

# YES Insider # 3

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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 the YES Decade Campaign of Action as well as share effective practices.

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- YES Networks Meet with Ministers to Plan Y.E. Strategy

YES Networks in Malawi, Paraguay and Australia are meeting with key government leaders in December to inform them of the YES Campaign and create a firm platform for ongoing dialogue. Many YES Networks forged relationships with ministers and senior officials in the months leading up to YES 2002, and continue to leverage key relationships to achieve YES Campaign goals at a national level.

## Paraguay

On December 17 2002, [YES Paraguay](#) will have a breakfast meeting with the Minister of Justice and Labor of the Republic of Paraguay, representatives of political parties and of international aid agencies in Paraguay. The purpose of the meeting is to focus on the progress of the YES Campaign in Paraguay for 2003. For more information on YES Paraguay, please contact Rodolfo Moran, [upejpy@RIEDER.NET.PY](mailto:upejpy@RIEDER.NET.PY) or visit the YES Paraguay web page at, <http://projects.takingitglobal.org/YES-Paraguay>

## Australia

On December 5 2002, a delegation of Australian youth leaders, including YES Australia Coordinator Cameron Neil and Australian YES delegate Juan Walker, met with Australia's Minister for Children and Youth, Mr Larry Anthony, and Mr Joe Hockey, Minister for Small Business and Tourism.

The four-person delegation included two of the Australian delegates to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs Forum on the Development of Business with Social Responsibility (Mexico 9-13 September 2002).

The delegation presented recommendations to the Ministers and engaged them on what role the APEC and YES networks can play in delivering improved outcomes for young people in Australia. Click on the YES Australia page to read the recommendations and a summary of the meeting's outcomes, <http://projects.takingitglobal.org/YES-Australia>

## Malawi

In Malawi, YES Coordinator Kondwani Munthali reports Malawi's Speaker of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Mr. Sam Mpasu has accepted the honorary post of Co-Chairperson of the YES Campaign in Malawi. In addition, three senior Members of the National Assembly, one cabinet minister and a deputy Minister have also accepted in principal to work with the campaign team to develop Youth Employment initiatives. Click on the [YES Malawi](#) page to read in full about developments in Malawi, <http://projects.takingitglobal.org/YES-Malawi>

- YES Australia Wins Funding

Perseverance and planning have paid off for the fledgling [YES Australia Network](#), with A\$13,000 granted by the Foundation for Young Australians for network and website development, travel, and administrative costs. YES Coordinator Cameron Neil says he's delighted to have some development money available to concentrate on substantive policy and project ideas. Another achievement Cameron reports is a partnership with the Australian APEC youth group - young entrepreneurs pursuing opportunities through Australia's trade links with other APEC countries. Contact Cameron Neil at [cameronneil@iypf.org](mailto:cameronneil@iypf.org)

- Ecosandals Uses YES 2002 Prize Money to Expand Operations

YES 2002 Young Innovator Award Winner, Ms Becky Wachera reports [Ecosandals](#) has invested the prize money awarded in Alexandria in a new machine to increase production. "We're glad to be able to utilize the money for the expansion of the production and operations of the sandal enterprise. Once again, we would like to thank the organizers of the Youth Employment Summit for such an enormous effort that saw us recognized as part of the YES Innovators Award winners. Our sincere gratitude also goes to [Digital Partners](http://www.digitalpartners.org) (www.digitalpartners.org) for their generous contribution towards these efforts. For the sandal makers, the recognition of their efforts was a great honor and most rewarding."  
Visit [Ecosandals.com](http://Ecosandals.com)

- National Youth Policy Top of the Agenda

Many YES Networks have identified the lack of a National Youth Policy as the key instrument missing from the domestic development scene for youth. In countries such as Bangladesh youth groups have made it a priority to advocate for the creation of such a policy. The government of Bangladesh recently went public with its first national youth policy - visit the YES Bangladesh site to read it. <http://projects.takingitglobal.org/YES-Bangladesh>

- Law Students Launch Employment Project in Kazakhstan

This month sees the launch of an "Internships and Employment Project" by the European Law Students Association (ELSA), Kazakhstan YES Global Alliance member Ms Aigerim Seifullina reports. Ms. Seifullina says "the main idea and purpose of the project is helping young specialists and law students to get employed. This issue is extremely vital in Kazakhstan right now. Only 30-40% of the graduates of law schools are capable of finding work right after the graduation."

The project is a partnership between the government of Kazakhstan and the ELSA - and co-funded by the American Bar Association (ABA/CEELI) and the Eurasia Foundation. Click here to read more about the [European Law Students Association](#), or write to Ms. Aigerim Seifullina, [baigerim2000@mail.ru](mailto:baigerim2000@mail.ru)

- European Commission Puts Youth Employment on Agenda in Euro-Med region

The Orouba Youth Center, Cairo, Egypt, recently held a nine-day conference on youth employment in Cairo with Euro Commission funding from November 25 - December 2. The six countries represented at the conference (UK, Spain, Italy, Jordan, Turkey and Egypt) participated in workshops on a large range of topics. For more information on the conference agenda write to Orouba Youth Center member and YES 2002 delegate, Sally Salem, email: [pstspo@yahoo.com](mailto:pstspo@yahoo.com). For information on European Commission youth funding, visit the [Tiscali Europe Report](#).

[http://europe.tiscali.co.uk/lifestyle/report/200211/07/euromed\\_conference.html](http://europe.tiscali.co.uk/lifestyle/report/200211/07/euromed_conference.html)

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