

## **YES And UNIDO Explore Ways to Promote Youth Employment through Renewable Energy Technologies**

The UN Industrial Development Agency (UNIDO) and the YES Campaign recently sponsored two Expert Group Meetings (EGMs) on promoting youth entrepreneurship in the field of renewable energy and value-added agrobusiness.

Both EGMs, one focused on Eastern Africa in Nairobi, Kenya, and the other on Central America and the Caribbean in Cuernavaca, Mexico, brought together key regional actors from such organizations as YEN; UNECA, GTZ, UN HABITAT, and the Instituto de Investigaciones Electricas, among others. The EGMs focused on developing work-plans for promoting youth entrepreneurship in renewable energy and agro-industries and participants discussed ideas for regional projects in these areas. At the EGMs, YES and UNIDO expressed their commitment to developing regional programs in Eastern Africa and Central America to promote youth entrepreneurship through renewable energy technologies and agro business.

The UNIDO collaboration with the YES Campaign on these meetings and the projects that will follow is a critical step forward in demonstrating the potential of the renewable energy sector to provide viable income generating opportunities for young people.

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