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## MESSAGE

Dear YES Family

A warm welcome from YES Campaign!

An amazing wave of global excitement is building as we move towards YES Kenya 2006, the 3<sup>rd</sup> global summit on youth employment. The summit being held from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, in Nairobi will focus on **Creating Markets...Unleashing Entrepreneurship**. “YES Kenya 2006”, hosted by the government of Kenya and Youth Employment Summit Campaign, aims at exploring “what works” and “good practices” from practitioners and experts.

YES Kenya 2006 constitutes a milestone event as it is the third of the six global summits to be held during the decade-long Youth Employment Summit Campaign (2002-2012) and the first one to be held in Sub-Saharan Africa. The inside pages of this Newsletter will update further on YES Kenya 2006.

YES KENYA 2006 is scheduled back to back with the AFRICITIES CONFERENCE that begins on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Both the events have been planned neck to neck with a special objective of engaging the youth from the African YCNs to contribute to the action plan of the Africities. The YES Country coordinators from Africa are strongly encouraged to attend the Africities conference that begins soon after the YES Summit and the Mayors, from African countries will find it appropriate to attend the Ministerial Forum at the YES Summit

Preparation for the Summit is being taken up vigorously not only by the host country but also the 83 YES Country Networks. We need your support to ensure the success of this Summit, and I invite your engaged participation in this global movement to promote youth employment. If you have not registered yet, for the YES Kenya2006, please get yourself registered at <http://www.yesweb.org/2006/registration.htm>

Looking forward to meet you in Kenya ...

Smriti Suman

## **YES Brazil announces “City of Opportunity Award” for it’s local government**

***The winner of this award will be part of the delegates to attend the Kenya summit***

To recognize best practices developed by Brazilian local governments in the promotion of youth employment and entrepreneurship, YES Brazil just launched the “City of Opportunity Award”. The Award is part of the YES Brazil National Agenda and will promote the identification and replication of best practices of local youth employment promotion, as well as create a database to advise local governments on the creation of their “youth employment actions plans”.

The award is promoted by the YES Brazil National Coordination, secretariat by the YES Brazil Host Agency – Instituto Mude o Mundo / Change the World Institute - in partnership with Youth Employment Network (YEN), UN Habitat/ROLAC, the Brazilian Association of Local Governments, the National Youth Secretariat, and Unibanco Institute.

All the participating practices will be cataloged in the “Virtual Bank of Youth Employment Experiences”, an important tool created by YES Brazil and which continuously draws on the worldwide experiences of programs and projects that focus on youth employability and entrepreneurship. The Virtual Bank is an online tool that helps policymakers, social entrepreneurs, civil society organizations and private institutions avoid duplicating their efforts, and instead highlight, inspire and connect people and institutions working on these issues.

The winner of the “City of Opportunity Award” and all the partners of the Award

will be invited to join the Brazilian delegation that will participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Employment Summit in Kenya.

## **HRD Ministry of Bhutan promises to be partner and support YES activity in the country**

***Preparation for YES Kenya 2006.***

To create a forum for the preparation for Youth Employment summit Kenya 2006 and create awareness on the YES Country Network Bhutan at the national level, YES Country Network Bhutan on 15<sup>th</sup> of July organized a youth Forum. The forum was attended by unemployed youths with few participants from both government and non government organizations. His Excellency, Lynpo Ugyen Tshering, the Minister of Labour and Human resources



of Bhutan honored the event as the chief (*Hon’ble Minister Lyenpo Ugyen Tshering with Mr. Bremley and YES Bhutan Members*)

guest and Mr. Bremley Lyngdoh, International Advisor to the YES Campaign chaired the Forum.

The main objective of the forum was to brief participants on 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Youth Employment Summit, to help build a powerful multi-stakeholder delegation to the Summit and to achieve the goals of decade long Campaign. Besides this efforts were taken towards understanding the Summit agenda from local ( micro) perspective to global (macro) perspective in the context of unleashing youth entrepreneurship.

In the address made by the chief guest, His Excellency was very much pleased and impressed with the introduction of the Network in the Country. In his address to the participants, His Excellency promised that besides the other partners, the Ministry of Labour and Human Resources will be the first partner to support YES Bhutan Country Network. Mr.Nima Tshering DIT, Ministry of Information and Communication, Thimphu raised the Employment opportunities through ICT.

The working committee was formed and they have realized that such Forum should be carried out continuously in the other districts too, for the benefit of the society.

### **Incredible Iran!**

*To support the youth, YES Iran endeavoured hard to lobby with the government.*

YES members have endeavoured a lot to lobby with the new cabinet members on various issues including issues related to the youth employment. It also included the necessity of supporting these NGOs and civil machineries and to promote these organizations in order to help and assist the youth of the society.

The changing political scenario of Iran is directly affecting the community development and other NGO activities in the country. Though it's a very disturbing and challenging matter for all the NGOs, but the YES team has shown a completely different path. This is not only incredible in itself but an example to other community development workers too. Currently, in addition to small training projects throughout the country, the Youth employment network is working on the Village Assistance project. This project which is implemented in the form of a pilot project is being run in the deprived villages of Ilam province. Other projects that have been talked of are also underway.

One of the most significant and remarkable event of Iran was the convention of the first YES international –

regional meeting held in the country. It was one of the most popular programs of YES which was participated by more than 150 Youth NGOs in the employment sector. Without losing hope and with much too efforts and diligence YES Iran succeeded to find access and now it has managed to have close ties and communication with many statesmen and policy makers of the country. By lobbying them and to show the importance of YES the tireless efforts has bought it the name of the Restless and the most Insisting! YES Iran believes that such efforts are itself a step towards entering the youth into the policymaking and decision making arena.

### **First ever Youth Service Program launched in Kashmir**

*The main focus will be to promote social entrepreneurship among young people*

To engage local young people in community building process and relief activities in earthquake affected communities as well as to promote social entrepreneurship among young people, YES Network Pakistan/ Pakistan National Youth Service (PNYS) has launched first youth service program in Kashmir.

This project has been started in collaboration with American Jewish World Service to provide services to hard-to-reach and ignored segments of population living in earthquake affected communities.

The project activities were started by identifying disadvantaged and deprived communities. It was observed that many communities located at a very high altitude in Kashmir have been very badly affected by the earthquake. In view of this first youth service project has been launched in these communities.

The crux of the project is to primarily focus on training and engaging indigenous youth (especially female youth who are socially excluded) to take a lead role in rebuilding lives and livelihood.



*Youth of Pakistan at the Oath taking ceremony*

The youth service program has started the activities by sensitizing local communities, about the significance of involving and enabling young people in meeting high service needs of the society and promoting social entrepreneurial spirit among young people. Pakistan National youth Service (PNYS) is in process of establishing eight functional committees of youth service volunteers in the identified areas. Recently, an oath taking ceremony was organised at one of its locations for its two functional committees of youth service volunteers.

During the oath taking ceremony young boys and girls pledged to dedicate one year for community service without any discrimination on the basis of religion, color, creed and sex.

## **Panama Launches Preparation for YES Kenya**

On June 20<sup>th</sup> YES Kenya 2006, the preparations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> global summit on youth employment was launched in Panama. The event taken place at the City of Knowledge, where YES Latin America Coordinator's office is located. High-level representatives from various government, private sector, civil society and international organizations participated at the event.

On this occasion, YES Regional Coordinator for Latin America region

presented the Signature of a Letter of cooperation with City of Knowledge to work nationally and internationally. Also was the presentation by YES Mexico Coordinator, Samuel Gonzalez, regarding the cooperation with YES Panama and City of Knowledge in training of Fundacion A public relations company provided all the mass media coverage for the launch.

## **“40 hours”...an unique competition for young people**

YES Singapore has come up with a very unique program, involving youth and showing them a new path to fulfil their career dreams. Infact, Singapore YES Country Network is hosting a very innovative and interesting competition for young and college going students. It's an essay writing competition called '40 Hours' . This competition is basically organized to see students describe their ideal profession and mentor in the corresponding profession.

The competition would give an idea about what exactly they want to do in terms of their career. The main objective of the competition is first to spur youths to start considering their career options so that they will have greater clarity, a sense of direction and be one step closer to fulfilling their dreams. Secondly to showcase outstanding professionals within their respective fraternity and increasing the youths' understanding and appreciation of the nature of various professions.

The unique name **40' hours** is given to the competition just to give an identity to all the time we devote in a week to our work. six winners will be given the rare and invaluable opportunity of doing an attachment for one day during which they will be exposed to the rig ours, challenges, satisfaction and other aspects of their ideal profession.

## Teenager Kaitlyn to lead the Delegates at YES Kenya'2006

At a age, where most of the teenagers keep themselves busy with movie, cash, car and friends, here is a little girl who was recently honored with a Prudential “*Spirit of Community*” Award for her involvement in numerous community service organizations. Kaitlyn Olson is an 11<sup>th</sup> standard student at New Roads High School. Beside studies, she keeps her hands free for organistions like “*One Global Tribe*”, “*The Name Campaign*”, and “*Global Awareness in Action*”.

This September she would lead a delegation of US teens and students to Nairobi, Kenya to participate in *The Youth Employment Summit*. During the summit she would present ideas and projects of One Global Tribe with about entrepreneurship, media training and actions as well as how to direct the youth (18-35) to jobs and careers in the sustainable and restorative sectors Kathy Eldon, Chairperson of Creative Visions Foundation. On 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of March, the Palisades resident co-produced a charity benefit at the Knitting Factory, called “Share the Love,”. It was to raise money for One Global Tribe, a network of youth around the world, united in their joint effort to raise awareness and funds towards issues of AIDS prevention, war-affected children. The concert featured six bands from Westside schools. It raised over \$6,000.

She also participated in a similar action in October, right before the Presidential election where Robert Kennedy Jr. lead a group of 1,000 youth through the streets of, Colorado to the high school field. There they created an image of a tipping scale that Kaitlyn designed, saying, “*November 2<sup>nd</sup>, We Decide. Are we going to choose \$ or the Earth?*”

It was a fantastic example of youth organizing to make a difference. Not only this, Kaitlyn is involved with the *Name Campaign*, which sells dog tags with the names of Ugandan children. The profits go towards rehabilitation in Uganda, a country torn by rebellion.

The girl not only hopes to spend a week in

July at The Center for American Progress but indeed this summer Kaitlyn would hold two internships in D.C., one for **Hillary Clinton**, and one for **Media Matters**.



## Third Global Summit

### YES KENYA 2006

#### AGENDA:

The YES Kenya 2006, is on anvil with the theme of “Creating Markets..... Unleashing Entrepreneurship”, to fulfil the Millennium Development Goals. YES Summit will bring together over 2000 delegates from 120 countries, (over 50 countries from Africa) comprising youth leaders, Ministers of Employment and Labour, government representatives, multilateral and bi-lateral agencies, and civil society organizations.

A variety of thematic Papers have been developed by the presentors along with a wide variety of Research Papers already made available at

<http://www.yesweb.org/2006/summit%20papers.htm>

The summit has been divided into four sessions. Plenary session exposes in details the thematic objectives of the Summit. Break Out Sessions mark the detailed discussions of the relevant thematic areas with the experts of the relevant areas. Parallel sessions are designed to cover all the relevant details of discussions that are associated with the thematic areas. And the Open Session is to clarify the doubts, raise new points and to interact with all the designatories to enrich one’s knowledge.

During these sessions there is the provision of Workshop on capacity building for imparting the practical aspects of all the learning that the participants have gained through various sessions.

For the detailed Minute to Minute Agenda please log on to:

<http://www.yesweb.org/2006/agenda.htm>

## Summit Updates

The planning for the YES Kenya Summit continues apace! Here are some interesting & important information about our progress, and what we need you to do if you want to come or be involved in any other way. More than 2000 delegates from different countries and over 60 speakers till date have registered and in the process of confirming their participation at the summit. More than 100 Ministerial delegates are expected to attend the summit.

### **SUMMIT REGISTRATION**

Registration for the summit is still open and the interested delegates are requested to register online at

<http://www.yesweb.org/2006/registration.htm>

If you have an exciting new project, product or service that you would like to display in the Innovation Marketplace, you may visit

<http://www.yesweb.org/2006/imp.htm>

For all other details regarding the participation in the summit, log on to

<http://www.yesweb.org/2006/steps.htm>

### **MINISTERIA FORUM**

The Ministerial Forum will be held on 15th and 16th of September as part of the YES Kenya 2006. To know more about the ministerial forum please log on to:

<http://www.yesweb.org/2006/ministforum.htm>

### **CALL FOR PAPERS: THE KNOWLEDGE HUB**

There is a new corner on YES Website - "KNOLEDGE HUB". This hub will not only provide a critical view but also some of the great submittals by champions of Youth Employment. For free access log <http://yesweb.org/2006/summit%20papers.htm>

Also there is free access to the valuable collection of Papers, Research Materials and E – Book Material on the focal theme of the summit at:

<http://www.yesweb.org/2006/summit%20papers.htm>

### **KENYA ON THE RUN UP TO YES SUMMIT:**

At country level too, a lot of preparation is going on. The President of the Republic of Kenya H.E. Mwai Kibaki himself is going to flag off the Torch Run. The Marathon starting from Nairobi is expected to cover more than 30 towns across Kenya and covering more than 115000 Kilometers in the whole country. More than 600 youths are expected to take part in the marathon.

In September the youth of Kenya will witness, one of the biggest festival of dance and music. For this, there are going to be two events, one in Nairobi on 1<sup>st</sup> September and the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the coastal town of Mombassa on 8<sup>th</sup> of September. On both the occasions, top ten music artists of the country are going to perform.

### **YES AT AFRICITIES CONFERENCE**

*(18<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2006, Nairobi)*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> global Youth Employment Summit, **YES KENYA 2006** is scheduled from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2006, in Nairobi, back to back with the **AFRICITIES CONFERENCE**, scheduled from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya. Both the events have been planned neck –to – neck with a special objective of leveraging the

outcome of both the Conférences. The Africities summit theme is “Building Local Coalitions to enhance the implementation of the MDGs”.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Youth Employment Summit, “YES Kenya 2006”, hosted by the government of Kenya and Youth Employment Summit Campaign, aims at addressing goal 8 of the Millennium Development Goals ( MDGs) ie. Develop a Global Partnership for Development: Target 16, which states “in cooperation with developing countries, develop and implement strategies for decent and productive work for youth”.

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The YES Country Network Coordinators from Africa are invited to register also for the Africities Conference, particularly to attend the one-day, youth session at the conference, scheduled on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2006 and they would gain immensely by attending the Africities conference.

To register for Africities please log on to: <http://www.africities.org/eng/inscriptions/inscription.htm>

The Africities Forum, particularly, the Urban local self-governments/Mayors, could use the YES Networks in Africa to explore youth participation in building sustainable and safer cities. As well as, it can also be helpful in engaging youth to fulfil the goals of the Africities Summit. Youth would be served well if they understood the structures of local governments as well as their role in the development of the cities. Urban migration is rampant, and the cities will soon be mega cities and since the majority of migrants are young people, it will serve the Africities agenda well to find a useful and productive role for youth in their cities. Both the Forums are focusing on fulfilling the MDGs, and both the events are being held in Nairobi...It will have so many synergies that it is not worth missing.

The Mayors attending the Africities Conference, particularly, from the African Countries are invited to register for the Ministerial Forum, at the YES Kenya 2006, on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 06. They are requested to contact: [yestemp24@edc.org](mailto:yestemp24@edc.org)

*Delegates can pay their registration fee through credit card and bank transfer!*

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