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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, and friends and supporters of the Youth Employment Summit (YES) Campaign. Our goal is to provide you with timely information regarding the YES Campaign as well as share effective practices.

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1. Youth Employment Adopted by United Nations Habitat Agenda

In a sign of the growing attention paid to the crisis of youth employment, the UN-Habitat agency added youth employment to its priority agenda at the recently concluded 19th Global Council of UN Habitat, Kenya, May 5-9 2003.

The newly adopted agenda's Youth Resolution requires Habitat "to ensure the active participation of UN-HABITAT in the Secretary General's initiative on youth employment, in the framework of the United Nations Millennium Declaration goal of improving the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020."

Priority areas for increased youth participation in decision-making within the Habitat Agenda include Urban Governance and Crime Prevention strategies.

The YES Campaign actively participated at the 19th Global Council of UN-Habitat. To read the full text of the Habitat Youth Resolution, visit the YES website or the UN Habitat website at,

www.yesweb.org/whats_new/index.html

www.unhabitat.org

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2. President of Tanzania Endorses 6Es

His Excellency Benjamin William Mkapa, the President of the Republic of Tanzania, adopted the YES Campaign's framework of the 6Es in a March 27, 2003 speech to a Southern African Development Community (SADC) meeting of Labor Ministers.

"Creating employment opportunities for many, particularly the youth, is one of the keys to sustainable economic development", the President said.

This speech represents a huge accomplishment for YES-Tanzania, and a ringing endorsement of the YES Campaign framework. The 6Es are;

Entrepreneurship

Employability

Employment Creation

Equity

Environmental Sustainability

Empowerment

Visit the YES website to read the full text of the President's speech,

http://www.yesweb.org/whats_new/features.html#6Es

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3. Youth Employment on the Agenda in Malaysia

Youth employment (YE) continues to occupy the minds of leaders at every level, with YE one of five priority items at the World Assembly of Youth's (WAY) Roundtable of World Youth Leaders, May 12-15, 2003 in Melaka, Malaysia.

YES-Pakistan Coordinator Ali Raza Khan reports the YES Campaign was well received at the conference. "During the session on global priorities on youth one of the five priorities identified is youth employment. The highlights of the YES Campaign presentation were given good coverage by the Malaysian National News Agency and radio."

The Roundtable, comprised of leaders of regional and international youth NGOs, produced a Memorandum of Cooperation with a framework action that participating NGOs will take on jointly, according to WAY President, Donald Charumbira.

The meeting included seven Roundtable sessions as well as a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Visit the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) website to learn more,
<http://www.worldassemblyofyouth.org>
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4. Job Creation Summit in Swaziland

Sizwe Dlamini, the YES-Swaziland Coordinator, reports the government of Swaziland, through the Ministry of Enterprise and Employment, is holding a Job Creation Summit, May 22-23, 2003.

"YES-Swaziland is officially invited to the summit. This is a very important step for the YES Network as it shows that it is now recognized by the government. Furthermore, the government has asked us to contribute much of what we were exposed to in Egypt, so that they can see how they can domesticate it to promote employment in Swaziland."

Visit YES Swaziland's web page at,
<http://projects.yesweb.org/YES-Swaziland>
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5. National Youth Entrepreneurship Network Launches in Australia

The Enterprise Network for Young Australians (ENYA) is inviting your organization to be part of an exciting new venture. ENYA is a recently formed public not-for-profit company with the mission of promoting the active participation of young people in enterprise in an ethical and sustainable manner.

ENYA, in conjunction with two members of the Federal Government's 2003 National Youth Roundtable, are creating Australia's first comprehensive web directory of initiatives that can assist young entrepreneurs aged 15-24. The resource is called Enterprise Junction. Visit YES Australia's page to learn more,

<http://projects.yesweb.org/YES-Australia>
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6. Green Enterprise Workshop a Success in Chennai, India

The M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) and the YES Campaign (YES) presented the Green Enterprise Project Design Training Workshop, Chennai, India, April 28 - May 5, 2003. The one-week workshop trained twenty selected participants in project design and implementation skills in eco-entrepreneurship.

Ms. Dechen Wangmo, a YES Network participant from Bhutan, reports the workshop was a great success.

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"I'm happy to tell you that the Workshop at Chennai was very informative and well organized, especially for a small community like Bhutan, where we can reach to the grassroots level. I'm sure that I'd be able to prepare a project for the community welfare, with the ideas, knowledge and experiences gained from the YES Campaign."

To learn more about this workshop visit,

www.yesweb.org/whats_new/docs/wrkshp_updt.txt

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7. YES Argentina Launches First-Ever National Youth Rural Report

YES Argentina has led efforts to get the financial and institutional support to publish the First National Youth Rural Report in Argentina. This report has been authored by the National Youth Direction -the National Youth Governmental Organism in the country - and will be edited and published thanks to financial support from the Central Council of Rural Youth Cooperatives in Argentina.

The report will be launched to the audience with an edition of books and CDs containing it and will be presented in a public event by the end of May. The Report has the institutional support from the YES Argentina, the Latin American Network of Rural Youth (RELAJUR), the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) Youth Program and from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO)/Youth Program in Argentina.

Visit the YES Argentina page to learn more,

<http://projects.yesweb.org/YES-Argentina>

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8. YES Egypt Negotiates 300 Computer Scholarships

Coordinator Abdallah Sobeih reports YES Egypt has negotiated computer scholarships for under-privileged youth in the Egyptian city of Alexandria.

"These 300 scholarships are fully sponsored by a partnership between Microsoft, Virgitech Corp. and a local company. This means we are offering basic computer skills classes for free for young people. Our targets are the poorer university students and some teens in some of the high schools here in Alexandria."

Visit the YES-Egypt web page to learn more,

<http://projects.yesweb.org/YES-Egypt>

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9. YES-Philippines Partners with ILO on National Employment Research

Coordinator Catherine Kamping reports YES-Philippines is preparing a national youth employment report with the support of the International Labor Organization Manila office.

"The ILO will provide us assistance to fund the updating of the research paper on the situation of youth employment in the Philippines. ILO is one of the YES Network's partners. We want to propose to ILO to use the inputs for the ILO's report to also be used as the basis for the YES Country Report to be presented at the YES Regional Forum in Hyderabad."

YES-Philippines will present its initial research at the National Convention on Youth Employment, to be held in Manila, May 21-24, 2003.

To learn more visit the web page of YES-Philippines,

<http://projects.yesweb.org/YES-Filipino>

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10. YES Ghana Achieves Official NGO Legal Status

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Coordinator Emmanuel Edudzie reports the YES-Ghana Country Network has finally obtained official NGO status. The official Certificate of Incorporation and the Certificate to Commence Business were issued recently by the office of the Registrar General, the official agency that oversees the registration of companies and organizations in Ghana.

Visit the YES-Ghana website to see electronic copies of official certification,

<http://projects.yesweb.org/YES-Ghana>

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11. Registration Open for Regional Forum in Hyderabad

The YES Hyderabad Network is delighted to open registration for the YES Regional Forum 2003. The Forum, kindly hosted by the Hon. Chandra Babu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh State, will be held in Hyderabad, 14-18 December, 2003.

The Forum is a regional forum. Twenty-two south Asian countries are invited to attend in December, including four special invitees: Afghanistan, East Timor, Fiji and Iran. Country delegations will be a mix of youth leaders, government officials, NGO, business leaders and international institutions.

The online registration form includes a quick survey of applicants to help the YES Campaign improve the design and content of the campaign. The registration form is available at the YES website,

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

If you have a story which you'd like considered for inclusion in the YES Insider, please send it to the Editor, <info@yesweb.org>

Check out the YES e-group archive for a full history of discussions,

www.edc.org/hypermail/yes
