

# YES Insider # 4

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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 Decade Campaign of Action as well as share effective practices.

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1. Government of Andhra Pradesh Announces YES Regional Forum in Hyderabad, India December 2003

The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Hon. Chandra Babu Naidu, announced his government's sponsorship of the YES Regional Forum in December 2003. The announcement was made Sunday January 12 2003 before an audience of youth, civil society and government groups gathered in Hyderabad to celebrate Andhra Pradesh's annual Youth Festival.

The YES Regional Forum invites twenty four countries from the South / South East Asian region to formulate regionally appropriate strategies to generate youth employment. Visit the YES website to read more about the YES Regional Forum. [www.youthemploymentsummit.org](http://www.youthemploymentsummit.org)

In addition, a YES Regional Academy will be set up to share effective policies and programs, provide technical support, incubator services for innovative enterprises, entrepreneurship and mentoring, credit, and other support services.

"I admire the commitment of Mr. Naidu to young people in India and all over the world", said Poonam Ahluwalia, YES Executive Director. "It is with the dedicated and enlightened thinking of such leaders that we can prepare our youth to overcome the challenge of unemployment."

To read news articles about the YES Regional Forum in Indian newspapers visit the YES website news page,

<http://www.youthemploymentsummit.org/campaign/innews.html>

2. YES Network Member Opens Computer Training Center in Uganda

In Uganda, The Community Organization for Economic Empowerment of Young People (COFEY), and Wobulenzi Technical School have partnered to launch a new Computer Training Center for young people in the rural district of Wakiso.

YES Uganda member and COFEY Coordinator, Mr Daniel Semakula says the Alexandria Summit inspired him to launch this project. "One month after the YES summit held in Alexandria in the Arab republic of Egypt, which I attended, I came back to Uganda equipped with the action plan, books for the resource centre and a list of good friends which I guarded generously all through the unsteady flight from Cairo to Kampala. I opened and read through the five 'E's which were the basis of the action plan and I read the list of 'what works'. I realised that I can start a project that can prepare young people with access to training facilities to acquire skills. I realised that through such a project I can create employment for young people, availing equal opportunities and bridging the gap between urban benefits and rural disparities."

Visit the YES Uganda page to read more about the CTC project,  
<http://projects.takingitglobal.org/YES-Uganda>

### 3. YES Pakistan Registers as Legal Entity

YES Pakistan Coordinators Ali Raza Khan and Rana Bilal Ahmad announced January 8 2003 that YES Pakistan has achieved full legal status as an NGO in Pakistan. Mr Khan says registering as an organization creates great opportunities for YES Pakistan. "My heart dances with delight to share with you that YES Pakistan Network has become a legal entity. The Certificate of Registration has been issued to YES Network Pakistan. Now it is the only Network in the country which is 'for' the young people and 'by' the young people. I congratulate all of you on this brilliant success and do hope that we will continue to work together to accomplish the goals of the YES Campaign. With legal status the YES Pakistan Network will be in a better position to interact with local, provincial, national and international organizations." Read more about YES Pakistan's institutional structure and National Action Plan at, <http://projects.takingitglobal.org/YES-Pakistan>

### 4. International Seminar on Youth Skills Development and Youth Employment - UK

Title: Creating sustainable livelihoods for young people through skills development. Run by: Y Care International (overseas development agency, YMCA movement in UK & Ireland) Venue: NCVO Conference Centre, London, UK. Date: Friday 28th March 2003

An international seminar to promote issues of skills development and youth employment in the developing world. An opportunity to share best practice. Key themes include the role of young women, IT, and the need to involve young people in program design and policy.

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### 5. Student Fund for Africa-based Study Application Deadlines

The **Progressive Educational Fund** (PEF) is accepting applications from students based in Africa who are seeking scholarships to further their education. Application deadlines are **January 15 and July 15 annually**. The scholarships cover study ONLY in Africa. Areas covered by the scholarships include ICT and management skills. Scholarships range from USD\$200 to USD\$2,000. For more information, please visit this page: <http://www.ayf.de/pef2.php>

### 6. Final Chance to Join the United Nations e-Conference on Jobs for Youth

National Strategies for Employment Promotion

In an effort to explore various policy options for youth employment

creation, an Expert Group Meeting will take place in Geneva on 15-16 January 2003. A broad cross-section of participants, including members of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel of the Youth Employment Network, will seek to find ways to place employment creation for youth at the centre of macroeconomic and other policies.

This E-Conference began December 20 and aims to solicit a broad range of ideas and input on youth employment creation that will be communicated to the panel members to help shape the outcomes and recommendations. It also presents an opportunity for building the UN's knowledge base on job creation efforts for youth around the world.

Log on at <http://www.un.org/youth> and click on E-conference.

#### 7. World Youth Bank Summit on Youth Employment

The First Global World Youth Bank Summit on Youth Employment organized by the WYB Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities of the World Youth Bank International Expert Economic Board will be held on 29 January, Croatia.

Issues such as poverty, hunger, diseases, oppression etc. will be addressed. For information, please visit <http://www.w-yb.org/gyss>

#### 8. YES 2002 Outcomes Presented to THIMUN 2003

YES Networks Coordinator Dumisani Nyoni will present the outcomes of YES 2002 to the full Economic and Social Council at this year's THIMUN (The Hague International Model United Nations), The Hague, January 26-27. These outcomes will also be presented to the Committee on Education and Employment. This committee produces a position paper each year - a great advocacy tool for groups working on youth employment-related issues. To read the 2002 position paper (PDF file) visit the THIMUN website, <http://www.youthassembly.org/2002/committees.php>

#### 9. United Nations Environment Program Links With Youth Employment

Links between the work of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and issues of youth employment will be explored at this year's annual Global Youth Retreat in Nairobi, January 29-February 8 2003. The UNEP Global Youth Retreat is held biennially in parallel with the meeting of the UNEP Global Council. If you'd like to contribute ideas and proposals linking employment issues with the work of UNEP then email Theodore Oben at UNEP. Email.

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To read more about the Global Youth Retreat visit the UNEP website, [http://www.unep.org/children\\_youth/homepage\\_files/youth/gyr.htm](http://www.unep.org/children_youth/homepage_files/youth/gyr.htm)

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