

# YES Insider # 9

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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. Government of Andhra Pradesh Commits to YES Academy

**Hyderabad:** A Regional YES (Youth Employment Summit) Academy, covering the entire south Asian region and which will focus on research and training for employment, will be set up in the state [of Andhra Pradesh].

A formal announcement will be made by the government at the end of the proposed youth summit scheduled here in December. But a decision was taken in principle to start the Regional YES Academy in the state. This will come up near Pochampally in Nalgonda district with an investment of over 75 crores (1.5 million dollars), according to official sources. The state government will provide necessary infrastructure.

The academy will conduct research on employment-related activities and train resource persons accordingly, who in turn will train people at different levels. The chief minister will hold preliminary talks with officials on Monday.

Times of India, Hyderabad edition, June 16, 2003 (*Times News Network*)

## 2. World Bank Consultation Focuses on Youth Employment

The World Bank's consultation on its draft youth strategy focused on youth employment in the week of June 9-13, 2003. Dozens of contributions flowed in from around the world in a vibrant discussion of the factors contributing to the youth unemployment crisis. The YES Campaign made a significant contribution to the conversation.

The summary of the week's discussion made special note of the YES Campaign's success in creating mechanisms for youth participation and offering empowerment opportunities relating to youth employment. The summary also quoted extensively from the YES Campaign's many contributions to the discussion. The World Bank moderators of the discussion emphasized the complexity of the youth employment crisis.

"Throughout the discussions, the interconnections between poverty, conflict, exposure to risky behaviors and youth unemployment were consistently raised, reminding us of the need to deal with the issue of youth unemployment in a much broader context."

YES Network members from more than fifteen countries participated – a summary (already posted in full on this list) of the week's discussions are available at the World Bank website and from YES.

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N.B. The World Bank is holding a one-month global consultation on its draft youth strategy. The draft strategy, which can be read at the World Bank website, is at the forefront of what the Bank describes as its efforts to "strengthen and consolidate its work on children and youth".

### **3. National Y.E. Convention a Success in Philippines**

YES-Philippines and government partners hosted a successful national youth employment convention in late May, according to Coordinator Catherine Kamping.

“Attended by almost one hundred (100) community based youth organization and youth leaders all over the country with representation from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Young people who participated in the convention committed to work with the Philippine Youth Employment Network in combating poverty among our young people.”

The President of the Philippines’ Office of Special Concern, the ILO, youth, employer and union groups all attended the three day event. Major items on the agenda included the publication of the YES Country Network *National Action Plan*, election of network officers and site visits to youth livelihood initiatives.

Read more about the national convention at the YES-Philippines website.

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### **4. High Level Panel of Eminent Persons Gather in Geneva**

The United Nations Secretary General’s Youth Employment Network (YEN) High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on Youth Employment will gather in Geneva, June 30 – July 2 2003. Joining them will be youth representatives and partner organizations. The YES Campaign will be represented by Executive Director, Poonam Ahluwalia and YES Network Coordinator, Dumisani Nyoni.

According to the ILO, the meeting’s objective is the integration of the action road maps that have been developed based on the Four Es of the Panel’s recommendations to the Secretary General. The panel of twelve eminent persons broke into four working groups after the last meeting, each tasked to develop a road map for action along each one of the Four Es. This meeting intends to pull the four sections together into one policy document.

The YEN’s four Es are: employment creation, employability, entrepreneurship and equal opportunity. Within this framework the resulting policy document from the upcoming meeting will act as a guide for national governments and policymakers who are developing youth employment policies and programs.

Read more about the United Nations Secretary General’s Youth Employment Network and the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons.

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### **5. \$15,000 Grant for YES Serbia & Montenegro**

In May, YES Serbia and Montenegro received a 15000 USD grant from the Balkan Children and Youth Foundation (BCYF). YES Coordinator Goran Mitrovic says the grant will establish a functional youth employment network of organizations and institutions in Serbia and Montenegro.

“The new network’s goals are to advocate for greater involvement of youth in the creation of national youth employment policies and push for creation of new jobs for youth. During the next nine months, the YES Network in Serbia and Montenegro will meet on a regular basis to plan local activities, issue a newsletter and maintain an internet presence.”

For more information visit the YES Serbia & Montenegro web page.

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### **6. YES Argentina Assists New Network in Uruguay**

In mid-May 2003 Dacil Acevedo Riquelme - the Coordinator of YES Argentina – visited Montevideo to advise youth leaders in establishing a YES Network in Uruguay. In meetings with fifteen institutions from public, corporate and civil sectors, Ms. Riquelme promoted the success of YES Argentina and urged leaders to commit to a similar initiative in Uruguay.

Ms. Riquelme says the visit had three aims; to promote the global YES Campaign, transfer the experience of the YES Argentina Network, and share the experiences of other YES Network in Latin America.

"We believe this is a very good example of horizontal cooperation among YES Country Networks in Latin America. We expect with this first step to inspire other Country Networks in the region to apply this experience in the countries where still we do not have yet a YES Network."

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## **7. Youth Employment on Agenda at Roundtable of World Youth Leaders, Malaysia**

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) organized a Roundtable of World Youth Leaders under the theme of Global Youth Cooperation, May 12-15, 2003 in Melaka, Malaysia. The Roundtable was attended by persons from 20 organizations with a global reach.

Mr. Ali Raza Khan, YES Pakistan Coordinator, reports youth employment was a critical agenda item at the meeting. "There was significant and thorough discussion on youth employment and youth service as well as literacy, citizenship development, the environment, cultural heritage, HIV/AIDS, and skills training. One of the global priorities identified by the participants was youth employment within the framework of sustainable development."

Read more about the Roundtable at the WAY website.

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## **8. US State Department Launches Employer and Employee Matching Center in Ukraine**

In spring 2003, The Internet Access Training Program (IATP) in Ukraine launches the Employee Matching Center (E&EMC) for IATP alumni. It is a partnership between human resources managers of the largest Ukrainian companies, international companies operating in Ukraine, and members of the American Chamber of Commerce. The service is realized as an online database of alumni with basic information about their employment, program and a resume. Authorized HR managers will search this database when they need a qualified candidate with experience.

This resource is intended for use by IATP alumni from every region of Ukraine. The IATP is a US State Department funded initiative.

Read more at the IATP website,

<http://alumni.iatp.org.ua/jobs>

## **9. World Bank Hosts Experts Meeting on Youth Employment**

Washington D.C. – The World Bank hosted technical experts for a two-day discussion on youth employment in transitional and developing countries, June 2-3, 2003.

Focusing on issues of emerging trends in labour markets, preventative policy interventions and lack of accurate data – particularly in the informal sector, the meeting generated a number of thematic papers, which are available at the World Bank website.

Website:

<http://wbIn0018.worldbank.org/HDNet/HDdocs.nsf/vtlw/CF861243EAB060D185256D34005466B2?OpenDocument>

## **10. International Council on National Youth Policy Launches New Online Resource**

The ICNYP – based in Vienna, Austria – launches a new online youth resource guide, May 27 2003. A vast collection of resources are available at the new website – providing help on youth policies, programs and activities.

Of particular interest are a manual of guidelines for youth policy development, a bibliography of research resources, and a vast contacts database. The new resource is the result of a partnership between UNESCO INFOYOUTH and ICNYP.

Access the new resources at,

Website: [www.youth-resources.net](http://www.youth-resources.net)

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## **11. Launch of Global Knowledge Partnership Youth Award**

The Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP) has launched the GKP Youth Award. GKP invites submissions from youth led projects from all over the world. Through this award, the GKP aims to reward and bring international recognition to the outstanding work of young people who have used information communication technologies (ICT) for the promotion of development in their communities.

Finalists will also be presented with the opportunity to showcase their projects to an international body of ICT4D policy makers and practitioners at the ICT4D Platform, held in conjunction with the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Geneva in December 2003.

The winner will be selected from a wide array of ICT for development (ICT4D) projects that have been successful in meeting their stipulated set of objectives through the efficient and effective use of ICT. The award-giving ceremony will be held at the ICT4D platform.

More information is available at: [www.globalknowledge.org](http://www.globalknowledge.org)

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