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1. YES Hyderabad Forum held from Dec. 14- 18, 2003 achieves spectacular success

For five days – December 14 – 18, 2003 delegates from 44 countries descended to the bedecked city of Hyderabad - capital of Andhra Pradesh, India, to participate in the first ever YES Regional Forum. The city of Hyderabad was festoon with flags, banners, hoardings and other decorations to welcome the delegates of the Forum. The festivities were on till wee hours of the night with artists of the caliber of the legendary tabla maestro Zakir Hussain making public performances for thousands of young people from all over Andhra Pradesh and for the citizens of Hyderabad.

During the opening ceremony the dynamic Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh welcomed all delegates and distinguished speakers to his beautiful city and encouraged everyone to not only work hard, but to also take time to enjoy the public concerts, the delicious Hyderabadi food, the wonderful historic sites and to indulge in the pleasures of shopping especially of pearls.

The five days were glorious filled with learning about “what work” and “promising strategies” in the five selected sectors of renewable energy, on-farm and off farm, water and sanitation, ICT and HIV/AIDS. The distinguished speakers offered time for dialogue and conversation. Delegates met old friends and forged new relationships, new networks were formed and there was time to visit the innovation marketplace and learn new things.

It was a time to reflect on how far the campaign had progressed since September 2002 when it was launched with great fanfare in Alexandria, and a time to redouble commitments to fulfilling the goals of the campaign. Plans were made for 2004, and the delegates bid adieu promising to meet next at the Mexico Summit – October 4 – 8, 2004 at Boca del Rio, Veracruz. Esteban Gonzalez our youth co chair of the YES Campaign announced the Mexico YES 2004 plans at a gala Forum session and rocked the delegates with Mexican music and visions of Veracruz.

2. Hyderabad Blueprint adopted by delegates to the YES Hyderabad Regional Forum

Delegates from 44 countries from around the world adopted the Hyderabad Blueprint on December 18, 2003. The Blueprint recognizes the efforts made by the YES Campaign and makes a powerful call for heightened cooperation between stakeholders in meeting the challenge of youth employment.

Read the full text of the Hyderabad Blueprint at <http://www.yesweb.org/hyderabad/index.html>

3. YES Academy Launched in Hyderabad

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On the last day of the Forum the Chief Minister launched the International YES Academy designed to be the hub for youth employment generation. Hyderabad is leading the way in ensuring that no young person gets left behind. The formation of the YES Academy displays a powerful coalition of political will, technology and youth engagement expressed through its lead partners - the Government of Andhra Pradesh, MS Swaminathan Foundation and the YES Campaign. In addition the UN and multilateral agencies showed their commitment to the YES Campaign by joining hands in launching pilot projects with the Academy.

A powerful group of agencies that include EDC, UNIDO, UNDP, UNHABITAT, UNEVOC, FAO, and the Commonwealth Youth Program joined hands to work towards empowering youth to build sustainable livelihoods.

Read more about the YES Academy at http://www.yesweb.org/yes_acad/index.html

4. Hyderabad Publications Available Online

The YES Campaign Office in Boston goes to extraordinary lengths to commission and publish the research and analysis of many of the world's leading writers on youth employment issues. Major themes covered include HIV / AIDS, Renewable Energy, Service Learning, Rural Development, Bridging the Digital Divide, Water and Sanitation, Social Entrepreneurship and much more.

In Hyderabad, thirteen major publications by world renowned authors and YES staff rolled out of the printing shop. They are freely available in Microsoft Word and PDF formats at the following address.

<http://www.yesweb.org/hyderabad/publication.html>

Delegates to YES events in Alexandria and Hyderabad received hard copies, and soft copies are made available to the world online. Please share this incredible body of knowledge with as many people as you can. Unfortunately, further hard copies are not available.

The titles of the publications are listed.

1. Rethinking the Future: Youth Employment Opportunities In HIV/AIDS
2. Rethinking the Future: Meeting the Challenges of youth Employment in the Asian Region: Innovative Thinking and Action for Youth in Search of Work and Dignity
3. Rethinking the Future: Youth Involvement in Bridging the Digital Divide
4. Rethinking the Future: Youth Employment Opportunities In Renewable Energy
5. Rethinking the Future: Youth Employment Opportunities In Water and Sanitation
6. Rethinking the Future: Service Learning : A Way to Social Entrepreneurship
7. Rethinking the Future: Youth Employment Opportunities in Rural Development
8. A Living Legend Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Father of the Green Revolution in India: A Biography
9. EDC's Work in Southeast Asia
10. Youth Employment Summit : YES Country Networks Report
11. A Call to Action: HIV/AIDS, Health, Safety, and the Youth Employment Summit
12. Compendium of YES Network Reports 2003
13. YES Media Kit

5. YES Networks from SAARC countries Commit to Regional Cooperation

Representatives from YES Networks in the SAARC countries (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) signed a memorandum of understanding during the YES Regional Forum in Hyderabad. The MOU outlines the following areas of focus for cooperation:

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- Development of collaborative projects related to Employability, Employment Creation, Equity, Entrepreneurship, Environmental Sustainability and Empowerment of the youth.
- Information and materials exchange, exchange visits, jointly hosted events, international business networking, mutual promotion and fund raising for projects.
- To place youth employment on the regional agenda and encourage key stakeholders to work collaboratively on youth employment programs, projects and policies.
- To focus attention on training youth for livelihood opportunities in Information and Communication Technology, Rural Development, Water and Sanitation, Renewable Energy, HIV/AIDS and Enhancing opportunities for young women.

To learn more about the activities of the members of this group, write to the YES Network Coordinators in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

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6. Renewable Energy Website Launched by YES Peru

A new Spanish renewable energy online resource is now available thanks to the work of YES members in Peru. The site details the progress of BIOSOL, a new project linking renewable energy technologies with youth entrepreneurship. The Peru project utilizes biomass technology, which converts organic matter into methane gas which can be used for cooking and lighting. Liquid and solid organic fertilizers are also produced as by-products of this process.

Check out BIOSOL at <http://www.webvias.com/biosol/>

Launched as part of the YES Renewable Energy Fellowships Program, BIOSOL is introducing a number of biomass sites into off-grid communities in Peru in 2004. The aim of the pilot project is to demonstrate the effectiveness of biomass technology, to promote renewable energy technologies in Peru, and to train youth in their use.

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Information about biomass technology in Spanish is available at <http://fc.uni.edu.pe/optica/biodigestores.html>. Information in English is available at <http://www.energytech.at/biomasse/portrait.html>