

Countries for the Regional Forum

- Bangladesh
- Brunei Darussalam
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Lao PDR
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Vietnam

Special invitees

- Afghanistan
- East Timor
- Fiji Island
- Iran



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Hyderabad YES Forum 2003

**Linking Stake Holders - Creating
Youth Employment**

**December 14-18, 2003 : Hyderabad,
Andhra Pradesh India**



Youth Delegates at YES 2002, Alexandria, Egypt.

Overview

The "Hyderabad YES Forum 2003" will be a regional meeting for South and South East Asea, hosted by the government of Andhra Pradesh under the dynamic leadership of the Chief Minister Hon. Chandrababu Naidu, in partnership with the Youth Employment Summit Campaign Secretariat, Education Development center, Inc, USA. It is scheduled in December 2003 in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India.

The "Hyderabad YES Forum 2003" is the first regional event of the YES Decade Campaign of Action launched at the **Youth Employment Summit (YES 2002)** held in Alexandria, Egypt from September 7 - 11, 2002, attended by over 1600 delegates from 120 countries including 70 ministerial delegates from over 44 countries.

The Alexandria Declaration aims to achieve **Employability, Employment Creation, Entrepreneurship, Equity, Environmental Sustainability and Empowerment** for youth.

Goals

The "Hyderabad YES Forum 2003" will showcase the effective youth employment strategies across the globe and help forge partnerships for creating economically and environmentally sound livelihood opportunities for young people. It will bring together world leaders in development, statesmen, business leaders and youth themselves on the same platform to share and exchange experiences thus creating a unique forum for learning and networking.

Objectives

- To set a regional stage for engaging key stakeholders to promote, create and support employment and youth livelihood programmes in the region.
- Put youth employment issues on the regional development agenda to facilitate better policy decisions affecting stakeholder commitment and action.
- Provide a platform for networking among participants, to learn from one another and build partnerships for tackling youth unemployment.
- Showcase the effective practices and promising strategies that help guide the policy makers, development practitioners and youth to collaborate and act effectively.
- To review and take concrete actions on the commitments and action plans pledged at the Alexandria Summit, for a decade long campaign of action at regional and country level.
- Develop publications highlighting principles, recommendations, action plans and effective practices to form the basis of learning and knowledge exchange in the YES Regional Forum.

Areas of Focus

- a) Information and Communication Technology
- b) Rural Development (On-farm and Off-farm)
- c) Water and Sanitation
- d) Renewable Energy.

Agenda

The agenda for "Hyderabad YES Forum 2003" will include:

- Five YES Country Network Strategies on promoting Youth Employment.
- Five Case Studies on Individual Action promoting Employment and Entrepreneurship on a large scale.
- Six successful initiatives for promoting Youth Employment within each of the following sectors: Primary, Secondary and Tertiary sectors.
- Study on the Strategic interventions and Toolkits promoting youth employment in the following sectors: Renewable Energy, On-farm, Off-farm, Information Technology, Water and Sanitation.
- Four Plenary sessions
- Eight delegate led Open Sessions
- Navigating the Forum workshops for the delegates.
- Ten breakout workshop sessions on "Sector specific Opportunities in Youth Employment".
- Ten break out workshop sessions for YES Country Networks for suggesting Next Action Steps.
- Six all day Capacity Building Workshops to provide the skills in the identified strategies for promoting Youth Employment.
- Innovation Market Place.
- Twenty Country Reports on Youth Employment Issues and Strategies

Participants

"Hyderabad YES Forum 2003" will bring together over 600 high level representations from government, multilateral & bilateral agencies, civil society, business, international donors and youth delegates from over 20 YES Country Networks from ASEAN & SEAMEO and SAARC countries. A high level Ministerial Delegation from these countries will also be invited to join the Forum and interact with the representatives of the civil society