretario General del Consejo de la Juventud de Malasia dio unas observaciones y el Presidente del Consejo de la Juventud del Commonwealth, ambos asociados a este diálogo. El púlpito se dejó más tarde para Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, el Ministro Principal de Melaka cum y Presidente de la Asamblea Mundial de la Juventud. Él dio un discurso de cierre conmovedor sobre diferentes asuntos que enfrentan los jóvenes y cómo todos podemos unirnos para desempeñar un papel en la solución de la Delincuencia Juvenil.

Al final de la ceremonia de gala, los patrocinadores y socios fueron premiados con muestras de agradecimiento. Además, los voluntarios de MIYD fueron más tarde agradecidos y galardonados con certificados por su arduo trabajo y dedicación, sin ellos el 17 MIYD no podría haber sido un gran éxito. La celebración se concluyó con una sesión de fotos con socios, ponentes, voluntarios y patrocinadores. La noche terminó con muchas actuaciones culturales tremendas, espectáculo

magnífico de la venta, bailes emocionantes y mucha risa. ¡Una noche para recordar, exitosa y entretenida!

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE: DAY 5 - WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH IS MAKING HISTORY AT THE 17THMELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

DATE: 13TH JULY 2017

Melaka, 13th July 2017 – TODAY is the last day of the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, as everyone was saying their goodbyes to each other. The participants, delegates and speakers were all delighted as they departed. Though it was a heartbreaking moment but we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that we should not say ‘farewell’, instead, we should all say ‘see you’ as we are looking forward to the next year’s 18th MIYD, with more mirth and jubilant moments.

We also would like to exploit this opportunity to thank all partners, sponsors, organising committee, volunteers and all parties who were dedicatedly involved in making this dialogue a grand success. Our honour and gratitude are also dedicated to all participants of 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue who worked so hard in constructing the declaration which contains a number of recommendations for implementation by stakeholders including Public Sector, Private Sector, NGOs/ IGOs, Media and young people alike. In addition, participants also established commitments and outcomes in pursuit of a sustainable environment globally.

The participants of the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue recognised the importance of empowering and equipping the young people with the right knowledge, skills and proper attitude towards combating juvenile delinquency. In line with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), young people should be at the forefront of universal transformation taking actions in tackling juvenile issues.

Hence, they believe that with the continuous support of all the stakeholders, they should reach their desired goal. We are delightful to have all your support and we shall count on youth leaders, especially from our member organisations and 17th MIYD participants, in channeling the declaration to the right stakeholders.

ASSEMBLÉE MONDIALE DE LA JEUNESSE

COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE: LE JOUR 5 - L'ASSEMBLÉE MONDIALE DE LA JEUNESSE MARQUE L'HISTOIRE AU 17^{ème} MELAKA DIALOGUE INTERNATIONAL DE LA JEUNESSE

DATE: 13 JUILLET 2017

Melaka, le 13 Juillet 2017 - AUJOURD'HUI est le dernier jour du 17^e Melaka Dialogue Internationale de la Jeunesse. Les participants, les délégués et les conférenciers ont tous été ravis de cette rencontre et c'est dans la bonne humeur que tout le monde se dit au revoir. Bien que ce soit un moment triste mais nous, à l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Jeunesse (WAY), croyons que nous ne devrions pas dire «adieu», au lieu de cela, nous devrions tous dire «à bientôt » car nous attendons avec impatience le 18^e MIYD de l'année prochaine , avec plus de joie et de moments jubilatoires.

Nous souhaitons également profiter de cette occasion pour remercier tous les partenaires, les commanditaires, les comités organisateurs, les bénévoles et tous les parties qui ont été dévoués à faire de ce dialogue un grand succès. Notre honneur et notre gratitude sont également consacrés à tous les participants du 17^{ème} Melaka Dialogue International de la Jeunesse qui a travaillé dur dans la construction de la déclaration qui contient un certain nombre de recommandations pour la mise en œuvre par les parties prenantes, y compris le secteur public, le secteur privé, les ONG / OIG, les médias et les jeunes. En outre, les participants ont également établi des engagements et des résultats dans la poursuite d'un environnement durable à l'échelle mondiale.

Les participants du 17^{ème} Melaka Dialogue International de la Jeunesse ont reconnu l'importance d'habiliter et d'équiper les jeunes avec les connaissances, les compétences et les attitudes appropriées pour lutter contre la délinquance juvénile. Conformément à l'adoption des objectifs de développement durable (SDG), les jeunes devraient être à l'avant-garde de la transformation universelle en prenant des mesures pour s'attaquer aux problèmes des mineurs. Par conséquent, ils pensent qu'avec le soutien continu de toutes les parties prenantes, ils devraient atteindre leur objectif souhaités. Nous sommes ravis d'avoir tout votre soutien et nous compterons sur les leaders de la jeunesse, en particulier de nos organisations membres et des dix-neuvième participants du MIYD, en canalisant la déclaration aux acteurs appropriés.

ASAMBLEA MUNDIAL DE LA JUVENTUD
COMUNICADO DE PRENSA: DÍA 5 - WAY ESTA HACIENDO HISTORIA EN EL 17º MELAKA
DIÁLOGO INTERNACIONAL DE JUVENTUD
FECHA: 13 DE JULIO DE 2017

Melaka, 13 de Julio de 2017 - HOY es el último día de los Melaka Diálogo Internacional de Juventud, ya que todos se estaban despidiendo el uno del otro. Los participantes, los delegados y los oradores estuvieron encantados al partir. Aunque fue un momento desgarrador, pero nosotros, en la Asamblea Mundial de la Juventud (WAY), creemos que no debemos decir 'despedida', sino que todos debemos decir 'te veo', ya que estamos esperando el próximo 18 de MIYD, con más alegría y momentos de júbilo.

También nos gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer a todos los socios, patrocinadores, comité organizador, voluntarios y todas las partes que se dedicaron a hacer de este diálogo un gran éxito. Nuestro honor y gratitud también están dedicados a todos los participantes del 17º Melaka Diálogo Internacional del la Juventud, quienes trabajaron arduamente en la construcción de la declaración que contiene una serie de recomendaciones para la implementación por partes interesadas incluyendo Sector Público, Sector Privado, ONG / OIG, medios de comunicación y jóvenes. Además, los participantes también establecieron compromisos y resultados en la búsqueda de un entorno sostenible a nivel mundial.

Los participantes del 17º Melaka Diálogo Internacional de Juventud reconocieron la importancia de capacitar y equipar a los jóvenes con los conocimientos, habilidades y actitudes adecuadas para combatir la delincuencia juvenil. En consonancia con la adopción de los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (SDG), los jóvenes deben estar a la vanguardia de la transformación universal, adoptando medidas para abordar los problemas de menores. Por lo tanto, creen que con el apoyo continuo de todas las partes interesadas, deben alcanzar su meta deseada. Estamos encantados de contra con todo su apoyo y contaremos con líderes juveniles, especialmente de nuestras organizaciones y miembros del 17º participantes de MIYD, en canalizar la declaración a las partes interesadas correctas.

WORLD POPULATION DAY

11 July



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH PRESS RELEASE

WORLD POPULATION DAY: FAMILY PLANNING: EMPOWERING PEOPLE, DEVELOPING NATIONS DATE: 11th JULY 2017

Globally, population has doubled since 1968 and grown by almost 40 percent since reaching 5 billion in 1987, an event that led to the first World Population Day. Growth will continue at least until midcentury despite dramatic declines in the average number of children per woman, according to UN population division.

World Population Day, seeks to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, was established by the then-Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989, an outgrowth of the interest generated by the Day of Five Billion, which was observed on 11 July 1987.

The theme for World Population Day 2017 is “Family Planning: Empowering People, Developing Nations.” Around the world, some 225 million women who want to avoid pregnancy are not using safe and effective family planning methods, for reasons ranging from lack of access to information or services to lack of support from their partners or communities. Most of these women with an unmet demand for contraceptives live in 69 of the poorest countries on earth.

Access to safe, voluntary family planning is a human right. It is also central to gender equality and women’s empowerment, and is a key factor in reducing poverty. Investments in making family planning available also yield economic and other gains that can propel development forward. In 2017 World Population Day, 11 July, coincides with the Family Planning Summit, the second meeting of the FP2020–Family Planning 2020–initiative, which aims to expand access to voluntary family planning to 120 million additional women by 2020.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), are fully aware that over population growth is occurring all over the world but the growth often multiplies mostly in less developed countries. We believe that as more and more individuals share our planet, new challenges arise daily. Thus, it rests on individual decisions and actions to control global population growth particularly those from young people considering them as the largest portion of world population. Therefore, taking into account the urgency to solve the current population challenges, we urge young people to educate others including their peers especially those living in less developed countries on effective family planning, sex education amongst adolescents and the importance of using contraceptive.

Thus, at this point, we cannot know with certainty when or if world population can feasibly be stabilized, nor can we state with assurance the limits of the world's ecological "carrying capability", but we can be certain of the desirable direction of change that we seek which is to ensure reproductive health through the channel of education.

Happy World Population Day!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY: SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE OF WORK
DATE: 15th JULY 2017**

Millions of youth worldwide are unemployed, uneducated and un-engaged with the majority of who live in the developing countries. Young people in their 20s are not just bored they are frustrated at how they are locked out of local decision-making as well as economic and life opportunities.

Young people are almost three times more likely to be unemployed than adults and continuously exposed to lower quality of jobs, greater labour market inequalities, and longer and more insecure school-to-work transitions. In addition, women are more likely to be underemployed and under-paid, and to undertake part-time jobs or work under temporary contracts.

That is why education and training are key determinants of success in the labour market. But unfortunately, existing systems are failing to address the learning needs of many young people, and surveys of learning outcomes and skills show that a large number of youth have low levels of achievement in basic literacy and numeracy. Skills and jobs for youth feature prominently in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and SDG target 4.4 calls for a substantial increase in the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills.

World Youth Skills Day is observed every year on the 15th of July to raise awareness about the importance of investing in youth skills development, the United Nations General Assembly has decided to celebrate the first World Youth Skills Day.

“Skills for the future of work” is the World Youth Skills Day 2017 theme. If we observe the statistics youth are almost three times more likely unemployed when compared to adults. Most of the youth are exposed to the lower quality of jobs. Federal Government has launched N number of World Youth Skills Day Activities for providing free training and skills to youth. These short professional and internship courses will help them to earn their livelihood in an honourable way.

Every Country has set many goals to overcome unemployment and improve skills not only for the development of individual but also for the growth of the country. Education and Training plays a vital role to get success in the labour market. Candidates with prominent skills will get a job of his

choice. World Youth Skills Day 2017 will help the youth to enhance their skills and gives them a chance to contribute their skills to the society.

We at the World Assembly of Youth believe that young people are the back bone of any country. We work towards empowering and inspiring youth from all around the globe to become active and proactive in their communities of their countries. We also help equip young people with opportunities through volunteerism to work for the elevation of youth and the development of youth leaders who are willing to donate their precious time and valuable energy not only to support and achieve their goals but also bring significant impact for the benefits of their community and humanity.

We believe that the meaning of being a responsible citizen will rigid, if one shows the great effort to contribute for the betterment of the public and you can be part of these efforts!

Happy World Youth Skills Day!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY
DATE: 18 JULY 2017**

Nelson Mandela was the embodiment of values such as freedom, equality, respect and values that we need to embrace, as we aspire to a brighter future, which we hope to be engulfed by world peace and harmony. Nelson Mandela International Day is a global call for people to recognize their ability in order to have a positive effect on others around them, by being persistent, determined and dedicated to their core values and principles.

Nelson Mandela International Day was launched in recognition of Nelson Mandela's birthday on the 18th of July, 2009 through unanimous decision of the UN General Assembly. It was inspired by a call Nelson Mandela made a year earlier, for the next generation, to take on the burden of leadership in addressing the world's social injustices when he said that 'it is in your hands now!' It is more than a celebration of Madiba's life and legacy. It is a global movement to honour his life's work and act to change the world for the better.

Since then, the birthday of Mandela is celebrated on the 18th of July annually as Nelson Mandela International Day. This year's commemoration marks the second Mandela Day when he is no longer around to witness the occasion. Due to his absence, it is, then, more important than ever to maintain the principles for which he fought for and to share his message for peace and humanity with future generations.

Acknowledging on his great efforts, every year on his birthday, United Nations joins a call with the Nelson Mandela Foundation to devote 67 minutes of time to helping others as a way of honouring his good deeds throughout the world and encouraging individuals, communities, governments and non-profit organisations to take one small step towards the larger leap of making a positive imprint.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), appreciate and treasure Nelson Mandela's values and his commitment to the service of humankind. We also acknowledge his contribution to the struggle for social equality, worldwide, and the support of peace throughout the world. Our motto is to motivate and advocate for youth to embrace and respect the values that Mandela shared and inspire to carry on his noble efforts. We urge young people to step up in bringing imperative change in their society responsibly, especially to those who are the minority or in-

need. Let us all strive and fight for all the values Nelson Mandela left Happy Nelson Mandela International Day!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP
DATE: 30TH JULY 2017**

Our world face many challenges, crises and forces of division such as poverty, violence, and human rights abuses among many others that undermine peace, security, development and social harmony among the world's peoples. To confront those crises and challenges, their root causes must be addressed by promoting and defending a shared spirit of human solidarity that takes many forms the simplest of which is friendship.

Friendship is the greatest possession of life. It is a relationship of mutual affection between two or more people and a stronger form of interpersonal bond than an association. It is then unquestionable that one of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood.

The International Friendship Day is celebrated on the 30th of July annually. Friendship Day was originally created by the greeting card industry and was promoted by Joyce Hall, the founder of Hallmark cards in 1919. It was, then, proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with an idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. This day is observed not only on the recognition of friendship in the general sense but also its relevance and noble value that friendship has in the sentiment and lives of human beings around the world.

As the contribution of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in observing the International Day of Friendship, we encourage stakeholders, governments, organizations, and community groups to hold events, activities and initiatives that promote unity, mutual understanding and reconciliation, like our annual Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) where all participants who are mostly consisted of young leaders from different background, occupations and culture, share one common interest of attaining the better life for young people worldwide. Every year, new friendships are born during our dialogue while our young participants work together in the achievement of youth betterment. This year 17th MIYD has also engendered many sparks of beautiful friendships amongst both participants and volunteers.

On this International Day of Friendship, we would like to celebrate the ties that bind us together, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or borders.

Let us cultivate solidarity as a single human family on our one and only planet by pursuing true and lasting friendship.

Happy International Day of Friendship!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS
DATE: 30TH JULY 2017**

Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, young people and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. This estimate also includes victims of human trafficking for labour and sexual exploitation. While it is not known how many of these victims were trafficked, the estimate implies that currently, there are millions of trafficking in persons victims in the world.

Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit, or destination for victims. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims, the report states.

In 2010, the General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging Governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this scourge. The Plan calls for integrating the fight against human trafficking into the UN's broader programmes in order to boost development and strengthen security worldwide. One of the crucial provisions in the Plan is the establishment of a UN Voluntary Trust Fund for victims of trafficking, especially women and children.

Celebrated on the 30th of July, the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, it appeals for fighting against trafficking in persons. The United Nations (UN) had proclaimed this date in 2013 to inform about the situation of the victims and to stand up for their rights. Trafficking persons means the sale or purchase of people against their will. Nearly every nation has to deal with that problem in the one or the other way.

We at the World Assembly of Youth will work together with the governments, the private sector, civil society organizations, and other UN agencies to protect victims of trafficking and associated forms of exploitation and abuse. To prevent such abuses from occurring; and to support the development and implementation of policies aimed at the prevention and prosecution of these crimes and the protection of victims.

On this World Day against Trafficking in Persons, we urge everyone especially young people to recommit to protect, respect and fulfil the human rights of all migrants and refugees. Creating and supporting well-governed, safe and human rights-based migration and asylum procedures will be an important step towards ending the abhorrent practice of profiting from human despair and misery.

World Day against Trafficking In Persons!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

DATE: 9TH AUGUST 2017

Indigenous peoples are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to people and the environment. They have retained social, cultural and economic characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live. Despite their cultural differences, indigenous peoples from around the world share common problems related to the protection of their rights as distinct peoples.

Indigenous peoples have sought recognition of their identities, way of life and their right to traditional lands, territories and natural resources for years, yet throughout history; their rights have always been violated. Indigenous people today, are arguably among the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups of people in the world. The international community now recognizes that special measures are required to protect their rights and maintain their distinct cultures and way of life.

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People, which takes place every year on 9th of August, was proclaimed by the General Assembly in December 1994. The date marks the day of the first meeting, in 1982, of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

Ten years ago, on 13 September 2007, the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, a major milestone with respect to the cooperation and solidarity between indigenous peoples and Member States. The Declaration is the most comprehensive international instrument on the rights of indigenous peoples. It embodies global consensus on the rights of indigenous peoples and establishes a universal framework of minimum standards for their survival, dignity and well-being. It elaborates on existing human rights standards and fundamental freedoms, as they apply to the specific situation of indigenous peoples.

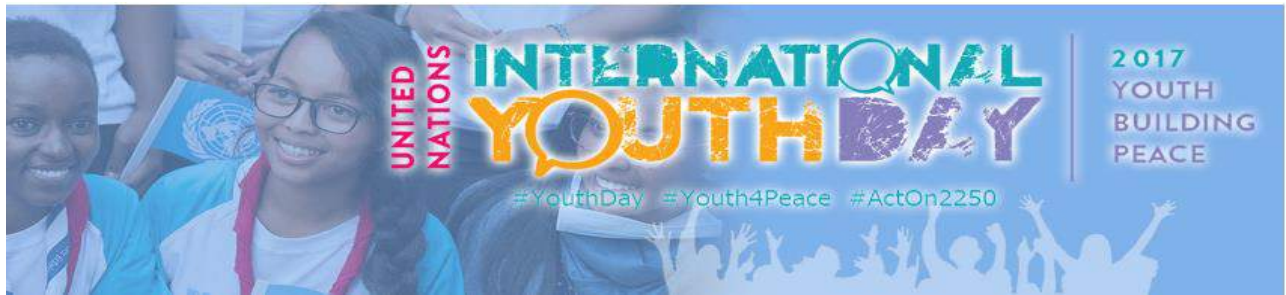
Over the last decade, the implementation of the Declaration has achieved some major successes in at the national, regional and international levels. Despite the achievements, there continues to be a gap between the formal recognition of indigenous peoples and the implementation of policies on the ground. This year is of particular importance, as it is the Tenth Anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and at

the same time the theme of the year. There are an estimated 370 million indigenous people in the world, living across 90 countries. They make up less than 5 per cent of the world's population, but account for 15 per cent of the poorest. They speak an overwhelming majority of the world's estimated 7,000 languages and represent 5,000 different cultures.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) observe the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, we work to support national governance systems to be more effective in addressing discrimination and structural inequalities that can affect indigenous peoples. We, at WAY, believe that by giving access to opportunities and support as well as enabling environment where indigenous peoples are empowered, they will be able to develop their full potential to lead dignified lives in harmony with their world vision and traditional values. WAY always insists on making indigenous youth a priority by having all necessary recommendations flowing from the permanent forum to promote better integration and coordination of their issues, including youth issues, across the globe.

Together, let us identify and celebrate the priceless and distinctive identities of indigenous peoples around the world. Let us work even harder to empower them and support their aspirations.

Happy International Day of the World's Indigenous People!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY: YOUTH BUILDING PEACE
DATE: 12TH AUGUST 2017**

Young people are powerful agents of change and progress when they are educated and empowered to participate in decision-making. Yet around the world, too many youth are being left behind.

International Youth Day is commemorated on the 12th of August which serves as an annual celebration of the role of young women and men as essential partners in change, and an opportunity to raise awareness of challenges and problems facing the world's youth. It is also a time to bring youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrating the potential of youth as partners in today's global society.

On the 17th of December 1999, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon, 8-12 August 1998 that 12 August is declared International Youth Day. Since the adoption of Security Council Resolution in 2015, there is growing recognition that as agents of change, young people's inclusion in the peace and security agenda and in society more broadly, is the key to building and sustaining peace. The important role youth can play in deterring and resolving conflicts, and are key constituents in ensuring the success of both peacekeeping and peace building efforts.

The theme for this year's International Youth Day is "Youth Building Peace" which is dedicated to celebrate young people and their contribution to conflict prevention and transformation as well as inclusion, social justice, and sustainable peace. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development committed to fostering peaceful and inclusive societies and affirmed that "Sustainable development cannot be realized without peace and security". The Goal 16 intends to ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels. The World Programme of Action for Youth, which provides a policy framework and practical guidelines to improve the situation of young people, also encourages "promoting the active involvement of youth in maintaining peace and security".

Young people's inclusion in the peace and security agenda and in society is more broadly and it is the key to building and sustaining peace. The process of social inclusion for youth, including participation in decision-making as well as access to quality education, health care and basic services promotes their role as active contributors to society and affords young people with

opportunities to reach their potential and achieve their goals. When youth are excluded from economic and social spheres and processes, it can be a risk factor for violence and violent forms of conflict.

At the World Assembly of Youth, we bring together young people, youth leaders and relevant stakeholders from around the world to discuss pertinent youth issues. We also focus on measures to strengthen our member countries in the field of youth and to increase the quality and quantity of opportunities available to young people for full, effective and constructive participation in society.

We acknowledge this year's theme "Youth Building Peace" as we also promote youth as active leaders and partners in peace processes. We create opportunities for young people's sustained participation and leadership and create spaces for them to express their opinions and listen to them and Promote intergenerational exchange. Let us engage both member states and the general public to understand the needs of young people, to implement policies to help them overcome the challenges they face, and to encourage young people into the decision-making process.

The current generations of youth are the largest in history and young people often comprise the majority in countries marked by armed conflict or unrest, therefore considering the needs and aspirations of youth in matters of peace and security is a demographic imperative. Therefore, identifying and addressing the social exclusion of young people is a prerequisite for sustaining peace.

Happy International Youth Day!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY
DATE: 19TH AUGUST 2017**

Around the world, conflict is exacting a massive toll on people's lives. Trapped in wars that are not of their making, millions of civilians are forced to hide or run for their lives. Young people are taken out of school, families are displaced from their homes, and communities are torn apart, while the world is not doing enough to stop their suffering. At the same time, health and aid workers who risk their lives to care for people affected by violence are increasingly being targeted.

World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is held every year on the 19th of August to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world. It brings attention to the millions of civilians affected by armed conflict every day. People in cities and towns struggle to find food, water, and safe shelter, while fighting drives millions from their homes. Young people are recruited and used to fight, and their schools are destroyed while women are sexually abused by fighters, and then shamed by their communities.

The total number of people affected by natural disasters has risen over the past decade, and about 211 million people are directly affected each year. Women and children are especially affected because of their ongoing struggles with poverty, insecurity, hunger, poor health and environmental decline. There are new and difficult challenges that arise each year that will require more flexible funding and adaptable humanitarian work. The increasing economic crisis and global challenges such as: poverty, global health problems, increase prices and the rising number of people on the move, increases the need for humanitarians each year.

World Assembly of Youth (WAY), voice out on behalf of youth in order for them to understand the human desire to live in a better world, but this will not be so without any effort. We also raise awareness on issues like gender equality, hunger and poverty and much more as gaining access to youth is our uppermost priority. It is an appropriate moment to call for a renewed commitment to humanitarian principles by all concerned.

The highest numbers of Humanitarian workers are young people and therefore we see the importance of international actions as the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs for addressing the causes, like poverty and inequalities, underpinning humanitarian crises. The role of youth

in humanitarian action is important to us, as it is an important role, given that a majority of crises are directly affecting people.

On this World Humanitarian Day, let us once again remember the millions of people in need of help around the world, the humanitarians who have lost their lives and loved ones in the course of their work as well as the thousands of aid workers who have refused to be deterred and followed in their footsteps. Since 1949, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), stand strong for the human rights and fight for inherent dignity of every human being.



68TH ANNIVERSARY

We Proudly Celebrate 68 Years of Great
Achievements and Accomplishments in Youth
Empowerment and Development



• In The Service of Youth Since 1949 •

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WAY 68TH ANNIVERSARY: SERVING YOUTH WORLDWIDE

DATE: 24TH AUGUST 2017

Today, 24th August 2017, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), celebrate the 68th year anniversary of our founding as well as appreciation of the 68 years of determined journey and dedication in serving youth worldwide.

History has it, founded in 1949, WAY has been well known as international coordinating body of national youth councils and youth organisations, working devotedly for the promotion of young people and youth organisations in different programme areas such as youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development and leadership training. WAY has a general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and work together with several agencies of United Nations including UNEP, UNICEF and UNAIDS.

WAY currently has 140 members from all continents of the world. Having such large network, it is now even more promising for WAY to realise its aim of unlocking youth potential and tackling youth issues with cooperation and support from all of its vigorous members.

In line with that, we have highlighted several relevant aims in assisting the collection of information on the needs and problems of youth from all around the world; promoting the interchange of ideas amongst them; supporting in the development of youth activities; and encouraging full and inclusive participation of young people in their countries' developmental process. Sixty-eight years in continuously carrying out such purposes, we, at WAY, promise to always bestow our fullest efforts for the betterment of young people worldwide.

As our way forward approach, we have been coming out with strategies which are and shall be implemented to be in line with our fourth Millennium Plan of Actions that were specially designed to provide constructive progression towards sustainable development of young people and the societies.

As we celebrate our sixty-eight birthday, we wish for the endless support from our members, volunteers, stakeholders, young people and the global community at large. Let us work together, joining our hands, side-by-side, in providing young people with the opportunities and platforms which not only fully develop their potential but also flourish their characters and inspirations. Our doors are always opened for young people as we work for the promotion of youth and youth organisations in different programme areas.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY

5 September

**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY
DATE: 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

Charity is important as it allows us to reach out into wider society, and help those that are in need of our support. The word 'charity' means generosity in giving something to the needy out of loving kindness towards them. There is a proverb: 'Charity begins at home,' which simply means a person who is kind at heart and possesses compassion towards others, is generally found to give his or her helping hands to the disadvantaged in the societies.

The International Day of Charity is celebrated annually every 5th of September. It was declared officially by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012. The day itself was founded through a Hungarian civil society initiative with the support of the Hungarian Parliament and Government in 2011. The 5th of September is the selected date as it commemorates the anniversary of the passing away of Saint Teresa who worked tirelessly to overcome poverty, distress and suffering of the poorest in the world.

International Day of Charity serves to enhance and increase social responsibility amongst us all, solidarity and to increase the public's support for charitable causes. This day is a great opportunity to raise awareness and provide a platform for charity events to take place on a global scale.

In the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in September 2015, the United Nations recognizes that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. The 2030 Agenda also calls for a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable. It also acknowledges the role of the diverse private sector, ranging from micro-enterprises to cooperatives to multinationals, and that of civil society organizations and philanthropic organizations in the implementation of the new Agenda.

At the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we deem that while many good things has been accomplished and great effort is being achieved, better deed can still be done to help the needy in our society. We stand as the voice for young people as we believe that the responsibility of charity should be seen as one of the major tools in determining ideal personality of future generation who ought to be full of compassion and embrace the beauty of humanity.

On this International Day of Charity, we call on people everywhere, especially youth, to volunteer and act generously in the senses of kindness, solidarity, and love. Without love and togetherness, charity will be a meaningless effort and an unsung anthem.

Today, we turn to the youth and task them with the honourable duty of bringing more awareness to humanity amongst both the young and the old.

Happy International Day of Charity!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY
DATE: 8TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

Literacy is a driver for sustainable development that enables greater participation in the labour market, improved child and family health and nutrition, reduces poverty, and expands life opportunities. Beyond its conventional concept as a set of reading, writing and counting skills, literacy is now understood as a means of identification, understanding, interpretation, creation, and communication in an increasingly digital, text-mediated, information-rich and fast-changing world.

Globally, however, at least 750 million youth and adults still cannot read and write and 250 million children are failing to acquire basic literacy skills. This results in an exclusion of low-literate and low-skilled youth and adults from full participation in their communities and societies.

Celebrated on the 8th of September each year, International Literacy Day serves as a reminder of the status of literacy worldwide and of the importance of literacy in peace, development, poverty eradication, empowerment, health, and gender equality. It is an opportunity for governments, civil society and other relevant stakeholders to highlight improvements in world literacy rates, and reflect on the world's remaining literacy challenges. The issue of literacy is a key component of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The theme of this year's International Literacy Day is 'Literacy in a Digital World'. On 7th – 8th September, 2017 a special two-day event will be organized at UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris, with the overall aim to look at what kind of literacy skills people need to navigate increasingly digitally-mediated societies, and to explore effective literacy policies and programmes that can leverage the opportunities that the digital world provides. The Awards Ceremony of the 2017 UNESCO International Literacy Prizes will also take place to recognise and reward excellent literacy practices from around the world in connection with this year's theme.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at the United Nations, promotes, as part of its agenda, universal access to quality education and learning opportunities throughout people's lives. Goal 4 has as one of its targets ensuring all young people achieve literacy and numeracy and those adults who lack these skills are given the opportunity to acquire them.

At the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we believe that literacy is a passage to an untouchable facet of the world. Literacy is, in fact, not only a basic human right; it is also a fundamental

building block for learning as well as an individual empowerment tool. It is the catalyst for social and global progress as we continue to grow.

On this day of International Literacy Day, we, at WAY, would like reiterate our encouragement to all young people to actively volunteer in community services or other related programmes which have a purpose in educating illiterate youth and children around them. So, let us take an oath in working together for tomorrow's world literate society!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY: DEMOCRACY AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

DATE: 15th SEPTEMBER 2017

Young people should be offered involvement in responsible and challenging actions that meet genuine needs. They should have the opportunity to participate in planning and decision-making. International Day of Democracy is an ideal time to consider how youth engagement with traditional democratic institutions can be increased. The International Day of Democracy is celebrated each year on 15th of September with an aim to providing an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. Democracy is as much a process as a goal, and only with the full participation of and support by the international community, national governing bodies, civil society and individuals, can the ideal of democracy be made into a reality to be enjoyed by everyone, everywhere.

This year's theme is Democracy and Conflict Prevention which focuses on the critical need to strengthen democratic institutions to promote peace and stability. A more integrated approach to foster resilient society's calls for effective and inclusive democratic governance with respect for human rights and the rule of law. Resilient societies are able to mitigate disputes through mediation, dialogue and a reasonable degree of legitimacy of their institutions. Developing effective conflict prevention mechanisms and infrastructures provides a foundation to resolve grievances and sustain peace. Processes, such as peace agreements, elections and constitutional reforms, can help maintain equilibrium between competing interests and reduce fragility and the likelihood of organized violence.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth, believe that meaningful democracy requires the meaningful participation of youth. Young people have much to offer societies from innovation to creativity to new thinking. Their participation in democracy promotes active citizenship, strengthens social responsibility and can enhance democratic processes and institutions. And today's young citizens are tomorrow's leaders and decision-makers. As our contribution in observing the International Day of Democracy, we, at WAY, seek to participate in promoting democracy in every way possible by having a sense of responsibility, especially towards the youth, that is to protect their rights and ensure that their voices are heard. Since our establishment, we have recognized and adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in both our internal and external activities, including discussions, dialogues, and workshops with the aims of supporting and endorsing youth's participation in the communities.

Yet young people's engagement with democracy faces significant challenges threatening the future of healthy democracies. On this day, we would like to reiterate our call to all young people to be responsibly courageous in speaking up their thought and opinion, to contribute in making betterment and positive changes for better world of tomorrow.

World Assembly of Youth wishes you a Happy International Day of Democracy!

International Day of Peace

21 September



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE: “TOGETHER FOR PEACE: RESPECT, SAFETY AND DIGNITY FOR ALL.”

DATE: 21TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Peace is defined as an incidence of harmony characterized by lack of violence, conflict behaviours and the freedom from fear of violence. Frequently understood as the absence of aggression and retribution, peace also suggests sincere attempts of resolution. Understanding on the characteristics, peacefulness is always perceived as an internal sense of tranquil that comes from being still in order to reflect and meditate on the inner insight. Thus, it is said that a peaceful heart is one that is free from qualms and difficulties.

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world on the 21st September. It provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to undertake acts of peace and kindness. People across the globe engage in diverse and meaningful ways: from observing a minute of silence, attending peace education events and writing peace poetry, to participating in peace marches, yoga and meditation.

The year’s theme “Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All” honours the spirit of together, a global initiative that promotes respect, safety and dignity for everyone forced to flee their homes in search of a better life. Together unites the organisations of the United Nations System, the 193 Member States of the United Nations, the private sector, civil society, academic institutions and individual citizens in a global partnership in support of diversity, non-discrimination and acceptance of refugees and migrants. It was initiated during the United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants on 19 September 2016.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), pledge to promote a culture of peace especially amongst the youth. We appreciate that every person has a right to peace and that the achievement of peace is a shared responsibility. In respect with that, WAY support and encourage young people to actively show their input on how to apply the values of patience and mutual esteem in creating the ideal peace that our world and its population need.

We urge everyone to engage young people in peace building by creating space for them to express their opinions and listen to them rather than simply acknowledging them as victims or perpetrators of violence. It’s vital to engage youth as social actors with their own views and contributions. Although most young peace builders create positive impact with minimal resources, it’s important to provide them with the tools they need. By enhancing the peace-

building knowledge and skills of young people is another way, they should be given opportunity to become more effective change-makers.

Let us embrace and reflect the value of peace in our hearts and minds and gently nurture it through our actions so it may blossom as a tradition in our societies.

Happy International Day of Peace



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE
DATE: 2ND OCTOBER 2017**

Nonviolence is a powerful method to harmonize relationships among people and all living things for the establishment of justice and the ultimate well-being of everyone. It draws its power from awareness of the profound truth to which the wisdom traditions of all cultures, science, and common experience bear witness that life is one.

The International Day of Non-Violence is marked every year on the 2nd of October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. This day is recognized and commemorated by the United Nations as a means of reaffirming the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence and the desire to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, and understanding.

Gandhi was born in India on the 2nd of October 1869 and was assassinated on January 30, 1948. He is remembered, today, for his contributions towards India's freedom and for sharing with the world a doctrine for dealing with injustice and dissonance. He taught people the philosophy of Ahimsa which encourages the use of non-violence as a tool for the peaceful resolution of differences. Throughout his life, Gandhi remained committed to his belief in non-violence even under oppressive conditions and in the face of seemingly impossible challenge.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) sturdily stands by the principle of non-violence and continues to aim for its identification and achievement in the societies. We advocate for the youth to exploit their minds as a weapon against all the injustices and promote non-violence in their communities. We, at WAY, believe that all young people are not naturally born to be ferocious. Violence is learnt and, thus, avoidable. Proper education and productive utilisation of the leisure time are the two substantial keys in preventing the occurrence of delinquencies behaviours among young people. Thus, we would like to urge all young people to place their responsibilities above their enjoyment and prioritize their education over rebellious activities.

Let us celebrate the lasting work of the great futurist, Mahatma Gandhi and ensure that his teachings remain in our hearts with peace and harmony. Happy International Day of Non-Violence!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
DATE: 5TH OCTOBER 2017**

The World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to commemorate teacher's organisations worldwide and also aims to activate support for teachers and to ensure that teachers continue to supply to the global framework of needs and requirements conducive in building a well-founded footing to a sound and greatly enabled future generation.

Today, teachers around the world will be recognized for their contributions. World Teachers' Day was declared by UNESCO and first commemorated in 1994. World-wide there are more than 55 million teachers. Teachers develop key relationships as role models and mentors. They nurture; they inspire; and they challenge and support learners of all ages from kindergarteners to adult learners. World Teachers' Day reminds us of the importance of public education. There are still 75 million children around the globe who do not have access to education and have been denied this fundamental right.

World Teachers' Day brings together governments, multi- and bilateral organisations, NGOs, private sectors, teachers and experts in the field of teaching. With the adoption of SDG 4 on education, and the dedicated target recognizing teachers as key to the achievement of the 2030 Education Agenda. It has become the occasion to mark achievements and reflect on ways to counter the remaining challenges for the promotion of the teaching profession, like the acute shortage of teachers. According to the UNESCO Institute of Statistics, the world needs 69 million teachers if we are to achieve universal primary and secondary education by 2030.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) strongly believe that World Teachers' Day should be internationally recognised and celebrated around the world. We aim to raise awareness of the importance of the role played by the teachers all over the world. The responsibility for educating future generations, especially young people is not a light one by any means, so we need to show our support for these dedicated and important people not just on teachers day, but throughout the year.

World Assembly of Youth wishes teachers around the world a successful World Teachers' Day, and we appreciate your continued engagement and investment in the teaching profession. Therefore, let us empower the teachers to build sustainable societies!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY
DATE: 10TH OCTOBER 2017**

Mental ill health is usually caused by a combination of pressures at work and at home. Increasing worries about debt, rising bills and job insecurity, as the economy continues to remain depressed; many therefore lead to a further surge in mental ill health.

Every October 10, the global community recognizes World Mental Health Day as an opportunity to highlight international outreach, education, and advocacy efforts spent to reduce mental health stigma. The overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health. The Day also provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.

World Mental Health Day is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries. This day, each October, thousands of supporters come to celebrate this annual awareness program to bring attention to mental illness and its major effects on peoples' life worldwide.

We at the World Assembly of Youth believes that the day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about what needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide. We also argue people, especially young people to show their support on this day through raising awareness on social media. Our hope is that people affected by stress, depression and mood disorders are understood, supported, free from stigma, and are encouraged to access appropriate therapies.

On this day, let us gather to create more awareness and attention towards mental health, mental illness and mental wellness.



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION
DATE: 13TH OCTOBER 2017**

Disaster reduction is the conception and practice of reducing disaster risks through efficient efforts to analyse and reduce the causal factors of disasters. Reducing exposure to hazards, lessening vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and the environment, and improving preparedness and early warning for adverse events are all examples of disaster reduction.

The International Day for Disaster Reduction was started in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly for a day to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. Held every 13 October, the day celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reigning in the risks that they face.

The 2017 campaign seeks to raise global awareness about effective actions, policies and practices taken to reduce exposure to disaster risk at the community level, thereby contributing to saving homes and livelihoods. This is a considerable challenge which can be accomplished only through coordination, cooperation and collaboration among many stakeholders.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), urge all citizens and governments to be part in efforts to establish communities and societies that will make more disaster- resilient nations. We believe they should be an advocacy platform to all governments, local governments, disaster management agencies, UN agencies, NGOs, Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, civil society groups, businesses, academic and scientific institutions, and other interested groups to demonstrate support for gender-sensitive implementation of the Sendai Framework and to highlight achievements and challenges in so doing with a particular focus on reducing the numbers of people affected by disasters.

Therefore, let us tackle vulnerability to significantly reduce the risk of disaster and build safer and more resilient communities, through a combination of disaster preparedness and community-led mitigation measures.

Happy International day for Disaster Reduction!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE**

WORLD FOOD DAY: “CHANGE THE FUTURE OF MIGRATION. INVEST IN FOOD SECURITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT”

DATE: 6TH OCTOBER 2017

World Food Day (WFD) is a day of action dedicated to tackling global hunger. It is celebrated on the 16th of October. The day is observed every year around the world in honor of the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. It is also the Food Engineer day and has been observed in more than 150 countries, raising awareness of the issues behind poverty and hunger.

The theme for this year is “Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development”. The world is on the move. More people have been forced to flee their homes than at any time due to increased conflict and political instability. But hunger, poverty, and an increase in extreme weather events linked to climate change are other important factors contributing to the migration challenge.

Large movements of people today are presenting complex challenges, which call for global action. Many migrants arrive in developing countries, creating tensions where resources are already scarce, but the majority, about 763 million, move within their own countries rather than abroad. Three-quarters of the extreme poor base their livelihoods on agriculture or other rural activities. Creating conditions that allow rural people, especially youth, to stay at home when they feel it is safe to do so, and to have more resilient livelihoods, is a crucial component of any plan to tackle the migration challenge.

At the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we highlight areas needed for action and contribute in the recommendation for the eradication of Hunger and Poverty in accordance with the common focus stipulated by the United Nations. We believe rural development can address factors that compel people to move by creating business opportunities and jobs for young people that are not only crop-based (such as small dairy or poultry production, food processing or horticulture enterprises). It can also lead to increased food security, more resilient livelihoods, better access to social protection, and reduced conflict over natural resources and solutions to environmental degradation and climate change.

By investing in rural development, the international community can also harness migration’s potential to support development and build the resilience of displaced and host communities, thereby laying the ground for long-term recovery and inclusive and sustainable growth. Happy World Food Day!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY: “ANSWERING THE CALL OF
OCTOBER 17 TO END POVERTY: A PATH TOWARD PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES”
DATE: 17TH OCTOBER 2017**

There is no denying that poverty is a social struggle and affects communities far and wide with impacts on single people and whole cities. With rising awareness in recent decades there are now more steps than ever being taken towards the eradication of poverty and the assistance and inclusion of those struggling with poverty towards being a part of the solution. The complexity of poverty is now better understood due to increased cultural awareness and sympathy with true connection and motion towards a solution.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the declaration by the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/196 of 22 December 1992, of 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. This year also marks the 30th anniversary of the Call to Action by Father Joseph Wresinski which inspired the observance of October 17 as the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty and the recognition by the United Nations of the day as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

The theme of the 2017 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is: “Answering the Call of October 17 to end poverty: A path toward peaceful and inclusive societies”. The call to action recognizes the knowledge and courage of families living in poverty throughout the world, the importance of reaching out to the poorest and building an alliance with citizens from all backgrounds to end poverty. The theme for this year’s commemoration reminds us of the importance of the values of dignity, solidarity and voice underscored in the Call to Action to fight to end poverty everywhere.

The theme commemoration reminds us of the importance of the values of dignity, solidarity and voice underscored in the Call to Action to fight to end poverty everywhere. These values are also evident in the United Nations’ Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development which sets poverty eradication as the overarching objective and obligated all countries to end poverty in all forms, through strategies that guarantee the fulfilment of all human rights and ensure no one is left behind.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth understand the importance of public awareness, voice and the active participation of people living in extreme poverty, concerns and priorities of millions of

people, especially those living in extreme poverty. We believe that young people should be engaged to be the agent of change representing the voice of the people who are in need.

As the world commemorates the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, we call on youth and stakeholders from all countries to actively work to support the world most vulnerable.

Happy International Day for the Eradication of Poverty!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
UNITED NATIONS DAY
DATE: 24TH OCTOBER 2017**

The United Nations, as an organisation, is well known to just about everyone around the world. It is an international organization engaged in the diplomatic and peaceful communication between the countries of the world. The organization oversees issues like human rights, international security, political freedoms and democracy with an end goal of achieving of world peace.

As the most representative inter-governmental organisation of the world today, the United Nations' role in the world affairs is irreplaceable by any other international or regional organizations. The United Nations has made enormous positive contributions in maintaining international peace and security, promoting cooperation among states and international development.

Today, people of the world still face the two major issues of peace and development. Only by international cooperation can mankind meet the challenges of the global and regional issues. The United Nations can play a pivotal and positive role in this regard. Strengthening the role of the United Nations in the new century and promoting the establishment of a just and reasonable international political and economic order goes along with the trend of history and is in the interest of all nations.

United Nations Day 2017 marks the 72nd anniversary of the UN Charter's entry into force, and celebrates everything that the UN represents and has achieved since its establishment in 1945. It is celebrated every year on the 24th of October to promote messages of peace, development and furthering human right. The day celebrates the anniversary of the ratification of the United Nations Charter which occurred on October 24, 1945.

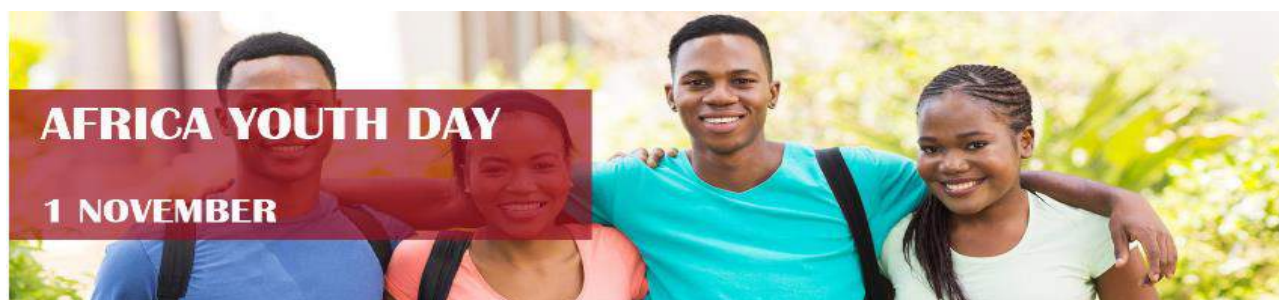
Today, United Nations Day acknowledges and commemorates all that the U.N stands in the world. It also helps people remember what the four main purposes of the United Nations are: to maintain peace and security all over the world develop relationships among member nations, foster an atmosphere of communication between nations, and provide a forum to bring countries together to meet the purposes and goals of the U.N.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) celebrate the United Nations Day because it is a vital commemoration of the values which today organisations embrace, including WAY. Those values are the forth principles of humanity which are unity and world peace. Acknowledging the

importance of adapting these values of humanity; we recognise the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and adopt them in our programmes, events as well as our daily activities.

We therefore urge young people to be part of the UN day celebrations because they are the young leaders that can contribute fresh ideas, taken proactive measures, and mobilized through social media.

Happy United Nations Day



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

AFRICA YOUTH DAY: “HARNESSING THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND THROUGH INVESTMENT IN THE YOUTH”

DATE: 1ST NOVEMBER 2017

Africa Youth Day was declared and established on the occasion of the Africa Youth Charter adoption in the Executive Council Decision of the Banjul Summit in 2006 as the official day for the celebration of Africa Youth Day.

Observed on the 1st of November yearly, to promote an increased recognition of youth as the main agents for social change and economic growth in all aspects of the African society. The theme for this year’s Africa Youth Day is “Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investment in the Youth”, further highlights the importance of young people as the main contributors for a sustainable development of the African continent through their energy, motivation, and idealism.

In 2017, there is an even bigger need to access youth contribution and participation towards harnessing the demographic dividend, and not merely the actions and development driven by governments and organisations. African Youth Day seeks to focus on youth being the drivers of change and coming to the realisation that the future is now.

As referred to in Agenda 2063, Aspiration 6 states that the realisation of tangible actions by 2063, are to also include the insurance that development in Africa is people driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its women and youth. It is aspired that by 2063, we will have an Africa that has engaged and empowered youth.

The campaign for Africa Youth Day (AYD) is #BeTheFutureToday which calls on African youth to seize the unique opportunity of the demographic dividend to accelerate deliberate contributions towards Africa’s development.

In line with this, the World Assembly of Youth stands in as a voice for young people and also believes that young people should be placed at the forefront of development. There is also a need to increase awareness on the need to engage young people in debates concerning the progress of the Demographic Dividend.

Happy Africa Youth Day!

International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

6 November

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PREVENTING THE EXPLOITATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WAR AND ARMED CONFLICT

DATE: 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

The devastation of war and conflict goes even further than those dead and wounded soldiers and civilians, destroyed cities and livelihoods. The environments in which people live become a forgotten victim of war. Water wells are polluted, crops torched, forests cut down, soils poisoned and animals killed to gain military advantage.

Furthermore, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has found that over the last 60 years, at least 40 percent of all internal conflicts have been linked to the exploitation of natural resources, whether high-value resources such as timber, diamonds, gold and oil, or scarce resources such as fertile land and water. Conflicts involving natural resources have also been found to be twice as likely to relapse.

On the 5th of November 2001, the UN General Assembly declared 6th November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. This day is an opportunity for everyone to reflect on the role of war on damaging natural environments and discuss ways to limit environmental destruction caused by armed conflict.

The United Nations attaches great importance to ensuring that action on the environment is part of conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peace building strategies because there can be no durable peace if the natural resources that sustain livelihoods and ecosystems are destroyed. Six United Nations agencies and departments, coordinated by the UN Framework Team for Preventive Action, have partnered with the European Union (EU) to help countries reduce tensions over natural resource and use environmental management for peace building and conflict prevention.

We at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) believe that this day is an opportunity to take steps to reduce the collateral damage of conflicts and protect the natural resources that are so crucial for sustainable development. However, we must invest even more in policies, institutions and actions that relieve and manage environmental stress factors. On this International Day, let us acknowledge the unique role our natural resource base plays in averting conflict and building lasting peace, and let us recommit to protecting the environment during times of war.



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT
DATE: 10TH NOVEMBER 2017**

World Science Day for Peace and Development (WSDPD) is an annual event celebrated worldwide every 10th of November. It highlights the important role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives.

By linking science more closely with society, World Science Day for Peace and Development aims to ensure that citizens are kept informed of developments in science. It also underscores the role scientists play in broadening our understanding of the remarkable, fragile planet we call home and in making our societies more sustainable.

The objectives of World Science Day for Peace and Development are to strengthen public awareness on the role of science for peaceful and sustainable societies; promote national and international solidarity for shared science between countries; renew national and international commitment for the use of science for the benefit of societies and draw attention to the challenges faced by science and raising support for the scientific endeavour.

The theme for this year is “Science for Global Understanding”. Global understanding is key to peace and sustainable development in that it promotes the commitment of individuals and local communities in sharing knowledge for actions and behavioural change. Science is thus central to global understanding as it not only helps us understand the world and each other, but it also assists in designing, developing and implementing the change we aim for.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) believes that the purpose of the World Science Day for Peace and Development is to renew the nation, as well as the international commitment to science for peace and development and to stress the responsible use of science for the benefit of society. The World Science Day for Peace and Development also aims at raising public awareness of the importance of science and to bridge the gap between science and societies.

World Assembly of Youth wishes you a happy World Science Day for Peace and Development!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE
DATE: 16TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Tolerance means to accept and respect other people with different lifestyles, ideologies, habits and customs. The concept of tolerance today often refers to the acceptance of an equal status for any human being on our planet. It bases on values like human rights and fundamental freedom for the individual.

There is no doubt that a world free of tolerance would not be a good place to be. It is the belief of those supporting this day that such a world should never exist and that everyone has a right to their expression and their conscience without fear of bias or ridicule. In addition, it teaches that a person's socio- economic status is inconsequential to the potential for tolerance and friendship between them.

The International Day for Tolerance is celebrated every year on the 16th of November .It is a time for people to learn about respecting and recognising the rights and beliefs of others and also a time of reflection and debate on the negative effects of intolerance. Live discussions and debates take place across the world on this day, focusing on how various forms of injustice, oppression, racism and unfair discrimination have a negative impact on society.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), aspire to educate people, especially young people, about tolerance and raise awareness of the importance of fighting intolerance. According to UNESCO, fighting intolerance requires law, education and access to information, individual awareness as well as local solutions. Thus, we urge for cooperation and partnership from all stakeholders in every level of society to join the effort in embracing tolerance as not only a courtesy to each other but also a way of life in achieving sustainable and peaceful tomorrow.

In support, we strongly urge the youth and youth leaders to protect people from discrimination and to encourage tolerance for all regardless of nationality, religion, language, race or any other distinct characteristics that obscures our common humanity.

On this International Day of Tolerance, let us recommit to dialogue and establish a mutual understanding among all people and communities especially youth, and let us focus our minds and hearts on those who face discrimination and marginalization.

Happy International Day for Tolerance!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE**

**WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS: 2020 TARGET: REDUCE
ROAD FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES BY 50%**

DATE: 19TH NOVEMBER 2017

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, pursuant to General Assembly resolution, has increasingly been observed by a growing number of countries on every continent since 1993. The United Nations endorsed it as a global day to be observed on the 19th of November each year, making it a major advocacy day for road traffic injury prevention.

The day has become an important tool in global efforts to reduce road casualties. It offers an opportunity for drawing attention to the scale of emotional and economic devastation caused by road crashes and for giving recognition to the suffering of road crash victims and the work of support and rescue services. The theme for this year is 2020 Target: reduce road fatalities and serious injuries by 50% have reaffirmed the importance of drawing urgent measures to reduce road crash victims.

Effective interventions include designing safer infrastructure and incorporating road safety features into land-use and transport planning, improving the safety features of vehicles, improving post-crash care for victims of road crashes, setting and enforcing laws relating to key risks, and raising public awareness.

We at World Assembly Youth (WAY), believe that road traffic injuries can be prevented. Governments need to take action to address road safety in a holistic manner; this requires involvement from multiple sectors such as transport, police, health, education, and actions that address the safety of roads, vehicles, and road users.

SDG 11.2 calls to “provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons” by 2030.

Let us therefore make 2011-2020 a Decade to remember!

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

25 November

**STOP
VIOLENCE
AGAINST
WOMEN**



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DATE: 25TH NOVEMBER 2017

The UN observes International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on the 25th of November yearly. This observance raises awareness of the continuing toll of gender-based violence.

Violence against women and girls is one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world. Globally, it is estimated that one in three women will experience physical or sexual abuse in her lifetime. Unlike an illness, however, perpetrators and even entire societies choose to commit violence and can choose to stop, violence is not inevitable, and it can be prevented. But it's not as straightforward as eradicating a virus.

As such, prevention strategies should be holistic, with multiple interventions undertaken in parallel in order to have long-lasting and permanent effects. Many sectors, actors and stakeholders need to be engaged. More evidence is emerging on what interventions work to prevent violence from community mobilisation to change social norms, to comprehensive school interventions targeting staff and pupils, to economic empowerment and income supplements coupled with gender equality training.

Today, many efforts still need to be engaged towards a society where elimination of violence against women is undisputable. Towards such efforts, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), continue to partake in this global initiative for enlivening the principle of non-violence against women and promoting gender equality amongst young people. As a part of our rigid contribution, our 9th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), 'Youth and Gender Equality' was one of our successful activities aiming on promoting gender equality of opportunities and eliminating unlawful discrimination as well as gender-based harassments.

We urge young women and men to step up striving to unveil their true potential and participate in the decision making process as part of the elimination of violence against women. We strive even harder to alleviate the hardships which are encountered by fellow women, around the world. We also believe that prevention strategies should be holistic, with multiple interventions undertaken in parallel, in order to have long-lasting and permanent effects. Therefore, we encourage all sectors, actors and stakeholders, inclusive of young people, to be engaged.

Happy International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD AIDS DAY: MY HEALTH, MY RIGHT

DATE: 1 DECEMBER 2017

World AIDS Day takes place on the 1st December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

Globally, there are an estimated 36.7 million people who have the virus. Despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history. Today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, there are laws to protect people living with HIV and we understand so much more about the condition.

This year's World AIDS Day campaign focuses on the right to health. The #myrighttohealth campaign will provide information about the right to health and what impact it has on people's lives. It will also aim to increase the visibility around the need to achieve the full realisation of the right to health by everyone, everywhere. Almost all of the Sustainable Development Goals are linked in some way to health, so achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, which include ending the AIDS epidemic, will depend heavily on ensuring the right to health.

We, at the World Assembly Youth (WAY) we consider World AIDS Day important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education. In 2012 Melaka International Youth Dialogue, we tackled 'Health, its My Right!' to foster youth action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of their societies, address the challenges and determinants of health faced by youth today and identify the role and the contribution of governments, national youth councils and other stakeholders towards improving and sustaining health as a right issue.

We also acknowledge that it is imperative for young people to have access to the adequate information about preventive measures and treatments so that it will enable them to avoid high risk and decrease death rate caused by the pandemic. Our effort in providing the right information about HIV/AIDS is not only the publication of our book pertaining to HIV/AIDS but

also our continuous research performed so that the latest information and data are available for young people.

Let us urge everyone particularly young people to contribute their efforts. By joining our efforts, we will be able to decrease the access gap in terms of prevention, treatment and care of HIV/AIDS.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3 December



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: TRANSFORMATION TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT SOCIETY FOR ALL

DATE: 3TH DECEMBER 2017

The number of disabled youth has been increasing gradually and has thus resulted in heightened concern in relation to their rights and well-being. Three to five hundred million people worldwide live with a disability of some kind. Many youth living with disability encounter issues such as; prejudice, social isolation and discrimination from members of their respective societies.

Since 1992, the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been celebrated annually on 3 December around the world. International Day of Persons with Disabilities mobilizes support for critical issues relating to the inclusion of persons with disabilities, promotes awareness-raising about disability issues and draws attention to the benefits of an inclusive and accessible society for all.

The theme for this year's International Day is 'Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies for all', with a focus on enabling conditions for the transformative changes envisaged in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The 2030 Agenda pledges to leave no one behind. Persons with disabilities, as both beneficiaries and agents of change, can fast track the process towards inclusive and sustainable development and promote resilient society for all, including in the context of disaster risk reduction and humanitarian action, and urban development. Governments, persons with disabilities and their representative organisations, academic institutions and the private sector need to work as a "team" to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), seek to increase the awareness and understanding of public towards all issues encountered by disabled people. This is an opportunity to highlight how far we have come in recognising persons with disabilities as just another manifestation of diversity in our communities, and to stand in support of a society that embraces that diversity in all its forms and shapes.

Realizing the importance of defending the rights of disabled youth, many international organisations, governmental bodies, NGOs and media-organisations have been contributing

through many programs and initiatives. International organizations have been launching many actions that support education for disabled youth and convention on their rights.

Therefore, let us contribute our efforts in providing decent rehabilitative care and prosthetic devices as well as improving educational aspects for disabled youth.

Happy International Day of Persons with Disabilities!



International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

5 December

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: VOLUNTEERS ACT FIRST. HERE. EVERYWHERE

DATE: 5TH DECEMBER 2017

International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development is celebrated every year internationally all over the world on 5th of December. The day provides an opportunity for volunteer organisations and individual volunteers to work together on projects and campaigns promoting their contributions to economic and social development at local, national and international levels. By merging UN support with a grassroots mandate, Volunteer Day is a unique opportunity for government agencies, non-profit organisations, community groups, the private sector and volunteer organisations to work together to attain common goals.

This year's theme recognises the contributions of volunteers as first responders in times of crisis. Volunteers are present, all around us, answering calls in times of need, helping save lives today, and supporting those who want to continue living their lives with dignity tomorrow. Risking their lives every day to care for people affected by conflict, violence and humanitarian crises, volunteers brave many dangers to help others, driven by the desire to make a difference in the face of human suffering. This year, IVD promotes the contributions of such volunteers at the local, national and international level.

At World Assembly of Youth (WAY) we recognise the effort put in by volunteers and the contribution they make to all programmes and activities in our global community. Since its establishment in year 2006, the World Assembly of Youth's Volunteer Programme was initiated as a platform that links the youth all around the world that seeks to develop a dedicated group of young people who are willing to assist in WAY programs and activities around the world. This programme works towards the elevation of youth and their development into leaders who are willing to donate some of their time and energy to support WAY in achieving its goals and aims.

We aim at bringing together youth of different age, race, background, and ethnic group to interact and share ideas while fulfilling their duties as volunteers. It also strives to develop the youth by exposing them to an environment in which they get to realize their potential and explore their untapped capabilities.

We, therefore, encourage young people to not only celebrate volunteerism in all its facets, but also pay special tribute to volunteers whose roles are prominent toward the implementation and attainment of the global goals.

Happy International Volunteers Day for Economic and Social Development!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL ANTI- CORRUPTION DAY: THEME: UNITED AGAINST CORRUPTION FOR DEVELOPMENT, PEACE AND SECURITY

DATE: 9TH DECEMBER 2017

Corruption is a complex social, political and economic phenomenon that affects all countries. Corruption undermines democratic institutions, slows economic development and contributes to governmental instability.

Corruption attacks the foundation of democratic institutions by distorting electoral processes, perverting the rule of law and creating bureaucratic quagmires whose only reason for existing is the soliciting of bribes. Economic development is stunted because foreign direct investment is discouraged and small businesses within the country often find it impossible to overcome the start-up costs required because of corruption.

International Anti-Corruption Day is observed every year on the 9th of November as a way of raising awareness of corruption and highlighting the role of the United Nations Convention against Corruption in combating and preventing it. The official reason given by the UN for creating this day is that it was concerned about the seriousness of problems and threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice and jeopardizing sustainable development and the rule of law.

2017 theme on International Anti-Corruption Day is United Against Corruption for Development, Peace and Security. Every year \$1 trillion is paid in bribes while an estimated \$2.6 trillion are stolen annually through corruption a sum equivalent to more than 5 per cent of the global GDP. In developing countries, according to the United Nations Development Programme, funds lost to corruption are estimated at 10 times the amount of official development assistance.

We at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) believe that corruption is one of the biggest tragedies of mankind for the simple reason that it is ongoing and extremely difficult to combat, forcing the poor into ever more hopeless conditions while the select few in power get ever richer and more powerful.

Let us join efforts and have led to the adoption and implementation of a number of anti-corruption strategies across the region, to enhance capacities of specialised anti-corruption bodies, to improve criminal justice responses to investigation, prosecution and adjudication of

serious corruption cases, and to better inter-agency and international cooperation in criminal matters and the recovery of stolen assets.

Therefore we argue young people to refuse to be corrupt and fight to break the Anti Corruption chain.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

DATE: 10TH DECEMBER 2017

Every human being has a right to life, dignity, freedom, nationality, and region; these are just some of the rights included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Guinness World Record holder for the most translated document. Human Day marks the anniversary of the presentation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is an opportunity to celebrate human rights and highlights issues surrounding it.

Human Rights Day is observed every year on the 10th of December it was first announced to be celebrated every year by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. This year, Human Rights Day kicks off a year-long campaign to mark the upcoming 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. It is the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages.

It is very useful for every people to get every type of possible rights to develop the people of the Nation in every kind of activity. It is very easy to manage all the things in a Right manner when every people get a proper right to do all the activities done accurately. There are many of the social, cultural as well as developmental rights by which people are curious to get all the rights for making the people to complete their goals in a better way.

At World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we recognize the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the basis of our action and services. We are committed to the promotion and protection of human rights. We ensure that young people understand that whatever their place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, language, or any other status, we are all equally entitled to our human rights without discrimination. Let us continue in our efforts to create more awareness by allocating more academic programs for human rights and let us encourage the participation of more international non- governmental organizations on matters related to human rights. In order for youth to contribute to the enjoyment of human rights and the establishment of the world peace, all communities must provide the necessary means for educating youth in both practical skills and social values.



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION DAY
DATE: 18TH DECEMBER 2017**

Migration has been a courageous expression of the individual's will to overcome adversity and to live a better life. Today, globalization, together with advances in communications and transportation, has greatly increased the number of people who have the desire and the capacity to move to other places.

This new era has created challenges and opportunities for societies throughout the world. It also has served to underscore the clear linkage between migration and development, as well as the opportunities it provides for co-development, that is, the concerted improvement of economic and social conditions at both origin and destination.

International Migrants Day is an international day overseen on the 18th of December which was appointed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 4th 2000, after having taken into account the large and increasing number of migrants in the world. This day is an opportunity to recognise the contributions made by millions of immigrants to the development and well-being of many countries in the world, to promote respect for the rights of immigrant workers and their families, and to highlight the issues that are of the key interest to migrants and their communities.

This year's theme on International Migrants Day is "Safe Migration in a world on the Move". Migration draws increasing attention in the world nowadays. Mixed with elements of unforeseeability, emergency, and complexity, the challenges and difficulties of international migration require enhanced cooperation and collective action among countries and regions. The United Nations is actively playing a catalyst role in this area, with the aim of creating more dialogues and interactions within countries and regions, as well as propelling experience exchange and collaboration opportunities.

To mark this year's International Migrants Day, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is calling on the global community and youth to come together and remember the importance of protecting human rights and welfare of all refugees and migrants worldwide. We would like to utilise this day to call upon global respect for those refugees who have tragically lost their lives or lives of those that they love. Our aim is to help the communities to fulfil their responsibility to assist and

secure well mobile population because migrants are more likely to be subject to hardship, human rights violations and discrimination in crisis situations.

In our effort in embracing Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we would like to wish to all a Happy International Day of Migrants Day! Because obscurities of the world migrants and refugees are matter to us!

Happy International Migrants!



**WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH
PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY
DATE: 20TH DECEMBER 2017**

Solidarity is identified in the Millennium Declaration as one of the fundamental values of international relations in the 21st Century, wherein those who either suffer or benefit least deserve help from those who benefit most. Consequently, in the context of globalisation and the challenge of growing inequality, strengthening of international solidarity is indispensable.

The United Nations (UN) International Human Solidarity Day is annually held on the 20th of December to celebrate unity in diversity. International Human Solidarity Day highlights the importance of acting in common cause on behalf of society's most vulnerable people. It aims to remind people on the importance of solidarity in working towards eradication of poverty. On this Day, governments are also reminded of their commitments to international agreements on the need for human solidarity as an initiative to fight against poverty. People are encouraged to debate on ways to promote solidarity and find innovative methods to help in eradicating poverty.

The new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda is centred on people & planet, underpinned by human rights and supported by a global partnership determined to lift people out of poverty, hunger and disease. It will be built on a foundation of global cooperation and solidarity.

The 2030 Agenda recognises that a holistic approach is needed and that business as usual is no longer an option. If we are to realise the transformational vision of the 2030 Agenda, it is crucial to look at alternative development strategies that promote global cooperation, solidarity, and inclusiveness.

We at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) acknowledge the importance of promoting solidarity to society, especially to young people who will be the successors in inheriting all the resources that our world has to offer. In fact, in our forth and present Millennium Plan of Action, we emphasised on current issues encountered by young people around the world as we feel that there is a need to call for awareness so as to train the youth and youth leaders to work together in solidarity and make essential changes in matters affecting them.

It is our determination in preparing the next necessary steps for developing young people to help those who are in need to create a better future for all.

Happy International Human Solidarity Day!

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Conclusion

Since its formation in 1949 with a slogan “In Service of Youth” WAY have been thriving to contribute to the betterment of global youth community. We have gone through a transition where youth were referred as the future to leaders of today and they are decision makers for development and sustainability for a better tomorrow. We are living in an era where all stakeholders must be involved and cater for young people as they comprise the majority of the world population.

Despite all challenges, 2017 was an amazing year. We have managed to organise various programmes involving youth in attainment of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. WAY has made it mandatory to use its platform to promote decision making, tolerance, understanding, solidarity, and cooperation among young men and women irrespective of race, sex, language, religion, or political orientation by uniting them for a common goal. The Fourth Millennium Plan of Action was a guideline for the milestones we have achieved for this year. The following are some of the main programmed that we have achieved: Global Peace Youth Exchange “Moral and innovative Leadership: New Models for Peace and Development”; Global Money Week “Learn, Earn & Save”; Asian Urban Youth Assembly “Youth Roles Towards New Urban Agenda – Taking Action For Innovative, Socially Minded, Green Cities”; 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue “Our Roles In Solving Juvenile Delinquency”; UNLEASH - Innovation Lab 2017; 28th International Youth Forum Seoul “Strengthening Regional Cooperation Through Youth Exchange”; Workshop On Juvenile Delinquency “Current Issues, Best Practices, And Promising Approaches”; 12th Global Youth Peace Festival “Youth of the World Unite – You Have Everything to Gain!”; and 15th IAVE Asia – Pacific Regional Volunteer Conference “The Power of Volunteering – What Have Youth Changed”.

For the first time WAY brought forward a topic that many have been reluctant to discuss it on international platforms though it is very crucial to all. For the world to shape youth to become responsible citizens they must know what is wrong and what is right and the consequences they can bring upon themselves for committing crime. The theme for the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue was “**Our Roles In Solving Juvenile Delinquency**” and was the focus for 2017. This clearly indicated the opportunity that youth have to shape the world; their views are what they have observed, experienced, and they did came up with effective recommendations on how the community can assist.

In this crucial time, WAY sees a greater need for sustainability even as the drive, to develop and empower global youth community. Therefore we would like to express our gratitude to our supporters in various forms, it is through their contributions and dedications that we were able to create awareness and spread knowledge among youth and our members. We have reached grassroots level by conducting awareness-based programmes and activities as we believe that all stakeholders should be involved.

The WAY Annual Report 2017 shall serve as our forward measure towards better service in the future and together we can make it. Thank you all!



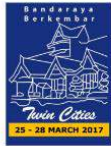
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GLOBAL PEACE YOUTH ASSEMBLY
“MORAL AND INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP: NEW MODELS FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT”
1ST MARCH 2017
MARRIOTT HOTEL, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

PREAMBLE

- I. We, the delegates of Global Peace Youth Assembly with the theme ‘Moral and Innovative Leadership: New Models for Peace and Development’ gathered here today in Manila, Philippines to Call for Action on how young people as moral and innovative leaders could achieve new and improved model of peace and sustainable development.
- II. We shall continuously encourage our peers and other stakeholders to take ownership on attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) towards a better tomorrow.
- III. We, the delegates of Global Peace Youth Assembly, coming from 14 countries, call upon the following actions:
 1. To exercise inner-peace and understand its true meaning as well as its significance, as peace starts and should reflect from within;
 2. To embrace our commonalities and one’s sense of purpose in gravitating towards a peaceful society;
 3. To accept and value diversification as well as integrity in contributing towards the greater good;
 4. To practice tolerance, empathy and mutual respect among our peers in order to create a better world for all
 5. To always care about the causes and the people than about your own personal pain and success;
 6. To be willing to continuously learn and educate our peers about the importance of volunteerism in serving the communities and societies;
 7. To act as Ambassadors of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in bringing awareness and educating societies about their significance in achieving a better future for all;
 8. To be fully committed as agents of change in making necessary contributions towards sustainable world;
 9. To engage and contribute in intercultural activities that encourage sharing of ideas and thoughts as well as nurture trust, mutual understanding and spirit of unification;
 10. To engage and collaborate with public sectors, private sectors, NGOs and other stakeholders in taking necessary steps and actions towards attainment of sustainable peace and development;
 11. To utilise Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and other online networks as means of bridging geographical boundaries and spreading peace and development everywhere.



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ASIA URBAN YOUTH ASSEMBLY (AUYA) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 17TH INTERNATIONAL ON MELAKA TWIN CITIES CONVENTION 2017

“YOUTH ROLES TOWARDS NEW URBAN AGENDA – TAKING ACTION FOR INNOVATIVE, SOCIALLY MINDED, GREEN CITIES”

25 - 28 MARCH 2017

HATTEN HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA

PREAMBLE

On 26th March, in conjunction with the 17th International Convention on Melaka Twin Cities, the Asia Urban Youth Assembly (AUYA) was held for the first time at Hatten Hotel, Melaka. Chaired by the President of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) cum the Chief Minister Melaka, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, the event was attended the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Utama Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, representatives of UN-Habitat and more than 300 youth participants from 34 countries were involved with AUYA.

The event was officiated by Malaysia’s Deputy Prime Minister, where he mentioned in his speech on how AUYA not only will be able to help mentor the youth but also to improve the leaders of today in being more innovative and develop better infrastructure for the country and the world. AUYA was hosted by the Melaka State Government, in collaboration with Ministry of Youth and Sports, UN-Habitat, Melaka Historic City Council, UN-Youth and World Assembly of Youth (WAY).

The Asia Urban Youth Assembly (AUYA) is an international conference. It worked as a platform to assist Asia’s youth and gave opportunities for them to deliberate and discuss significant issues at the level of state, country, and even the world. The voice of today’s youth is what shall shape a better tomorrow and so, their voices and participation are relevant contributions to the new urban agenda of United Nation (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

AUYA brought together the heads and minds of urban youth from all over the world to contribute and partner across generations, along with AUYA’s theme of: “Youth Roles Towards New Urban Agenda – Taking Action For Innovative, Socially Minded, Green Cities.” The delegations and participants who were involved with AUYA are from Bangladesh, Belize, Canada, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Macedonia, Maldives, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, UAE, Uganda, United States, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malaysia.

As its motto “In Service of Youth Since 1949”, Ms. Ediola Pashollari the Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) encouraged young people that through dedication and cooperation, they can overcome and conquer the future. In her speech she said "Input from youth is certainly crucial as they are the leaders of tomorrow and beneficiaries of the plan come 2050.

Besides contributing their ideas, youth learnt about lucrative investment opportunities on eight key sectors such as: Automotive, Electrical and Electronics, Green Technology, HALAL Products, Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals, Oil and Gas, and Aerospace. Business-wise, this would bring many returns to the stakeholders and should young people utilise the ideas they can create employment in their respective communities.

According to Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, WAY President and also the Chief Minister of Melaka; Melaka has come up with initiatives to turn her into a Green City in line with one of AUYA’s theme.

- Rehabilitation Of Melaka River – Beautifying the Melaka River to make it more attractive to tourist and keeping the river clean.
- Green City Action Plan – Involving sectors are Water Management, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Green Transportation, Zero Waste, Tourism and Cultural Heritage and Urban Forestry and Agriculture.
- Green House Gas Inventory – Streamlining and ensuring reduction of emission, while maintaining growth.
- Hang Tuah Jaya Green City – A Green Urban Planning City, especially as being the new hub for high speed rail station for Kuala Lumpur-Singapore link.
- Melaka World Solar Valley – A new township that focuses on Solar Technology Development. Currently, it has one solar manufacturing facility.
- Energy Efficiency Project – An initiative to transform nine (9) State Government Buildings into energy efficient buildings through Energy Performance Contracts (EPC).
- Smart Grid Pilot Project – Installing smart meters to control daily maximum demand, optimize peak period electricity generation and smarter load management.
- Electric Vehicles (EV) – Currently has two (2) deployed electric buses and Melaka is requesting to deploy another forty (40) soon.
- Transform Street Lights – Transforming 120,000 units of street lights to Smart LED street lights.
- Solid Waste Recycling – Practicing waste separation since 1st September 2015, banning the usage of polystyrene from 1st September 2015 and no plastic bag since 1st January 2016.

WHAT AUYA COULD DO FOR YOUTH?

Globally, 85 per cent of the world’s young people live in developing countries, and an ever-increasing number of them are growing up in cities. It is estimated that by 2030, as many as 60% of all urban dwellers will be under the age of 18. All over the world, young people are finding it increasingly difficult to break into the labour market. Youth make up 25% of the global working age population, but account for 43.7% of the unemployed. This means that almost every other jobless person in the world is between the ages of 15 and 24.

Youths are the agents of change. Appointing youths as representatives and councillors at local authorities can allow them to learn more on governing, on sharing their ideas and views in improving the state and making a better tomorrow. By connecting youths from every corner of the world through AUYA and World Assembly of Youth (WAY), these organizations can give support to young people; contribute in resolving youth-related matters and mentoring and guiding youths to be innovative.

Topics discussed that focused on youth included:

- Smart cities for youth;
- Youth contribution in the design and development of smart, inclusive cities, a city for all;
- Integrating youth rights in city planning and development prioritizing youth rights in the planning and development of urban areas;
- Participation of young people in urban crime prevention and violence, harnessing science, technology and innovation in the implementation of the new urban agenda;
- Young people in the forefront of urban planning;
- Mechanism to enhance meaningful youth participation and contribution in the sustainable urban development;
- Best practices and lessons learnt on sustainable urban youth initiatives; and
- Young people, skills development, entrepreneurship and employment.

ADVANTANGES TO YOUNG PEOPLE

- Conducive Environment for Urban Youth participation by enabling meaningful participation through:
- Improved recognition and respect for youth rights by state/policy makers including city authorities;
- Youth learning spaces accessible to all especially One-Stop;
- Inclusive Policies on youth issues;
- Integrated city planning i.e. Mobility, Trade, Social amenities, etc;
- Youth want to be heard, engaged, consulted, mentored, respected and take action, in development decisions about and/or for them and practices;
- Feeling control or in captivity;
- Even within an inclusive sector/ segment;
- Sense of belonging within a preferred social group;
- Youth want to be/feel in responsible;
- A variety of options, even with their limited means;
- Youth do not want to feel or become vulnerable.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT: NEW ROLES FOR YOUTH

- Employment: - Renewable Energy, Tourism, Industrialization
- Education – Vocational Skilling, ICT, Innovation and Mentorship,
- Health – Youth friendly services, good nutrition, strong physical body

WAY FORWARD- NEW ROLES FOR YOUTH

- Changing the mind set-youth and urban planners (participation)
- Setting our priorities right - youth first
- Improved sector planning and co-ordination*
- Capacity building and carrying out relevant and action-oriented research

RECOMMENDATIONS TO MOVE FORWARD

- The need to strengthen our economy to provide better opportunities.
- In order for future workers to be employed they need to equip themselves with the right skills needed by the industry.
- Regardless of location and status everyone should be given equal opportunity to be employed.
- Youth should always be involved in all aspects especially in making plans, decision and for dissemination of plans and policies.
- We need to link education and industry to cater to the demand of the industry.
- A lot of factors need to be considered to promote social life enabler.
- Incorporate technology and other resources to enhance productivity and foster youth participation in agriculture sector.
- Increase investment on public schools to improve quality of education.
- Build the capacities of youth through appropriate trainings to put the youth at the forefront of climate change adaptation measures and disaster risk management programmes
- Ensure multi-stakeholder collaboration with youth as an integral part in reconstruction process.
- Bring youth of varied cultural groups and background together in all levels of governance to ensure social inclusion.
- Create enabling working environment and equal opportunity for women, differently-abled people, youth from minority and vulnerable groups through responsive plans and policies.
- The government should listen to the voice of youth especially in a decision making process and policy making.
 - i. Youth should be made aware on the available programmes and initiatives for them
 - ii. Students loans and social security should be awarded and subsidize for the youth
 - iii. Regular stakeholder Meeting with government to discuss issue of importance must be encouraged at city levels
 - iv. Government should interact with the community and youth making a decision. A discussion should be made prior to it.

For economic equity and employment we recommended policies to be made to cater for quality education, decent work, and balanced rural urban migration to which AUYA organisers should lead by example. Furthermore, a support system should be made possible to help young migrants and families to assimilate better in the city life. Other than that, in fighting education and skills gap, training should be provided to youth to create a well-rounded employee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Asia Urban Youth Assembly and 17th International on Melaka Twin Cities Convention



ESCAP participated in the Asia Urban Youth Assembly (AUYA), held in conjunction with the 17th International on Melaka Twin Cities Convention, held from 25 to 28 March 2017 in Malacca, Malaysia. The meetings attracted 300 participants, with representatives of the Government of Malaysia and other States in Asia, civil society organizations, academia and UN agencies. Participants shared experiences of evidenced based practices on urban youth-led development and put forward policy recommendations to ensure

effective youth participation in the implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda and the New Urban Agenda. ESCAP led a session on "Exploring the School-to-Work Transition among Urban Youth in Asia"; this involved participants presenting good practices related to urban youth skills development, entrepreneurship and employment in the region. The best submissions would be considered for inclusion in the ESCAP Youth Policy Toolbox.

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In this March 26, 2017 photo, participants of the Asia Urban Youth Assembly 2017, including the Philippine flag bearer, pose for a photo with the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia Datuk Seri Utama Dr. Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi and other local and international officials. [Philstar.com/Rosette Adel](#)

MELAKA, Malaysia — The Philippines is among the country delegates to the Asia Urban Youth Assembly (AUYA) 2017, which opened on Sunday in Melaka, Malaysia.

Chief Minister of Melaka Datuk Seri Utama Ir Hj Idris bin Haron said the AUYA is an international conference that provides a platform for Asia's youth to deliberate and to discuss various significant concerns so that they can make relevant contributions to the New Urban Agenda of the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

The SDG was agreed upon at the Habitat III cities Conference in Quito, Ecuador last October.

The Philippines joined 33 other countries that aim to change young people's perceptions in creating sustainable development, explore opportunities for them to play meaningful roles in the implementation and follow-up and review the New Urban Agenda.



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Zahid: Youth participation vital in shaping country's future

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Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi — Bernama

MALACCA: Youth participation plays an important role in shaping the country's future in line with the National Transformation (TN50) policy, says Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also Home Minister, said he was very positive that with the right attitude and preparation, the transformation which seemed impossible at first could become a reality.

"Only through dedication and cooperation, we can overcome and conquer our own future.

"Input from youth is certainly crucial as they are the eventual owners and beneficiaries of the plan come 2050," he said when opening the Asia Urban Youth Assembly (AUYA) in conjunction with 17th International Malacca Twin Cities Convention 2017.

Also present were Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron, Deputy Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Halimah Mohamed Sadique and Perbadanan Usahawan Nasional Bhd (PUNB) chairman Tan Sri Mohd Ali Rustam.

AUYA is an international conference that provides a platform for Asia's youth with the opportunity to deliberate and discuss issues that are significant for young people to make relevant contributions to the new urban agenda of the United Nations (UN) sustainable development goals (SDG).

Ahmad Zahid said three global trends would influence and challenge the future that youth should be better prepared with the right skills and mindset.

"The first is the rich are ageing while the poor are not, shifting and climate change environment and health issues that demand attention and I must add, a lot of attention.

"These trends will converge at an unprecedented pace that will make governing and cooperation harder and change in the nature of power fundamentally altering the global landscape."

He said the second was the shifting global economy where weak economic growth would persist in the near term.

"The major economies will be confronted with shrinking workforce and diminishing productivity gains while they are recovering from the 2008-2009 financial crisis that left them with high debt, weak demand and doubts about globalisation.

"During the next five years, the global economy will continue to struggle to resume growth as the world's major economies slowly recover from the 2008-2009 crisis and work through a sharp increase in public-sector debt," he said.

Ahmad Zahid said the third global trend was climate change environment and health issues that demanded attention.

"A range of global hazards pose imminent and longer-term threats that will require collective action to address even as cooperation becomes harder," he said. — *Bernama*

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**17TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE
“OUR ROLES IN SOLVING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY”
MITC HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA**

DECLARATION

1.0 PREAMBLE

- 1.1 We, the 160 young people from 43 countries around the world, attending the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), convened in Melaka from 9th – 13th July, 2017 for an annual programme organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY).
- 1.2 Recognising the vital role of young people on juvenile delinquency, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), WAY has made an obligation to fulfil the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating both juvenile violence and solving delinquent behaviors and themed the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue “Our Roles in Solving Juvenile Delinquency.”
- 1.3 An interactive dialogue on this topic was of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth towards non-violence, peaceful and secure environment that assures and supports their development fully at the different levels of society that they represent. Therefore, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, representatives from public and private sector, media persona, law enforcers, and members of various NGOs and CSOs, gathered to call for action and structure experiences on the issue of Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Development. The outcome document also enhanced youth contribution towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals SDG’s
- 1.4 This theme has emphasised the actions that young people and other stakeholders should take towards combating juvenile delinquency and attaining the SDGs. This dialogue has identified the roles and concerns of all stakeholders towards juvenile violence and solving delinquent behaviours. The dialogue culminated in the fact that now is the right time and opportunity to act in partnership.

The guiding principles for this declaration were based on the following objectives, to:

- Promote awareness and analyse problems and inventories of programmes, services,
- Facilities and resources available towards juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours;

- Foster action and establish methods for effectively reducing the opportunity to commit delinquent acts among young people;
- Identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, NGOs and others, in solving Juvenile Delinquency and supporting constructive youth development as well as youth leadership;
- Gather and select good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learned from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to solve Juvenile Delinquency;
- Distinguish well-defined responsibilities for the qualified agencies, institutions and personnel involved in preventive efforts;
- Form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing the Juvenile Justice;
- Foster networking, collaboration and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of Juvenile Delinquency;
- Advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the social development and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Participants have identified key recommendations for implementation by relevant stakeholders including: public sector, private sector, NGOs/IGOs, media, society, and young people alike. In addition, participants also established commitments and recommendations in support of youth to grow into healthy and responsible adults.

2.1 Public Sector

- 2.1.1 To establish regional and international policies that would encourage collaboration among the nations towards reduction of juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours;
- 2.1.2 To establish or amend laws related to juvenile delinquency in order to distinguish between the crimes committed by adults or minors;
- 2.1.3 To create juvenile courts based on adolescent development and evidence based practices;
- 2.1.4 To provide training to all stakeholders working with juveniles and youth at-risk;
- 2.1.5 To provide multiple pathways for youth to attain education, knowledge and relevant skills, based on their interests, needs and strengths;

- 2.1.6 To provide resources for youth-based programmes and initiatives geared towards youth development, aimed at preventing juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours;
- 2.1.7 To endorse policies and programmes that would provide opportunities for youth to understand the impact of their actions and the consequences to the society;
- 2.1.8 To create compulsory school curricula that raises awareness and understanding for students on the juvenile justice system;
- 2.1.9 To create safer school environment by allocating resources, including deploying more counsellors to address behavioural and mental health issues;
- 2.1.10 To encourage collaboration between the courts, schools and all relevant stakeholders pertaining to juvenile delinquency;
- 2.1.11 To provide incentives for companies that engage in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects related to juvenile delinquency;
- 2.1.12 To research, monitor and collect accurate and up-to-date data on the current status of youth issues, in particular of juvenile delinquents.

2.2 Private sector

- 2.2.1 To offer resources for youth that has been through the juvenile justice system in order to advance their education and/or future careers;
- 2.2.2 To leverage on innovation and drive entrepreneurship in order to provide viable pathways for livelihoods;
- 2.2.3 To utilise Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds and resources in order to create programmes and activities for juvenile offenders and youth at-risk;
- 2.2.4 To remove barriers, conduct training and create opportunities for juveniles;
- 2.2.5 To establish youth centres that would provide incubator infrastructure for skills development on social entrepreneurs and recreational programmes

2.3 Non Government Organisations

- 3.1 To design, implement and evaluate evidence-based youth programmes, projects and activities for the betterment of society;
- 2.3.2 To intensify community based engagement in advocacy and prevention of youth issues, in particular juvenile delinquency;
- 2.3.3 To facilitate and report on data collection on juvenile delinquency and other youth related issues;

- 2.3.4 To organize awareness programmes and activities for youth, families and community at large, on juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours;
- 2.3.5 To communicate with all relevant stakeholders in order to address the social, economic and political conditions that perpetuate juvenile delinquency;
- 2.3.6 To create training and capacity building programmes designed to empower the youth on decision making process at all levels;
- 2.3.7 To promote role models that leverage on strong effective relationships and support systems that would positively influence youth.

2.4 Media

- 2.4.1 To periodically share youth issues and impactful programmes and campaigns in order to shift attention of the public away from punitive attitudes and promote rehabilitation and community reintegration;
- 2.4.2 To act as a powerful channel in sensitising the society in understanding juvenile delinquency and the system;
- 2.4.3 To create and share educational programmes for young people in order to teach them about the consequences of juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours;
- 2.4.4 To encourage collaboration with other stakeholders in order to contribute related content that would lead towards reduction of juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours.

2.5 Society

- 2.5.1 To create awareness and adoption of best practices across cultures for increased acceptance of juvenile offenders, victims and youth at-risk;
- 2.5.2 To establish community centres that would educate and address underlying needs of youth and families;
- 2.5.3 To promote volunteerism and enhance community engagement in order to prevent juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours;
- 2.5.4 To encourage community involvement and ownership to reinforce a positive cycle of resources provision to actively engage youth and families at-risk;
- 2.5.5 To pursue socio-economic, ethnic, age, and gender equity in the juvenile justice system.

2.6 YOUTH

- 2.6.1 To form youth-led platforms that would address and tackle youth issues, in particular juvenile delinquency, at all levels;
- 2.6.2 To design and implement programmes and activities on leadership and peer to peer advocacy;
- 2.6.3 To call for partnership among all stakeholders working towards the reduction of juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours;
- 2.6.4 To encourage active participation among peers involved in various platforms, in schools and community at large;
- 2.6.5 To fully provide youth with opportunities in order to speak out, construct and shape their ideas in pursuit of their preferred future.

2 CONCLUSION

We, the participants of the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, recognise the importance of empowering and equipping the young people with the right knowledge, skills and proper attitude required to counter youth violence and juvenile delinquency. Recognising that in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular Goal 4, 16, and 17, we, the young people should be at the forefront of universal transformation in taking actions and encouraging our peers to enter adulthood as responsible and proactive citizens. Hence, partnership formation among all stakeholders would drive us to reach our desired goals, which are the reduction of juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours.

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Issues discussed at MIYD to be submitted to Unesco

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Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid (2nd L) greets the foreign participants after officiating the Malacca International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), on July 10, 2017. — Bernama

MALACCA: The Education Ministry wants issues discussed at the Malacca International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) which starts today, to be forwarded to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco), for further action.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said once the dialogue ends, the organisers, World Assembly Of Youth (WAY), would submit topics of discussion to the Unesco headquarters and the Unesco branch in Bangkok, Thailand to carry out remedial action related to problems faced by youth.

The Malacca International Youth Dialogue is an annual programme of the World Assembly of Youth which brings together young people, youth leaders and relevant stakeholders from around the world to discuss pertinent youth issues.

"What is being initiated by WAY is very timely and relevant since discussions held during the dialogue are related to problems faced by youth and ways to solve their problems, especially juvenile cases. Members of 40 countries are participating in the dialogue.

"Through the dialogue, we will be able to hear the views of youth throughout the

country and recommendations or ways to overcome them," he told reporters after opening the MIYD here today.

The theme for the 17th Malacca International Youth Dialogue "Our Roles in Solving Juvenile Delinquency" has been realised to fulfil the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating both juvenile violence and solving delinquent behaviour.

The outcome guided by this selected theme is expected to contribute favourably to youth development as well as betterment of societies as a whole throughout the world.

The five-day dialogue (July 9-13) was also attended by Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron who is the president of WAY.

An interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth towards non-violence, peaceful and secure environment that assures and supports their development fully at the different levels of society that they represent.

Idris said since a large number of youth are made up of students who face various challenges and problems, especially gangsterism, drugs, bullying, truancy, etc.

"I believe this dialogue will not only useful for the nation but for the community at all levels, locally and globally," he said citing the reason of bullying cases which resulted in the death of two youths.

He said though juvenile cases account for just 0.06% over the last five years, the figures are still high and should be reduced further through the participation of all stakeholders – parents, community, non-governmental organisations and relevant authorities. — *Bernama*

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Peningkatan pelajar aliran agama

Tangkis fahaman sesat

PENINGKATAN pelajar aliran agama diharap mampu menangkis fahaman sesat terhadap Islam, selain memerangi golongan ekstremis di negeri ini. Senario itu merupakan petanda baik terhadap kebimbangan kerajaan negeri terhadap aktivis pelampau agama yang giat mencari pengikut dalam kalangan pelajar, kata Ketua Menteri, Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron.

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Belia layak buat keputusan



IDRIS, Mahdzir dan Peshollar bergambar bersama para peserta dialog dalam Majlis Perasmian Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) 17th 30th Roles In Solving Juvenile Delinquency di Hotel MITC, semalam.

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DARI Idris, Pashollari dan Idris menyakalkan Mahdzir memalu gong sebagai simbolik perasmian MIYD 17th Our Roles In Solving Juvenile Delinquency di Hotel MITC, semalam.



IDRIS menyampaikan cenderamata kepada Mahdzir.

Elak kes salah laku juvana

Belia layak buat keputusan

Oleh LIANA SAHABUDIN
Foto FUAD RAMDAN

AYER KEROH 10 Julai - Belia agen perubahan yang mampu menggalakkan orang muda mengambil bahagian dalam membuat keputusan terhadap pembangunan dasar dan perkhidmatan sesebuah negara.

Ketua Menteri, Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron berkata, pelbagai platform diwujudkan bagi menggalakkan golongan muda membuat keputusan serta menyuarakan isu-isu yang membimbangkan mereka.

Menurutnya, ia termasuk dalam kes salah laku membabitkan anak-anak muda bertentangan dengan undang-undang sehingga menuju ke arah jeraiah juvana.

"Sebagai Presiden Pertubuhan Belia Dunia (WAY), saya percaya organisasi yang rapat dengan golongan muda telah menjalankan penyelidikan mengenai isu atau

masalah yang timbul melibatkan golongan ini.

"Selaras dengan tema *Our Roles In Solving Juvenile Delinquency* ia bertepatan dengan pendapat dan peranan orang muda untuk memerangi keganasan dalam kalangan remaja serta menyelesaikan tingkah laku mereka yang bermasalah," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika berucap pada pembukaan *Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) 17th Our Roles In Solving Juvenile Delinquency* dirasmikan Menteri Pendidikan, Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid di Hotel MITC di sini, hari ini.

Jelasnya, kenakalan remaja meningkat dari semasa ke semasa sehingga merekodkan kes yang tinggi dalam kalangan mereka.

"Salah laku mereka berlaku sejak di bangku sekolah, pada peringkat awal sering terjadinya kes seperti ponteng sekolah,

merokok, gengsterisme, buli, kecurian dan sebagainya.

"Semakin ramai anak-anak di bawah umur terlibat dalam kesalahan ini, ia boleh dianggap sebagai masalah yang harus dipandang serius oleh kerajaan, selain ibu bapa perlu menjadi penasihat utama," katanya.

Katanya, langkah-langkah pencegahan dan pemulihan yang berkesan harus dilaksanakan secara bersepadu dan meluas di peringkat keluarga dan masyarakat, sekolah dan institusi pemulihan.

"Ia perlu memandangkan generasi muda akan mewarisi kekayaan, tempat, profesion dan

kepimpinan negara di masa akan datang.

"Kerajaan negeri juga perlu bantu dalam membangun dan melaksanakan kempen pencegahan kenakalan remaja termasuk kaunseling keluarga supaya ibu bapa menyedari bagaimana anak-anak mereka berkembang," katanya.

Hadir sama, Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri, Datuk Wira Othman Muhamad; Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Datuk Seri Naim Abu Bakar; Exco-Exco dan Timbalan Exco Kerajaan Negeri; Presiden Majlis Belia Malaysia, Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamaludin dan Setiausaha Agung WAY, Ediola Pashollari.



PASHOLLARI berkata sesuatu kepada Idris sambil disaksikan Mahdzir.



MAHDZIR berkata sesuatu kepada Pashollari sambil disaksikan Idris.



ANTARA barisan Exco Kerajaan Negeri yang hadir.

Kementerian Pendidikan pohon kerjasama ibu bapa atasi buli

Oleh **FUAD RAMDAN & LIANA SAHABUDIN**

AYER KEROH 10 Julai - Kementerian Pendidikan meminta kerjasama masyarakat terutama ibu bapa memantau setiap pergerakan anak-anak bagi menghapuskan budaya buli dalam kalangan pelajar sekolah.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid berkata, ibu bapa merupakan perisai pertama menghapuskan budaya berkenaan bagi memulakan tugas masyarakat dan para guru mengusir budaya itu dari terus menjangkiti pelajar.

Katanya, pihaknya mengharapkan kerjasama penuh diberikan bagi menentang gejala berkenaan yang mampu merosakkan masa depan negara.

"Tidak boleh harapkan kepada sekolah dan para guru saja untuk menghapuskan budaya

ini, masyarakat perlu sama membantu terutama ibu bapa yang perlu mengetahui tingkah laku anak-anak mereka.

"Mereka merupakan lapisan pertahanan pertama yang perlu bertindak dulu sebelum disusuli lapisan kedua dan ketiga untuk mengatasi isu ini," katanya.

Beliau berkata cermidan ketika ditemui pemberita selepas merasmikan *Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) 17th 'Our Roles In Solving Juvenile Delinquency'* di Hotel MITC di sini, hari ini.

Hadir sama, Ketua Menteri, Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron; Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri, Datuk Wira Orhman Muhamad; Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri, Datuk Seri Naim Abu Bakar; barisan Exco Kerajaan Negeri; Presiden Majlis Belia Malaysia,



IDRIS, Mahdzir dan Pashollari bergambar bersama para peserta dialog pada majlis tersebut.

Mua'amar Ghadafi Jamahludin dan Setiausaha Agung Pertubuhan Belia Dunia (WAY), Echiola Pashollari.

Dialog yang berlangsung selama lima hari bermula pada 9 Julai lalu itu disertai kira-kira 80 buah negara bagi mencari resolusi kenakalan remaja.



IDRIS berbual sesuatu dengan seorang peserta dialog sebelum bergambar bersama pada MIYD 17th 'Our Roles In Solving Juvenile Delinquency' di Hotel MITC, semalam.



Rumah Terbuka Aidilfitri Yayasan Angin Ahmar Negeri Melaka



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WAY IS MAKING HISTORY AT THE 17TH MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE



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The last day of the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue was filled with many remarkable moments. The day began with the presentation of the 17th MIYD Draft Declaration which was later adopted for implementation by all participants present. Everyone participated well proving that they, indeed, paid attention to the advice and feedbacks given by various speakers from the past days and their peers during the workshop.

Later on in the day, the participants were divided into two groups, the females went to the Tunas Bakti School, while the males went to Henry Gurney Telok. It was an experience that touched everyone differently and gave everyone a different perspective of juvenile delinquency as we know it. Afterwards, we all participants went to the Melaka Prison Museum. It was an overwhelming experience for the participants and volunteers to see and learn about the history of Melaka Prison Museum.

The farewell gala dinner and closing ceremony was held later that night at the MITC Ballroom. Guests included the Chief Minister of Melaka cum President of the World Assembly of Youth, Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron and his wife, Datin Seri Utama Datuk Wira Fadilah Abdullah, the Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Hon. Datuk Wira Dr. Abu Bakar Mohammad Diah, the Deputy State EXCO for Youth Development and Heritage, Hon. Datuk Norpipah Abdol, the Chairperson of Commonwealth Youth Council, Mr. Kishva Ambigapathy and the Secretary General of Malaysian Youth Council, Mr. Ahmad Saparuddin Yusof.

Secretary General, Ms. Ediola Pashollari initiated the evening with her speech, where she welcomed and thanked all respected guests, speakers, sponsors, participants and volunteers. She stated that “Youth should now take ownership to this declaration... they should take it to their peers, organisations and other stakeholders, in their respective countries, for implementation”. She went on to appreciate all the participants for their efforts in making the 17th MIYD a fruitful and memorable dialogue.

Remarks were also given by the Secretary General of Malaysian Youth Council and Chairperson of the Commonwealth Youth Council, both partners to this dialogue. The pulpit was later left for Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Idris Haron, the Chief Minister of Melaka cum President of World Assembly of Youth. He gave a touching closing speech on different matters that youth face and how we can all come together to play a role in solving Juvenile Delinquency.

At the end of the gala ceremony, the sponsors, and partners were awarded with tokens of appreciation. Besides that, the MIYD volunteers were later thanked and awarded with certificates for their hard work and dedication, without them the 17th MIYD could have not been a great success. The celebration was

concluded with a photo session with partners, speakers, volunteers and sponsors. The night ended with many tremendous cultural performances, magnificent band show, exciting dances and a lot of laughter.

A night to remember, successful and entertaining!

Source: <https://www.malysiaglobalbusinessforum.com/post/human-capital-review/way-is-making-history-at-the-17th-melaka-international-youth-dialogue/>

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Understanding and Impacting Juvenile Justice Internationally

Friday, July 21, 2017

Juvenile Justice was the focus on the international stage at the 17th Annual Melaka International Youth Dialogue Conference in Maleka, Malaysia July 10-15th, 2017. Monica Miles-Steffens, Director of Placement, Juvenile Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation and Dr. Anne Hobbs, Director of the Juvenile Justice Institute, University of Nebraska at Omaha shared the stage as plenary speakers to an audience representing over 40 different countries. The conference is sponsored by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) which is an international coordinating body of national youth councils and organizations, representing 140 member organization from all continents. Founded in 1949, WAY has general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and works for the promotion of youth and youth organizations in program areas such as: youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development, leadership training and now juvenile justice.



Through their presentations were able to inform young adults and professionals from around the world on the juvenile justice best practices being implemented in the United States and specifically Nebraska. Dr. Hobbs spoke to diversion programs and how they provide better outcomes for lower risk youth. Ms. Miles-Steffens spoke to evidence based practices used in juvenile probation such as the use of validated risk assessment, motivational interviewing and targeted interventions that are designed to reduce recidivism and address the risk and needs of youth. The second day of the workshop, they assisted in facilitating small group work sessions where participants worked through discussion questions leading them to make global recommendations for addressing juvenile justice practice. It was clear through these sessions that the issues facing youth and families transcends across all borders. Poverty, access to education and meaningful employment, disengaged families, substance use and mental health issues were prevalent no matter what country was speaking. It was also exciting to learn that other countries have also implemented similar evidence based practices. For example, Singapore has implemented the Youth Level of Service Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI)-the same tool used by Nebraska Probation and many others across the United States and Canada. In addition, Singapore has a strong emphasis on restorative practices, are developing new standards of competency and training for youth workers and are partnering with the University to create a new youth work emphasis in their social work program.

But for all the similarities, there were stark differences in law and policy. For example, in Malaysia there has been a separate system for juveniles since 1947 however, diversion opportunities are rare and the system heavily relies on punitive and institutional practices. One speaker from Maleka shared that the country has over 2000 youth in institutions. Malaysia is also a predominately Muslim country and recognizes the Sharia law and practices in family court. China has no separate juvenile code. There are pieces of law that protect juveniles in some circumstances, but they are currently working to establish a separate juvenile code. Some countries identified no minimum age threshold for criminal responsibility while others were very low such as 6 and 7 years of age. In talking with participants from African countries, there was a theme of corruption among police and court officials where the ability to pay bribes often impacted the outcome of cases. While the United States still has work to do as we incarcerate youth and adults at rates higher than any other country, we can be confident in our legal system and the protections it provides for youth and families.

The discussions in the workshops culminated in a final document of recommendations on juvenile justice next steps for member countries of the United Nations. These recommendations were divided into categories including: Public Sector, Private Sector, Non-Government organizations, Media, and Youth. The national youth councils present at the conference are able to return to their countries armed with new information and strategies for impacting policy and practice change and their recommendations help inform United Nations policy. It was a privilege to represent the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation in this international venue and energizing to participate alongside young people and professionals from across the world who are passionate about improving opportunities for youth in trouble.

Photo: Session One Plenary Speakers at 17th Annual Melaka International Youth Dialogue From Left to Right: Ms. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth; Monica Miles-Steffens, Director of Placement, Juvenile Division Administrative Office of Courts and Probation; Dr. Anne Hobbs, Director Juvenile Justice Institute, University of NE at Omaha; Ms. Duha Abuobiada Abdalla Mahgoub, Research and Education, Country of Sudan; Mr. Kishva Ambigopathy, Maleka Commonwealth Youth Council; Mr. Muhammad Amir Haron, Director of Policy and Research, Prime Minister's Office, Malaysia.

Source: <https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/understanding-impacting-juvenile-justice-internationally>

Lawatan Antarabangsa Belia 32 Buah Negara Oleh World Assembly Of Youth Bersempena 'The Melaka International Youth Dialogue' Ke SHG Telok Mas

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Pada 12 Julai 2017 (Rabu) satu program lawatan antarabangsa belia 32 buah negara oleh 'World Assembly of Youth' (WAY) telah diadakan di Sekolah Henry Gurney Telok Mas, Melaka. Lawatan telah diketuai oleh Mr. Patrick Schiarraatta yang merupakan seorang delegasi Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (United Nations) dengan jawatan sebagai 'Special Advisor for the Permanent Mission of Suriname', yang juga merupakan seorang Jurulatih Pakar dalam bidang Keusahawanan dan Pembangunan Global.

Lawatan ini merupakan sebuah lawatan berfokus bersempena 'The Melaka International Youth Dialogue 2017' yang telah dipengerusikan oleh YAB. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Hj. Idris bin Hj. Haron, Ketua Menteri Melaka dengan tema dialog bagi kali ini, 'Our Roles In Solving Juvenile Delinquency'. Peserta program telah disambut dengan persembahan pencak silat, tarian selamat datang dan diiringi paluan kompang oleh penghuni di sini. Seterusnya para peserta dibawa ke Dewan Seroja untuk sesi taklimat yang disampaikan oleh Cikgu Ganasesan a/l K.Tavarajan dan En. Salleh Bin Mohd Nor, Pegawai Kaunselor. Pada sesi ini juga, salah seorang penghuni telah diberi peluang untuk berkongsi tentang pengalaman silam, pengalaman terbaiknya sepanjang berada di sini dan harapan serta cita-citanya apabila dibebaskan kelak kepada semua peserta.





17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue: Adoption of declaration on solving juvenile delinquency

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The [17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue](#), held from the 9th to the 13th of July 2017 at the MITC Hotel in Melaka (Malaysia), was organised by the World Assembly of Youth in collaboration with the Malaysian Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Melaka State Government, the Asian Youth Council, the Commonwealth Youth Council and the Malaysian Youth Council.

In this context, the issue of finding solutions to prevent juvenile delinquency was tackled at an international level, bringing together over 160 young people and youth leaders from 43 countries.

After thorough deliberations through paper presentations, plenary sessions, workshops and field trips, the participants put together the declaration of this 17th MIYD, titled [‘Our Roles in Solving Juvenile Delinquency’](#).

This important outcome document is addressed to all stakeholders in order to prevent and address both juvenile violence and delinquent behaviours. The participants of the 17th MIYD recognised the importance of empowering and equipping the young people with the right knowledge, skills and proper attitude required to counter youth violence and juvenile delinquency, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular Goal 4, 16, and 17.

The participants also recommended that they, young people, should be at the forefront of a universal transformation, through taking actions and encouraging their peers to face adulthood as responsible and proactive citizens.



Supporting the Nation's Youth

EVENTS SUCH AS THE MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE, ORGANISED BY THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH, BRING TO LIGHT IMPORTANT ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE COUNTRY'S YOUTH. **NICK ATKINSON** SHARES HIS THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS, HAVING HOSTED THE FORUM FOR EIGHT YEARS IN A ROW.

Founded in 1949, the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is the international coordinating body of national youth councils and organisations. The WAY headquarters has moved throughout the years to various bases including Brussels, Paris, London, and Copenhagen.

However, what many people do not know is that in 1999, the WAY headquarters moved to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and has now finally established its headquarters building at the World Youth Complex, in Melaka, Malaysia.

The full members of WAY are national youth councils and it comprises 140 member organisations from all inhabited continents. It has special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and works in close cooperation with several UN agencies for the promotion of youth and youth organisations in programme areas such as: youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development, and leadership training.

The Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is an annual programme of the

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

I am very proud to have been able to host this forum for the last eight years and will be joining them again in July for the 17th edition. It is always a very busy few days but remains a very valuable resource for the youth of today to speak out and continues to receive the invaluable support of the Melaka State Government and Ministry of Youth & Sports Malaysia.

The theme for each yearly dialogue is decided well in advance and it is a sad coincidence that, at a time when Malaysia is reeling from the terrible news of the recent deaths arising from bullying, that 'juvenile delinquency,'

sometimes seen as a direct result of the bullying mentality, is this year's theme.

There will most definitely be some interesting discussions, and as I have heard from past stories told at these events, the atrocities, cruelty, and downright barbaric acts that have been recounted by some of the delegates are quite simply horrific. Some of the youths I have met have experienced things in their short lives that no one should experience in any lifetime. However, the amazing thing is that these kids are still able to hold their heads up and manage a smile. I truly admire their spirit.

On that note, I must commend to all those involved in the Melaka International Youth Dialogue and salute their spirit. Without them doing what they do, speaking their mind and letting others know of the good face of humanity in our world today – the one that counters the bad and ugly faces we hear of so often – what hope would there be?

I look forward to hosting this year's forum and dialogue in Melaka from 9-13 July. For more information on all that the World Assembly of Youth does, please visit their website at way.org.my. ■



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YOUTH DECLARATION

Preamble

On this 23th to 30th August, MOGEF and NCYOK had held an event called the 28th International Youth Forum. For this program, 82 participants from 32 different countries gathered in Seoul and Muju, Korea to have a discussion about strengthening regional cooperation, youth volunteerism, various ways of youth exchange toward theme for 7 days.

PRE-AMBULATORY CLAUSES

Having been part of the discussions of the 28th International Youth Forum (IYF) and considering that international society has been facing serious issues such as environmental pollution, discrimination, and refugee problems, which makes regional youth cooperation essential, if the youth actively get involved in cultural, sports, volunteering, and on-line activities in regional scale, they will acquire self-fulfilment and holistic development.

Consequently, individuals from different regions will build mutual respect and tolerance among all nations.

OPERATIVE CLAUSES

COUNCIL: Culture and Arts committee

Clause 1: Calls for utilization of unbiased media and other forms of digital contents in order for the youth to acquire open-mindedness and tolerant attitude towards diverse cultures

Clause 2: Calls for the use of public spaces as art venues to make art more accessible and to facilitate the current shifting tendency of art moving from museums to open spaces, such as parks, transport hubs, or streets.

Clause 3: Calls for the cooperation between local religious institutions

Clause 4: Calls for establishment of cultural youth competitions and conferences on a regional level where youth can display cultural traditions through modern art, sharing experiences, talents, and passion.

Clause 5: Suggests the involvement of organizations, institutions, and governments to implement such platforms into their programs.

Clause 6: Encourages governments to establish community networks among indigenous and ethnic minorities, and other groups in their environment.

Clause 7: Recommends the incorporation of cultural diversity and uniqueness in education curricula, so that students can gain opportunities to comprehend and learn about the multicultural society.

Clause 8: Urges associated institutions and organizations to provide more scholarships and grants to less privileged youth.

COUNCIL: Sports

Clause 1: Urges support for sports in order to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.

Clause 2: Calls for governments, civil society, and private entities to invest in, support and encourage sports and its complimentary sectors.

Clause 3: Suggests that sports be employed as a tool of public diplomacy to foster international understanding, and to help alleviate negative stereotypes, by conducting the exchange of sporting teams and sporting professionals

Clause 4: Recommends that sports be used as a tool to raise awareness on issues which concern youth such as climate change, unemployment and extremism.

COUNCIL: Volunteerism

Clause 1: Recommends that educational institutions take concrete measures, specifically formal institutions to include international volunteerism as part of the educational institution's curriculum and to set up equally accessible activities without distinction of gender, age, or physical and mental capability and non-formal/informal learning program to establish community centers to provided equal opportunity for an alternative learning system to both locals and migrants and to invite professionals to conduct trainings and interactive programs to advance the recipients' skills to easily seek better opportunities

Clause 2: Recommends various measures and policy reforms such as ensuring freedom of movement through the reform of the Visa policy system, providing privileges to voluntary organizations for them to conduct informal activities in public spaces, initiating the process of

recognizing and certifying non-formal education by relevant body, considering possible policy reform of taxation and VAT rules for volunteering organizations and establishing youth exchange programs between sister cities all over the world.

Clause 3: Calls for measures that can establish constant communication with the government to align possible programs that can address the issues of various communities, initiate and implement volunteering programs such as trainings, camps, social entrepreneurship projects, endowment and fundraising activities anchored by the Sustainable Development Goals, ensure equal and proper representation of all groups involved in volunteering efforts providing a more inclusive environment to create a lasting impact to the society, and create a global platform for networking, where all non-governmental organizations can gather together to come up with solutions for the acquisition of sustainable communities.

Clause 4: Calls for measures such as a tool to access information on volunteering programs, a centralized network for volunteers through various platforms where they can interact and share opportunities to other volunteers, and a database to where interested volunteers can get recommendations that fit their interests and capabilities.

COUNCIL: Internet

Clause 1: Calls for efforts to properly lessen the expense of accessing the internet by youth and general citizens alike for the proper dissemination of information and ideas.

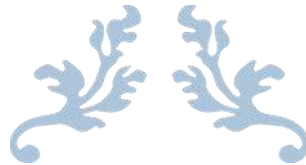
Clause 2: Urges governing bodies to refer to UN resolutions on censorship as it relates to the freedom of expression and human rights

Clause 3: Calls for providing a framework that connects public and private institutions such as universities and NGOs with the greater youth base

Clause 4: Calls for youth exchange programs to be made available to a wider base through existing networks in the digital realm

Clause 5: Urges youths not to limit themselves into person exchanges but to use the digital technology.

Clause 6: Calls for appropriate measures for quality control to be made.



REPORT

“WORKSHOP ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY: CURRENT ISSUES, BEST PRACTICES, AND PROMISING APPROACHES”



SEPTEMBER 9, 2017
@ Training Center Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

The workshop was conducted in conjunction with the Pangkor Dialogue themed “Making the Future – Innovative Pathways to Sustainable Development” and the Perak Festival of Ideas. This workshop was attended by young people and youth leaders from the State of Perak and also neighbouring States.

In presence were several dignitaries including Hon. Datuk Shahrul Zaman Yahya the State EXCO for Human Resources, Youth and Sports, Perak; Ms. Anita Durai the Counsellor of Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation; ACP Suresh Kumar G. Suppiah the Deputy Head of Crime Prevention and Community Safety Department (Operations), Police Headquarters Contingent of Perak State, Malaysia; members of Royal Malaysia Police; representatives from the Institute Darul Ridzuan (IDR), Perak; representatives from the Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation; and members of Youth Parliament in Malaysia. Whereas, WAY was represented by Ms. Ediola Pashollari the Secretary General; Ms. Kebareileng Matlhape the International Relations Officer; and Ms. Dorothy Chipfunde the Publications and Research Officer.

In his keynote address, Hon. Datuk Shahrul emphasised on the importance of organising such workshop that include young people in the decision making process, especially in the State of Perak which it has high percentage of population of young people. He went on advising the participants to use this platform, to learn and share their ideas which will be collectively implemented at the State of Perak for development and sustainability. He also emphasised on the importance of tackling Juvenile Delinquency at state level and encouraged all participants to come up with concrete actions for them and other stakeholder to work on.

As one of the keynote speakers, Ms. Ediola Pashollari the Secretary General of WAY, stated the importance of tackling and combating Juvenile Delinquency, as well as making it an Human Right. She went on briefing all delegates on the 17th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) themed “The Roles of Youth in Solving Juvenile Delinquency” and its outcome document, the Declaration. She stated that Juvenile Delinquency was being tackled at the first time on international level by WAY, including the United Nations or its Agencies, and this was the first follow up workshop taking place after MIYD. She encouraged the young people to be more active and to participate in the decision making process, in order for them to shape the future they want, by bringing about achievable ideas and actions that shall focus on attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In order to reach the ultimate goals, the young people should be willing to work hand in hand with their current leaders in all levels as they are the key change makers.

At her keynote address, Ms. Anita Durai the Counsellor of Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation emphasised on the factors that push and / or pull young people towards Juvenile Delinquency. She presented on the behaviour change among teenagers and young people and the role that families, community, and society have in combating Juvenile Delinquency. She also presented on few success stories that her organisation has achieved thus far.

In his keynote address, ACP Suresh Kumar G. Suppiah the Deputy Head of Crime Prevention and Community Safety Department (Operations), Police Headquarters Contingent of Perak State, Malaysia shared about the statistics of Juvenile Delinquency in the state. He went on explaining

the list of crimes committed by juveniles in the country and also the success of having low number of repeated offenders in the state. He also shared his experience in the field dealing with juveniles and also recommended the participants to visit the local prisons or rehabilitation centres, and encouraged them to speak with the offenders in order to understand the state they are in and their rehabilitation processes.

After the workshop briefing conducted by Ms. Ediola Pashollari the Secretary General of WAY, the participants were divided into various groups, consisting of 8 people each group. Hence, each group had to discuss on the current issues pertaining to Juvenile Delinquency in the state and had to come up with at least 5 recommendations pertaining to best practices, and promising approaches towards combating Juvenile Delinquency.

The issue that was highlighted in each group was that due to busy work schedules of their parents, most children and youth were left unattended and disregarded. They went on saying that parents mostly provided materials needs and that fewer parents devoted them time or showed them any affection. Due to that, most of the children and teenagers in the state grew up guiding themselves more often which lead them to be involved in crimes without the parents noticing their behaviour change.

On the other hand, through their observation on Associations like: Parents and Teachers Association, they recommended improvements as it seems that they do not really help them as students. The Association also must include issues that can affect students and discuss those with both parents and students. In order to move forward and stabilise the situation in their communities, the participants realised that there is a need to implement changes especially in education institutions. The participants also recommended that it would be of great benefit if crime and prevention unit can organise workshops in schools to educate and create awareness. They also requested for public and private schools to organise additional sport activities in order to keep them pre-occupied which eventually would prevent them for being involved in criminal activity, do drugs, or become victims of crimes.

They went on recommending that government should impose tax exemption or reduce the tax charges for private companies that organise juvenile delinquency campaigns, as part of their corporate social responsibility. The organisations should educate their employees on child behavioural changes that calls for attention as it can lead to the child committing a crime if not attended or cared for. Whereas, the institutions that work directly with children and youth should observe and identify the crimes that young people face and try to eliminate the root causes. Meanwhile, the crime prevention organisations must conduct awareness campaigns including self- realisations, such as: trips to prisons, correctional centres and hospitals, in order to show young people the dangers and disadvantages of committing crimes.



**12th GLOBAL YOUTH PEACE
FEST-GYPF 2017**
**'YOUTH OF THE WORLD UNITE – YOU HAVE
EVERYTHING TO GAIN!'**
September 29 - October 2, 2017
Chandigarh-SAS Nagar-Amritsar, India

REPORT

GYPF 2017 - MAJOR PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

250 delegates participated from 25 countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Canada, Ghana, Indonesia, India, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Russia, Syria, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Uganda, USA, UK etc.

This time round, major participation of Peace Activists was from war-torn countries of **Syria, Liberia & Afghanistan**. Carrying the message of peace on their lips, they defied in every conventional sense of the term the description of their country or community in the mainstream media. They were joined by young people from South Africa, Mongolia, Thailand, Palestine, Philippines and Uganda.

With civil conflicts and war looming in large parts of the globe including the crossborder tensions across Indian borders that has put mobility restrictions on the right of citizens to move freely and lobby for peace, the young people braved all odds to be in Chandigarh this time what with their visa clearance by the Home Ministry arriving at the last minute!

The morning started for the International delegates with a visit to the Rock Garden. Many of them expressed surprise at the ways by which wealth has been created out of waste by its founder, Late Mr. Nek Chand, and hoped that the spirit of conservation and resource efficiency would pervade across the globe. Carrying this feeling was especially pertinent as the next session was a Global Youth forum on Climate Change Action with panellists from 15 countries of the world.

Young people noted how the world was increasingly being polluted and global warming was only adding to the woes of living with agriculture and economy getting affected. Many of them exhorted the return to the small is beautiful principle and wished that we followed Gandhi's maxim: "There is enough for everybody's need not for everyone's need". This session was supported by Department of Environment, Forest and CREST of Chandigarh Administration.

The highlight of the inaugural function was the presentation of „Global Youth ICON Awards“ to exemplary role models by Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh. This included Ms. Bayartsetseg Altangerel, Miss World finalist 2016, Miss Mongolia and Project Manager, My Club, Mongolia who was awarded for promoting sustainability thinking and action, Mr. Mohamed Maliki, Director, International Youth Centre, Malaysia, for Promoting Youth Leadership & Volunteering and Mr. Maan Abboud, Head of Revolution Youth Union, Syria for promoting peace & exemplary youth activism.

Mr. Justice Suryakant, who was the Chief Guest, said that he was delighted to see young ambassadors of peace clamouring for a world free from violence and conflict.

He felt that the aspirations of the young people in allowing the spirit of peace prevail must be respected by all concerned especially people who are in important stations in life and heading important institutions. The judiciary, for one, he said, stands by the young people. Mr. Santosh Kumar, Director, Department of Environment and Forest, Chandigarh Administration was also present on the occasion along with Prof. Sangeeta Pant, Dean of Chitkara College of Education.

Mr. Mohammad Maliki, Director, International Youth Centre, Malaysia, and his team was given a standing reception at Carmel Convent. Earlier this year, a delegation of school children from Carmel Convent had gone to Malaysia and were given a standing ovation at schools in Malaysia. This kind of school to school exchange is important in fostering peace, said Mr. Maliki.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat International to hosted a Peace Symposium and dinner, in honour of all GYPF 2017 international delegates at Hotel Mountview, Sector 10, Chandigarh. Where a discussion on global peace and a world without nuclear arms followed. The day ended with resolutions by all GYPF delegates to do more for promoting world peace and spirit of living in harmony with man and nature alike.

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS AT ISB

Young people from across the globe who were attending the 12th Global Youth Peace Festival had a day of fun and frolic along with some serious learning and sharing at the Indian School of Business (ISB) at Mohali. Not only did they get an opportunity to deliberate together on the themes of global citizenship, entrepreneurship, volunteering for peace, sustainable thinking and rights and dignity of women and child but also prepared an action plan which they can implement back home in their communities.

The day began with the young people converging at the world class Indian Business School-ISB campus in the morning. Facilitators from both ISB and Yuvsatta-the organizers of annual Global Youth Peace Fest got the young people into the thinking mode immediately by asking them to deliberate on the themes in groups, share their experiences and insights and discuss opportunities and challenges both at the global as well as local level.

For some delegates, it was a completely new experience. For Mr. Subrat from Nepal, this was the first experience meeting friends from different countries and having discussions with them on developmental challenges. Coming from Nepal's plain region, he said he has never been to any

city before except Patna, the Capital of Bihar. “I find that challenges to peace and development are common to people across the world”.

This was indeed the theme that echoed throughout the discussions at ISB. For the large contingent of delegates from Malaysia, it was an opportunity to talk about youth-led programme in their country. Ms. Bayartsetseg, Miss Mongolia & Project Manager of My Club, Mongolia, shared her experiences of promoting sustainability thinking and action to the larger group.

The young participating delegates also presented an elevator pitch on what they would do back home individually, as a member of the larger community and together as global youth peace forum ambassadors. Designed like a grand challenge, each group talked about their action plan, methodology and the resources they need. Later presentation happened before an eminent panel comprising Mr. Vinod Mirchandani of the Australia-India Institute, Mr. Ashish Shah, Dr. Markandey Rai of UN Habitat and Sr. Gandhian Peace Activist Dr. SN Subba Rao, senior journalist and editor, Mr. Deepak Dwivedi and Mr. Kumara Guru, Director, External Relations and HumanResources (ISB).

After serious discussions, it was time for an exhibition of peace was mounted at the venue. Comprising three photos each from the participating countries, the 75 photos paid tribute to peace and development activities happening across the globe. There were also some live painting sessions with eminent cartoonist Mr. Sandeep Joshi and artist Mr. Ravinder Sharma which the young people thoroughly enjoyed.

To cap it all, there was a 'One World Fashion Show' and multicultural evening of Music and dance where the participating delegates dressed in their best cultural attire gave a message of peace and diversity and “one world, one family”.

INSPIRING VISIT TO HOLY CITY OF AMRITSAR

GYPF 2017 Delegates travelled to Amritsar and participated in a „ONE WORLD“ harmony and cleanliness walk. They were joined there by an equal number of students from the local Khalsa College of Education. And the most unique aspect of the whole initiative was that this group of peace-lovers started their walk from a Christian Church i.e. St. Paul Church at Amritsar, moving to a Islamic Khairuddin Mosque and a Hindu temple of Raghunath Mandir, finally ending the march at Sikh holy shrine of Golden Temple.

The objective of Harmony Walk was to showcase that today, the world is multicultural multi-religious and multi-ethnic. No country can be monocultural, monoreligious and mono-ethnic. Equal respect for all religions, all cultures, all languages all races, and all ethnic groups can ensure a society of permanence.

Even if there is equal distribution of wealth but if one culture looks down on another there is going to be violence of one kind or other. Prominent participants included American Gandhi Bernie Meyer, Miss World Finalist 2016 & Miss Mongolia, Ms. Bayartsetseg, Project Manager of My Club, Mongolia.

As they marched down the streets, many locals also joined and cheered them along. On their way, to give the Gandhian message of 'Cleanliness is next to godliness' the international delegates picked trash/unattended garbage from the roads. And at the Golden Temple, the delegates had community langar (lunch) and were astounded by the size and scale of the operations (The Kitchen at the Golden Temple Feeds up to 100,000 People a Day for Free).

Many of them felt that it was an excellent example of a religious institution doing social and community service on such a large scale. World hunger can be eliminated if more religious institutions from other sects and faiths across the world came forward and did similar service, they felt.

NEW BEGINNING

National and International delegates of the 12th global youth peace festival, students of Chitkara University and students of government girls model senior secondary school sector 18C Chandigarh dressed in colourful animal attire joined in a „Wildlife Conservation Walk“ to mark wildlife week celebrations as the GYPF came to an end on birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi i.e. October 2, 2017.

Administrator, Chandigarh flagged off the “Wildlife Conservation Walk” at Sukhna lake. Artists of Sriram Lila Committee, Sector 7 dressed as Hindu deities of Sri Ram, Laxman, Sita, Ravan and Hanuman also joined in giving message of peace and living in harmony with man and nature.

Later in the day, at the valedictory function of the GYPF-2017, a new global body of Global Youth Peace Forum was announced at Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management, Sector 42, where it was decided to take the mission of youth leadership and transformative change forward. Youth leaders from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Canada, India, Japan, Liberia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Palestine, Philippines, South Africa, South Sudan, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and Zimbabwe joined in these deliberations. They all resolved to increase their strength by ensuring participation of minimum 50 country youth at 13th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2017.

Prof. Madan Mohan Goyal, Director, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Tamil Nadu and social activist Jayashree Sharma facilitated all the international delegates with Mahatma Gandhi's portraits. Chandigarh tourism department also presented beautiful city souvenirs to all the participating delegates.

In his address Prof. Madan Mohan Goel shared that major challenge around the world is gainful and constructive employability of youth, for which we need to increase return on training investment (ROTI) by equipping NSS volunteers with skills in planning, organizing, supervision, transparency, communication, administration, responsiveness and decision-making (POSTCARD). It is the postcard which is the most secret and sacred and cost effective mode of communication even in present times of information revolution.

The peace festival which began in a small manner 12 years back with 14 youth participants from Pakistan has now grown to include many young people from almost all continents making Chandigarh a global venue for peace dialogue every October. With the support of everyone

gathered here, this initiative, we hope, will inspire more youth leadership and transformative change.’ shared Pramod Sharma, Coordinator, of Yuvsatta-the main organizers of Global Youth Peace Fest.

The colourful event ended with a mesmerising performance of Malwai Giddha with folk artists and international delegates raising steps with beats of dhols.

OUTCOMES OF GYPF 2017

- Enhanced regional collaboration among participating NGO’s, youth networks, young leaders and delegates.
- It provided a venue to strengthen Community Engagement through Volunteerism which safeguards social inclusion, deepens and solidifies ownership of its development results in the target area.
- Provided Capacity building on Social Entrepreneurship to GYPF 2017 delegates.
- Provide leadership training on issues of sustainability, women rights, peace and development.

IMPACT

- The GYPF 2017 provided young people to get directly involved with passionate people from all across the globe. Recognizing that youth participation is fundamental for accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals.
- GYPF is a catalyst for young people to get involved in their community and make a difference. Such efforts energize those who are already engaged in good causes, helping people recognize they are not alone in their endeavor.
- GYPF brings everyone together and promotes new bonds beyond boundaries of race, religion and nationalities.
- In addition, mobilizing the host city Chandigarh’s own local youth organizations is an important focus of the event. There are over 10,000 youth in local schools associated with Yuvsatta through their Peace Clubs and annual Global Youth Peace Fest (GYPF).
- GYPF 2017 provided young people a platform for increased exchange of ideas, so that they become true global citizens in thinking and action and volunteer to co-create a future equal to their vast potential.

Peace fest brings activists from 25 countries to city

With Message Of One World, One Family, They Pledge To Shun War

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Chandigarh: Young leaders and peace activists from over 25 countries across the world converged in city for the 12th edition of Global Youth Peace Festival that was hosted at Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management (CIHM), Sector 42, Chandigarh here on Friday. The symposium laid emphasis on spreading message of 'One world, One Family-Vasudaiva Kutumbakam' and asserted that they would shun war at a global level.

This installment of the fest witnessed a participation of peace activists from war-torn countries of Syria, Liberia & Afghanistan. The delegates challenged the conventional notion of their countries propagated by the mainstream media by enlightening the present congregation with statistics and the concealed reality. They were also joined by youngsters from South Africa, Mongolia, Thailand, Palestine, Philippines and Uganda.

The International delegates started the day with a visit to the famed Rock Garden. Many expressed awe at the masterpiece created out of waste by its founder, Nek Chand and hoped that the spirit of resource efficiency would infuse across the globe. The idea was pertinent to the subsequent session, Global Youth forum on Climate Change Action which included panelists from 15 countries of the world. They reiterated that the world was being polluted which has ultimately led to global warming adding to the woes of agriculturists. They



Delegates visited Nek Chand's Rock Garden and (right) a representative presents opinion at the convention in Sector 42 on Friday

exhorted the 'small is beautiful principle' and told to pursue Gandhi's maxim, "there is enough for everybody's need, not for everyone's greed". This session was held in collaboration with department of environment, forest and CREST, Chandigarh Administration. The eve ended with presentation of 'Global Youth ICON Awards' to role models by Justice Surya Kant, of Punjab & Haryana High Court.

Bayartsetseg Altangerel adjudged as Miss World finalist 2016, Miss Mongolia and project manager at My Club, Mongolia was recognized for promoting sustainable action while Mohamed Maliki, director of International Youth Center, Malaysia was awarded for pro-



moting youth leadership. Maan Abboud, head of Revolution Youth Union, Syria was also felicitated for promoting peace and youth activism. Suryakant said, "I am delighted to see young ambassadors of peace insisting for a world free from violence and conflict."

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'Indian youngsters

Young delegates talk about global challenges at peace fest

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mohali: Young delegates from across the globe who are currently attending the 12th Global Youth Peace Festival had a fun-filled and educative day at Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali on Saturday. Not only did they get an opportunity to deliberate together on the themes of global citizenship, entrepreneurship, volunteering for peace, sustainable thinking and rights and dignity of women and child but also prepared an action plan which they can implement back home in their communities.

The day began with the young people converging at the campus in the morning. Facili-



The 12th Global Youth Peace Festival had painting sessions and photography exhibition too

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ces and insights and discuss opportunities and challenges both at the global as well as local level.

The event turned out to be a platform for some delegates to have new experience. For Subrat from Nepal, he had met his counterparts from a different country for the first time. Coming from Nepal, he said he has never been to any city before except Patna, the capital of Bihar. "I feel that challenges to peace and development are common to people across the world."

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evening, shared her experience of promoting sustainability thinking and action to the larger group.

Following the discussions, the young delegates went ahead to enjoy the photography exhibition at the venue. Comprising three photos each from the participating countries, the 75 photos paid tribute to peace and development activities across the globe. There were also some live painting sessions organised for the delegates.

In the evening there was 'One World Fashion Show', where the participating delegates dressed in their best cultural attire giving a message of peace and diversity and being part of a large global family



Activists from across the world during 'harmony and cleanliness walk' in Amritsar. PHOTO: SUNIL KUMAR

Int'l delegates, American Gandhi pick garbage in city

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 1

Delegates from across the world were in the holy city today to mark the the 12th Global Youth Peace Fest (GYPF). They held a march themed 'harmony and cleanliness walk' and picked up garbage from roads.

Over 125 GYPF delegates included American Gandhi Bernie Meyer, Miss World Finalist 2016 and Miss Mongolia Bayartsetseg Altangerel, who is also the project manager of My Club, Mongolia, and Abdulmonem Alsawa, Executive Member, Revolution Youth Union, Syria.

They were joined by a large number of students of Khalsa College of Education. The walk started from St Paul Church on the Court Road,

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Miss Mongolia Bayartsetseg Altangerel and Abdulmonem Alsawa, Executive Member, Revolution Youth Union, Syria were among them.

moving further to Khairuddin Mosque in the Hall Bazar area and Raghunath Temple at Katra Ahluwalia before reaching the Golden Temple at around 1 pm.

As they marched down the streets, local residents also

joined them. The participants held placards to give the Gandhian message — Cleanliness is next to godliness and peace. The international delegates picked trash, unattended garbage from the roads.

The delegates had community langar at Guru Ram Das Langar Hall in the Golden Temple and were astounded by the size and scale of the operations. Many of them felt that it was an excellent example of a religious institution doing social and community service on such a large scale.

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Global peaceniks clean up Amritsar

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chandigarh: International delegates from 25 countries, who are taking part in the 12th annual Global Youth Peace Fest (GYPF), travelled to Amritsar on Sunday to participate in a 'Harmony and Cleanliness Walk'. The 125 international delegates were joined in by an equal number of students from Amritsar's Khalsa College of Education.

GYPF has been going on in Chandigarh and Mohali since September 29. The walk started from St Paul Church, Court Road, at 11.30am. The delegates walked to Khairuddin Mosque, Hall Bazar, and Raghunath Temple, Katra Ahluwalia. Later, they visi-



NEAT JOB: Peace fest participants rally for cleanliness on Sunday

ted Jallianwala Bagh and reached Golden Temple by 1pm.

'American Gandhi Bernie Meyer', Miss World Finalist 2016 and Miss Mongolia Bay-

artsetseg Altangerel, and Revolution Youth Union Syria executive member Abdulmonem Alsawa led the march.

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the streets, many locals joined in and cheered them along. On their way, to give the Gandhian message of 'cleanliness is next to godliness', international delegates picked trash from the roads.

Khalsa College of Education principal JS Dhillon said delegates partook in langar at Golden Temple, and were astounded by the size and scale of operations there. "Many of them felt it was an excellent example of a religious institution doing social and community service. World hunger can be eliminated if more religious institutions do similar service, they felt," he said.

The 12th edition of the Global Youth Peace Festival brings peace activists from war-torn countries of Syria, Liberia and Aghanistan under one roof

MANPRIYA SINGH

There is more than just the proverbial cultural diversity that two people from different parts of the world stand for when they come together. They stand for shared history, human emotions, laughter and problems; all with an extraordinary universality to them.

The venue of the ongoing Peace Fest shifts to Indian School Of Business, Mohali while the camaraderie continues. The twelfth edition of the Global Youth Peace Festival boasts participation by peace activists from war-torn countries of Syria, Liberia and Aghanistan, as also Mongolia, Thailand, Palestine, Philippines, Uganda, among others.



INCREDIBLE INDIA CALLING: (L-R) Samar Awadallah from Palestine, Bayartsetsyg Altangerel from Mongolia, Shiori Ogaki from Japan and Neda Gava from South Africa

Shared history: South Africa

A law graduate from South Africa, Neda Gava has had a long list of reasons for visiting India. The fact, "that we share history and are very similar is just one of them. In South Africa also we have a lot of diversity. People think India is chaotic but I think it is genius. We are very chaotic too and I am used to this chaos," she shares, hailing from a place a few hours away from Cape Town and all set to practice International Human Rights when she goes back home. It's a first

visit and on the list are Agra, Rishikesh, Varanasi, Shimla. "I am here for a month," she adds, while helping herself with Indian food during lunch break. "I love *palak paneer*!"

When we talk of shared history, there is no denying the Gandhi and his days spent in South Africa. She nods, "I think his teachings hold so much of relevance even today. We need to apply them

while arriving at practical solutions to today's issues."

Knowing Corbusier: Japan

Twenty-one-year-old Shiori Ogaki's friend came to India to study IT and she has only heard all good things. Having been in Chandigarh for two days now, she can confirm some of the things. "It's very different from our own culture but I am impressed," shares the geography stu-

dent, who has heard of Le Corbusier.

"He has made a museum in Japan as well and I know about him and have wanted to visit Chandigarh ever since." Has she heard of Gandhi? "Oh yes, I studied about him in high school and about the Dandi March as well." She adds, "We studied about Indo-Pak conflict as well."

For a beautiful world: Mongolia

As a top 10 finalist of Miss World 2016, Mongolia's Bayartsetsyg Altangerel is friends with three winners of beauty pageants from India. Only she doesn't remember their names. "The names are a little difficult to memorise. They are all in Mumbai," she shares, while telling us about the pageants they participated in.

"They would be Miss World 2016, Miss Earth 2015 and Miss International 2014." Well, acting is the next step for anyone from the world of beauty pageant. "I am an actress too in Mongolia and America. I just finished a film with Steven Seagal."

Well, then where does activism fit amidst all this? "It's about balancing and also it's always been my dream to visit India. When we picture India we think of culture, history and heritage."

It's one day to go for Gandhi Jayanti in India. Perhaps, she'd heard of him. "Who hasn't?"

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If you are looking over the shoulder fearing a gunshot, anything is enough to get you out of the country. A festival that celebrates peace all the more. "But I came here especially to see Taj Mahal," shares Samar Awadallah, from Palestine. For the engineer pursuing an MBA back home, definition of normal is quite stunted and unfortunate. "There are days you go to work, in the evenings go out like ordinary people and there are days you just cannot move out of home. You learn to live with it." She adds, "I have to check three to four times just to get back home from where I study. In between there are two check points which take ages." It's hard to imagine is she has any complaints over here and she says, "For the first two days I did not get coffee. And the one I got today was too sweet and the food is too spicy." We're sure she'll take it all in her stride.

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