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Editor's note: YES Insider is a monthly e-newsletter designed for YES 2002 delegates, members of the YES Global Alliance, YES Country Networks (YCNs) and friends and supporters of the Youth Employment Summit. Our goals are to provide you with timely information regarding YES and our Decade Campaign of Action as well as share effective practices.

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- YES Decade of Action Campaign Launched in Alexandria

The announcement of an ambitious, 10-year global campaign designed to create new employment opportunities for tens of millions of young adults was one of the major highlights of the YES 2002 Summit in Alexandria. The Summit attracted more than 1,600 youth leaders, government ministers and development practitioners from 120 countries.

The plan involves fostering an international grassroots effort country-by-country to develop productive, sustainable livelihoods for the largest influx of youth (15 to 30 years of age) to enter the labor market in history. The campaign's priorities include:

- Boosting awareness of the global youth employment crisis
- Encouraging national governments to develop comprehensive policies and programs to deal with youth employment
- Developing and promoting youth employment initiatives that emphasize entrepreneurial programs
- Sharing effective youth employment practices with other countries through a web-based Global Resource Network

You can download details of the plan and the Alexandria Declaration at, <http://www.youthemploymentsummit.org/summit/vfa.html>

- Egyptian Government Commits to 300,000 New Jobs for Youth

Prime Minister Dr. Atef Ebeid, a featured speaker at the YES Summit in Alexandria, has announced that his government will commit to hiring 300,000 young people next year. Abdallah Sobeih Salem, the YES Alexandria Network Coordinator, says he welcomes the government's positive response to the YES Summit in Alexandria.

In a separate announcement, Egypt's National Democratic Party said it would work in partnership with the YES Alexandria Network and private sector companies to hire 100 young technical graduates in Alexandria over the next year.

For the full story visit the YES website,

<http://www.youthemploymentsummit.org/campaign/docs/egypt092502.doc>

- UN Official Named Co-Chair of YES Campaign

Carlos Magarinos, director general of UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) has been selected as co-chair of the YES Campaign Committee for the next two years. The other co-chair, Esteban Gonzalez, founder of Nexus Group International and a former youth member of the YES 2002 Organizing Committee, was announced at the Alexandria Summit. For the full story read UNIDOSCOPE, <http://www.unido.org/Periodical.cfm?did=521860&pername=UNIDOSCOPE>

- Malawi's YCN Strategy a Model For Others

YES Malawi's strategy document points to multi-sectoral input and the need for domestic labor research in this African country as keys to advancing the needs of the 500,000 young Malawians entering the labor market each year.

To read the YES Malawi Strategy visit

<http://projects.youthemploymentsummit.org/YES-Malawi>

- Pakistan's YCN Emphasizes Eliminating Gender Disparity and Child Labor

A draft of Pakistan's YCN action plan lists a number of major goals as well as a commitment to "inform, inspire and involve" young people. Among its goals: enhancing youth competencies, providing career guidance and mentoring support, partnering with NGOs and CBOs, and eliminating gender disparity and child labor.

- Is the Internet Relevant to the Poor? A Paper by Dr Richard Curtain

So writes Dr. Richard Curtain in a new response to ICT discussion at the YES Summit. He is a Professional Associate of the National Institute for Governance, University of Canberra, Australia, and the resource person at the Information and Communications Technology session at the Summit. You can download this paper at the YES website, www.youthemploymentsummit.org/gkr/res/yr.curtain.sep02.pdf
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- YES features as United Nations Youth Unit's 'Site of the Month'

The United Nations continues its efforts to coordinate global youth development efforts through its youth 'Site of the Month' feature. October 2002 features the Youth Employment Summit. Visit the UN Youth Unit home page at, <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/index.html>