

YES Kenya 2006 - Read The GKR on YES Website

In preparation for the YES Kenya 2006 - Youth Employment Summit Campaign, http://www.yesweb.org/2006/summit_papers.htm, has released a collection of 'documents and effective practices to build the knowledge base on the Summit agenda topics such as Entrepreneurship, Building Trade Capacity, Attracting Foreign Direct Investment, Large Scale Employment Programs etc. This has been done through on-line research and call for papers. The systematically designed agenda made available at <http://www.yesweb.org/2006/agenda.htm> has been supported by original research papers submitted by noted scholars and researchers in the areas of youth employment and livelihood generation.

The registered delegates and stakeholders in youth empowerment and youth employment generation mission are invited to visit the website to access this enormous knowledge base shared on the website in preparation for the forth coming "YES Kenya 2006 summit. The Government of Kenya, through its Ministry of State For Youth Affairs, in partnership with Youth Employment Summit Campaign, Education Development Center, Inc., USA will host the 3rd Global Youth Employment Summit, YES Kenya 2006 from 13-16 September 2006 at Kenyatta International Conference Center, Nairobi. It is expected to be attended by over 1500 delegates from 120 countries, including a powerful Ministerial delegation from the invited countries.

The papers submitted for the summit are centered on four thematic areas of the summit including Creating Markets...Unleashing Entrepreneurs in Emerging Employment Sectors for Youth. These papers have been brought out after intensive research done in the concerned fields, Scholars, Researches and dynamic youth innovators, academicians and policy makers from all part of the world. In effort to make youth enhance their knowledge and provide them a critical and in-depth view on issues related to employment, job creation, sanitation, HIV/AIDS and renewable energy more than 35 original and published papers been submitted. Few among those who have presented their papers are: Jariah Masud, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University Putra, Malaysia; Marisa D. Pingkan & Bambang N. Rachmadi Faculty of Economy, University of Indonesia; Beatrice Mwaura, Ministry of Agriculture, Nairobi; Odeny Odhiambo, Chairman, The Kenya Youth Foundation, Nairobi.

The summit will be addressed by eminent personalities, President of Kenya, and via video the Presidents of Senegal and the Dominican Republic, Magatte Wade (President Assemble General

fro AGETIP, Senegal), Salil Shetty (Director of UN Millennium Campaign), Bo Goransson (Swedish Ambassador), Federica Picchi from JP Morgan have been invited to chair the sessions during the summit.

Since, the world is flooded with the youth population over 1 billion, 85 percent in developing countries, and hardly any growth in jobs in private and public sectors, it is essential to understand how employment will be created for these youth. The only hope for absorption remains entrepreneurship development and large-scale employment generation projects. Over the course of the last four years (2002 – 2006) the YES model – of building local capacity and working together with diverse stakeholders has proven to be extremely powerful. It is essential to support value-added production, agro-business, co-operatives etc. To meet these objectives, well researched, practical and scientifically developed agenda have been created for the summit.

Issues related to the thematic areas will be discussed by the experts who are participating in this summit as speakers. Eminent speakers like: Koosum Kalyan - Sr. Business Development Advisor for Shell International, Nick Moon – Director of KickStart, Joel Chimhanda – Founder of JC Capital, Gunter Pauli – Founder of ZERI, Bo Ekman of the Tallberg Forum, Regina Monticone – Secretary of the Youth Employment Network, Jennifer Corriero – Founder of TakingITGlobal, Sithembiso Nyoni – Founder of ORAP, Rupert Maclean - Director of UNESCO-UNEVOC, Hon. Amos Kimunya - Minister of Finance, Kenya,; among others are there to express their opinion by presnting their experience and practical thoughts to help the youth pave their ways for self employment.

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