

## **Renewed Commitment to the MDGs and Youth Employment in Latin America**

*Youth and world leaders met to renew the fight against the global challenge of youth unemployment*

### *Asunción, Paraguay*

Delegates from throughout Latin America met in Asunción on the 19-21 of September to renew their fight against youth unemployment. One significant outcome of the meeting was a concerted commitment to the development of a Regional Action Plan 2006-2010 in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Additionally, YES and the Youth Employment Network (YEN) renewed their commitment to promote the MDGs and reduce poverty through the generation of decent, sustainable, and productive employment.

The event was hosted by the Government of Paraguay and brought together more than 200 key regional actors for the first ever YES Campaign Regional Summit in Latin America. Among the countries represented were Perú, Argentina, México, Colombia, Guatemala, Argentina, Panamá, El Salvador, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Chile, Brasil, Bolivia, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Paraguay, and Uruguay. The event was made possible by the support of UNFPA, the World Bank, Cordaid, UNDP, ITAPU Binacional, GTZ, Paraguay Silvestre, ILO, IICA, Interamerican Development Bank – Japan Program, Municipality of Asunción, COONAJUCOOP, the Universidad del Cono Sur de las Américas and the Paraguay Ministry of Justice and Labor.

The complete results of this First YES Latin American Encounter are documented in the Summit Declaration. This declaration will be fortified by other global events happening this year including the Summit of the Americas and the Summit of the First Ladies of Americas.

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